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Kathleen Janesh, editor

At-A-Glance

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Growth Mindset on Self Care

Colleen Weidenkopf

Wear comfort clothes-PJs-& have space to move near device***Date changed

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Professional topic chat 5:45-6:15

Haunted Lake County--Presenter, Dianne

Cross, Madison Historical Society

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Working with the Social/Emotional Needs of Children- Karen LeScoeze and Traci

Shantery, Riverside Local School -plus Service Project -End 68 Hours of Hunger

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Pine Trees, Poinsettias, and Plum Pudding: The Birth of Holiday Traditions-Garfield

Historic Site Presenter-Allison Powell

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Professional topic chat 5:45-6:15

Civil War and Painesville History-Katherine

Delavan- Lake County Historical Society

March 9, 2021-6:15 via Zoom

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Garfield Historical Presenter-
details to be announced

Tuesday, April 13, 2021-5:00 Arrival

New Member Induction -in person, we hope

see page 3 for important details

Message From Your Presidents

Be the Change in the World

Dear Sisters of Gamma Theta,



It's a new year with Gamma Theta and a new Executive Board. As you know we are living in strange and difficult times, but your Board has put together a great year of programming despite the pandemic of Covid-19. This will be a year of change for our organization due to the need to thrive together creatively thru socially distant meetings, programs and communication. We are going to ask each of you to be the change in the world of not only Gamma Theta but in our community. The Executive Board has been meeting to plan our first year. We are very proud to say that we have found ways for our programs to reflect growth personal/professional, service to our community/schools and come together socially. Due to Covid-19, we are only planning 2020-2021. We decided as an Executive Board to wait and see what happens with the virus in 2021.

Our Executive Board is mostly actively teaching members. This will be a change for our group and during these difficult times, these ladies have stepped forward to lead this group despite their teaching worlds changing drastically. To assist all those who are actively teaching, we will have half an hour before each meeting to come together via Zoom to help each other navigate this new world of teaching. All are welcome to attend even if you are retired you can offer advice or a sympathetic ear.

Please be flexible and understanding as we progress through the uncharted waters of our new normal. See you at our first virtual meeting September 15 at 6:15. Be a part of changing with Gamma Theta.

Yours in sisterhood,
Teresa Gerboth and Teresa Sternberg

be the change

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

Committee Reports



Gamma Theta Scholarship

The Spring 2020 recipient is *Cassandra Salmi*. She is an Intervention Specialist at Melridge Elementary School through the Riverside School District.

She will use the money towards the purchase of a classroom tablet to use with her students to improve sight word fluency, reading comprehension, behavior strategies, math websites and math fact fluency.



Service Committee

We have collected a total of 669 items for the **University Hospital System**. This is down from years past, but canceled meetings due to the COVID-19 virus have played into these results. We have not delivered any items to the hospital at this time. They will be delivered when it is deemed safe. Please continue to collect/save items since there is still a viable need for the hospital.



Grant-in-Aid

This special memorial fund for recruitment grants was established in November 1971 in memory of all deceased Gamma Theta members. This year's grant is awarded to **Jasmine Marquez**.

Jasmine is a junior at Lake Erie College. Her major is, Early Childhood Pre K-3rd with a 4-5 endorsement and a TESOL endorsement. Her minor is English. She maintains a 3.78 G.P.A.

Jasmine is an active volunteer for the Painesville City Local Schools. She states in her essay: "It is a passion of mine to give back to my community of Painesville, Ohio and I do that by donating to local churches, volunteering, recycling, caring for the feline community and minimizing my eco footprint."

In December of 2019 Jasmine served on a medical mission trip, spending a week in Danli, Honduras where she and 30 other volunteers gave medical attention and supplies to 910 residents. She states that the experience dramatically changed her perspective on life.

Jasmine will use the grant monies to purchase a meal plan on campus so she can have a meal between her morning and afternoon classes. The remainder will be used to purchase textbooks.

One of her instructors commented that she has the head and heart of a teacher.

