



Gamma Theta Chapter

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Honoring Our Past,
Building Our Future



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Important Dates

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Meeting & Spa Services by Appointment
Brown Aveda Institute @ 6:30

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Initiation, Ceremony of Remembrance,
PUMC @ 6:45

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
"Fairy Gardens & Activities
Pettiti Garden Center @ 6:45

April 13-15, 2018 &
April 5-7, 2019
State Convention
Columbus Polaris Hilton

Saturday, May 12, 2018
Tri-Chapter Brunch
Hosted by OMEGA Chapter
Location & Time TBA

July 16-20, 2018
DKG International Convention
Austin, TX

President's Message

Dear Fellow Sisters of Gamma Theta,

Happy 2018! Hopefully your year will be filled with many blessings, new experiences, good health and much happiness for you and those near and dear to you. As we are about to begin the second half of our 2017-2018 year, I would like to recap a few things with you. November saw us welcome two very deserving women into DKG as our sisters. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newest initiates when you see them; Pam Martin and Liz Titler. We look forward to initiating, Denise Hufgard, another deserving woman into our Chapter at our March 20, 2018 meeting.

Congratulations to four of our teaching members; Karen Capretta, Teresa Gerboth, Kathy Watson and Annie Zahradnik. These women were all recipients of a Gamma Theta Scholarship this fall, which will enable them to purchase items for use in their classrooms. We will award scholarships again in the spring, so please download an application from our Chapter's website gammathetaoh.org, or pick up a form at one of our meetings. These scholarship awards are made possible through the generous donations that many of the Chapter members make to the Gamma Theta Scholarship Fund.

The committee involved with the Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-in-Aid will be hard at work this spring getting the word out to rising sophomore and junior college women enrolled in a certified education training program, whose permanent home is in eastern Lake County. They may attend college out of state. If you know of such a young woman, please encourage her to complete the application process. For more information, you may contact Carol Ford, Karen Capretta, Hannah Fairbanks or Janet Guerra. Their contact information is located in the directory of our Chapter yearbook.

Looking ahead to the rest of our meetings this year, in February we will meet at Brown Aveda Institute where you are encouraged to "Love yourself and get pampered". The date has been changed to Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 due to an in-service being held at the institute. You will need to sign up for the service of your choice prior to that date. More detailed information will be provided. There will be a short business meeting prior to the start of the pampering activities. Tuesday, March 20th we will meet at PUMC starting promptly at 6:45 with our Initiation ceremony. This will be followed with a Service of Remembrance for Margie Deak, a Chapter survey and time for fellowship with your sisters. Tuesday, April 10th we will meet at Pettiti Garden Center for a program on "Fairy Gardens and Activities for Your Classrooms" along with literature recommendations for grades K-12. Our year ends with the Saturday, May 12th Tri-Chapter Brunch at 10:30 a.m. hosted by Omega. More information and a registration form will be provided at a later date.

June 30th will complete the biennium for the present officers of Gamma Theta. I speak for the entire Executive Board when I say, "Thank You for allowing us to serve as your officers these past two years." A new slate of officers will be presented at the April 10th meeting. The nomination committee will be hard at work preparing the slate of officers. How much easier their job would be, if some of you would step up and volunteer to assume a position. Won't you please consider accepting a leadership role in our Chapter? All of you were initiated into DKG because others recognized your leadership qualities. Take the opportunity now to stimulate your personal and professional growth by accepting a position on the Executive Board.

Respectfully,
Linda Wood - Lsw650@hotmail.com

Treasurer's Report

as of December 12, 2017

General Fund: \$2,898.92
Grant-in-Aid and Scholarship: \$3,999.24
Total membership: 76 Members - 68 Active
Members - 7 Reserve Members
Total Checkbook: \$6,898.16

Chapter Officers

2016 - 2018

President - Linda Wood
Co-First Vice Presidents - Pat Hall-Miller & Paulette Howell
Second Vice President - Teresa Gerboth
Recording Secretary - Patti Weinstein
Corresponding Secretary - Dianna Misich
Treasurer - Genny Sivula-Phillips

November Initiation

The Gamma Theta Initiation and Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 4th at Quail Hollow Country Club. Our Chapter welcomed initiates Pam Martin and Liz Titler.

Following, we were entertained by Dennis Sutcliffe with a very informative talk about “Cleveland’s Prohibition Era Bosses.”

As mentioned in the President’s Message, we look forward to the March initiation of Denise Hufgard.



Initiates: Pam Martin and
Liz Titler

Author:
Dennis Sutcliffe



Initiation Luncheon
Quail Hollow Country Club, 11/4/17

Committee Reports



Books for Babies

In November, our last meeting, the Books for Babies Committee collected 49 books. This brings our total to 118 books.

Our goal is 225. No meeting in December leaves February, March, April and May to collect 107 books to make our goal. Nice job, everyone! Anyone needing tax forms be sure to get them from us at the next meeting. Thank you for your generous donations!



Snuggled in Hope Quilts

At the April meeting, we will be collecting 100% cotton fabrics that are cheerful kid friendly prints.

The fabric should be new, but size does not matter. All donated fabrics are used to make quilts for the campers ranging in age from 8-15. Snuggle in Hope does not accept any fabrics that are glittery, flannel, fleece, denim, and or knit.

New this year, they are collecting new standard pillowcases. The pillowcases serve two functions. First for sleeping, then to pack their quilts for departure.

Volunteer opportunities are available. If you are interested visit their site for more information. <http://www.snuggledinhopequilts.com/>



Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital

Our UH Rainbow service project has been underway since September.

Our collection of travel-sized toiletries will continue through the April meeting. Items that are most requested are the basics, including: shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap/body wash, and deodorants. It seems that we always need more deodorants to round out our donations. We also collect gently used children’s books and magazines for this project. Non-news related magazines are best so that they are not outdated. Please remove any address labels.



Mark Your Calendars! Gamma Theta Events



Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Meeting & Spa Services
“Let’s Get Pampered!”

Location: Brown Aveda Institute
8816 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
Arrival: 6:30
RSVP Required for Services
Space is Limited!



Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Initiation