Find Gamma Theta on Social Media



on twitter

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

on facebook-private

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

on facebook

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





20-21 Meetings and Events

New Member Induction

As we continue to maneuver through the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are faced with many challenges and new responsibilities both personal and professional. Due to the unpredictable nature of Fall and the beginning of the new academic year, we have moved Member Inductions to Spring 2021. The word "installation" has been replaced with the word "induction" by request of the state.

The Executive Board strongly believes a Fall Induction would deter potential membership during these times. It is our hope that this change in date and a year round new membership drive will entice Covid burnt out educators to join our Chapter.

For more information about our year long membership drive, please refer to the "Bring a Friend" article.

"Pre-Game" Strategy Sessions

Membership has spoken and we listened! We are going to provide some professional *BONUS* time before regular meetings. Our first "pre-game" meeting is scheduled at 5:45 on October 13th. Actively teaching and retired members are encouraged to attend. We have a wealth of talent and experience in all of our membership and it's time to have some fun sharing and collaborating!

This *BONUS* time will be for discussing topic ideas and ways members would like to constructively use the time. Some suggestions are for best practice sharing, questions about how instruction is going in other classrooms and districts, and resource sharing. There is a possibility of even having a mini speaker session for the 30 minutes including Q&A with professionals in the field. We are looking forward to implementing this new opportunity! The possibilities are endless!

Our Meetings will Zoom Along!

Until we are able to do so safely, all in person meetings will be suspended. Meetings will be held via zoom. After polling membership, we are confident this will be an effective way to conduct monthly meetings.

A link to the meetings will be sent via email. More information as to when those links will reach you will be forthcoming.

If you would like some help accessing zoom, several members have offered to serve you. Simply contact an executive board member and we will connect you with a member for technical assistance.

Programs 2020-2021

*All meetings will be held via Zoom at 6:15 p.m.
Starting in October, each meeting will be preceded by a
Professional Topic Chat from 5:45-6:15*

September 15, 2020 *Growth Mindset on Self Care* Colleen Weidenkopf Wear comfort clothes-PJs & have space near your device.

This is not our typical monthly meeting date due to the possibility of our typical date being the first day of school for our active teachers.

October 13, 2020 *Haunted Lake County*--Presenter Dianne Cross, Madison Historical Society. Wear your Halloween Costume for Costume Contest

November 10, 2020 *Working with the Social/Emotional Needs of Children*- Karen LeScoevec and Traci Shantery Riverside Local Schools. Roll out of our service project with End 68 Hours of Hunger. Collection and project details to be presented. Donation collection begins from members' porches November 14.

December 8, 2020 *Pine Trees, Poinsettias, and Plum Pudding: The Birth of Holiday Traditions*-Garfield Historic Site Presenter-Allison Powell. Christmas Movie trivia game. BYOB-Bring your own beverage to toast to 2021.

February 9, 2021 *Civil War and Painesville History*-Katherine Delavan- Lake County Historical Society. Wear Red for Valentine's Day.

March 9, 2021 *Garfield Historical Presenter-More details to be announced later*

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 New Member Induction 5:00 Arrival. Hoping to do this in person at *Lake County Historical Society Speaker and Tour*. Possible Mama Roberto's catering for the meal. If not live, we will meet via Zoom and have a speaker and induction ceremony.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the Executive Board again made a few changes in our planning process. We planned for this first year and will begin to plan year 2 when we know more about the virus.

Celebrating Gamma Theta

Member Birthdays

August

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

September

2nd-Marijane Watson
24th-Elaine Wargo
28th-Tamara Roberts
30th-Hannah Fairbanks

October

1st-Aimee Darnell
2nd-Sally Jo Rogus
6th-Mary Johnson
10th-Laurie Dorko
17th-Janet E. Guerra

November

10th-Dianna Misich
12th-Jean Fitzgerald
16th-Barbara Hogan
25th-Cheryl Lynn Kleps
25th-Sheryl Miller

December

2nd-Heather Tromba
4th-Cassandra Salmi
14th-Carol Ford
18th-Terri Martin



Installation of New Executive Board

By Patti Weinstein, Past President



Our new Gamma Theta Executive Board for 2020-2022 was installed on June 2, 2020 via Zoom. An interesting, but very rewarding ceremony for our new leaders. We were joined by Dianna Kirkpatrick, President of DKG Ohio State Organization, as well as many members. Dianna was most helpful in providing a basic script for a virtual installation, which was re-written and personalized for Gamma Theta. Dianna later remarked to me how affable and friendly our members were. I know I speak for Paulette as well, when we say that this is a stellar group of women educators that will lead us forward with lots of excitement, energy, and expertise. We hope that you will find their hard work and thoughtful planning for programming during a pandemic enjoyable, and will support keeping Gamma Theta a strong DKG Chapter. Thank you for your support in the past, and please stay safe and well until we all can meet again!

A recording of the installation is available. If you would like to watch, please contact Teresa Sternberg at tsternberg90@gmail.com.



Terri Martin's Kindergarten class making flower pots. Below: Sue Lefler's granddaughter with her BEE valentines

Nursing Home Craft Project

Twenty one teachers helped four hundred eighty Lake County students create beautiful crafts to brighten the days of nursing home residents in Lake County. Our members tagged, boxed and delivered these crafts at our February meeting for delivery later that month or earlier March. Due to COVID-19, a cookie and punch reception with local students, members and residents of Symphony Nursing home was canceled but crafts were still delivered to them. Nine nursing homes in our area received crafts This was truly a great service project. Students learned the art of giving to our senior citizens just before a time when quarantine would be imminent. Sue Lefler's granddaughter made 50 Bee Valentines for The Lantern in Madison where her grandpa is a resident. This project was a great community outreach and collaboration touching so many lives. Thank you to all who made this successful.



Members tagging and sorting crafts to get ready for delivery.



2020-2021 Committees

We have made some changes and additions to our committees to better serve our Chapter needs. Changes were based on Gamma Theta membership and Board suggestions and feedback. Thank you to all who completed the Committee Survey and Committee Chairs.

Finance: *This committee meets 2 times a year to set budget, maintain/approve vouchers. Linda Wood and Patti Weinstein are chairwomen of this committee.*

Membership: *Responsible for the selection process for all the new members. Responsible for keeping updated rosters (new, resignations, transfers). Honor deceased members with a Service of Remembrance. Coordinate induction ceremony including event set up and tear down. Invite new members and track replies. Keep/distribute/collect name tags and create tags for new members. Mary Battung and Mary Sleeman are chairwomen of this committee.*

Yearbook/Redbook: *Responsible for providing a directory for members with member contact information, programming and committee assignments. Keep the history of our chapter. Noralee Starr and Terri Martin are chairwomen of this committee.*

Educational Excellence: *Opening message for meetings. Plan Icebreakers, member mixers and “getting to know you” activities and raffles. Member Spotlight/Highlight new members and get reacquainted with current members. Paulette Howell is chairwoman of this committee.*

Memorial Grant-in-Aid Scholarship: *Send information about scholarship to colleges. Organize applications. Interview recipients and provide information to “Media and Communications Committee”. Present information about recipients to the general membership. Notify Historians. Work with the Finance Committee to track scholarship funds. Annie Zahradnik will serve as chairwoman for this committee with advisor, Carol Ford.*

Gamma Theta Scholarship: *Responsible for collecting and reviewing applications for active teacher scholarship two times a year. Cindy Ferrito and Barb Hogan will serve as chairwomen of this committee.*

Media and Communications: *Responsible for all communication print and digital. The following are responsible for different communications. Social Media: Teresa Sternberg Newsletter: Kathleen Janesh and Patti Weinstein Remind Text Coordinator: Dianna Misich & Teresa Sternberg Website: Teresa Gerboth*

Sunshine: *Send correspondence to Gamma Theta members for life events. Correspondence includes cards, tokens, etc for member illness or death in family. Report to Gamma Theta membership about these events. Dianna Cross is the committee chairwoman.*

Committee Outreach: *Coordinate fundraising/collection programs for Gamma Theta. Marcia Searson and Elaine Wargo will be chairwomen of this committee.*

What’s New? Committee: *Responsible for finding out what is going on in our respective districts. We are so excited for this new committee and thinking about this new opportunity to get a glimpse into our different districts in the area. There are amazing things occurring in each of our districts and many ways for our members to join in or to hear about our schools.*

Perry: Heather Tromba

RLSD: Cassie Salmi

Painesville: Annie Zahradnik

Madison: Katie Sivula

Lake Erie College: Hannah Fairbanks

Auburn: Dee Stark

Lakeland: Mary Battung

Pre-School: Maureen Tedesco

**Fairport: We need a member
for this position.**

Important to Know



Membership- Bring a Friend to a Meeting

How do you handle recruiting new members in a pandemic? The Executive Board has decided to allow potential members to visit our meetings which are currently planned to happen via Zoom. This is not a normal way to join our group we know but with the COVID-19, we thought we might have low interest especially with our actively teaching potential members.

We are hoping this "Bring a Friend" model will spark interest and ignite new membership as a part of a year long membership drive. We are looking forward to seeing some new faces as this year's meeting lineup is timely and attractive to both current and prospective members. Our state president was consulted on this and as long as potential members are invited to meetings, we meet state requirements.

Please check out information in this newsletter on our Spring Induction. If you are bringing a friend to a meeting, please let one of our co-presidents know--Teresa S. tsternberg90@gmail.com or Teresa G. t.m.gerboth@gmail.com.



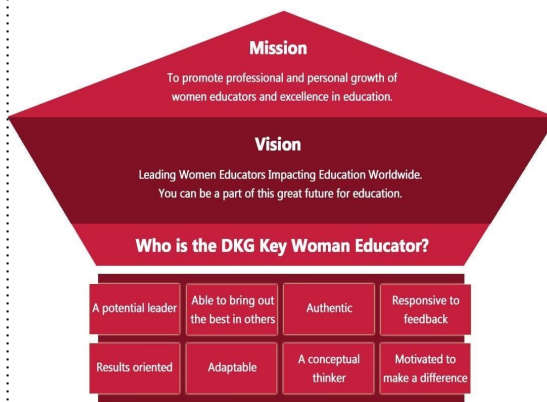
Foster Care of Lake County Project

With money reserved in our account, Gamma Theta made a huge donation to Foster Care of Lake County, Ohio in January. Our gracious and expert shopper, Linda Wood, bought 14 winter coats along with two snow pants. Also 8 sweaters, 12 pairs of pants/ jeans, 24 shirts, 10 sleepers, 3 toddler outfits, 3 sets of gloves, a hat and a winter scarf. She shopped in PA and saved by not paying tax on the clothes! Thank you, Linda! On behalf of Gamma Theta, many children were warm and happy this past winter.

Visit the DKG International and State Website

Looking for more information on DKG? Our state office has a website with information at the state level: <https://www.dkgohio.org/>. Dig out your membership card and log in to our international DKG website. If you have misplaced your membership card, not to worry, contact one of our co-presidents.

You will need your 6 digit member ID which is your user name. You will need to create a password--7 characters with at least one number and one letter. You will find it here: [DKG International](#). You will find information about scholarships for members, committee resources and much more. You will also want to check out our chapter website here: [Gamma Theta Ohio](#). Great resources!!



Treasurer's Report

as of 6/30/20

General Fund:

\$3,216.40

Grant-in-Aid & Scholarship:

\$2,634.24

Total Checkbook:

\$5,850.64

Total Membership:

70 members

64-Active 6-Reserve

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

Gammathetaoh.org Getting a Makeover

As we continue to grow Gamma Theta, our technology needs to grow with us! We are creating a more interactive website for membership with both a public and private side. Our intention is to provide information and connectivity with the public along with a private password protected portion.

Our website will essentially look the same. Information about our Chapter, Mission, News and Scholarship Applications will be available for public view and access. However, the big change will be one page with a place to enter your password. This will allow membership to access exclusive information which includes details of meeting times and locations, important forms for dues and payments, event photos and committee information.

In addition, this upgrade will provide us a G-Suite through Google. This means we will have our own Google Drive, where Committee Chairs and Board Members can store, manage and share Gamma Theta information and documents with privacy and ease of access. The other neat piece that goes along with the G-suite is that we will be able to pass on email account access easily between members as responsibilities transfer.

As the changes are implemented, membership will be notified with passwords and how to access private Chapter information.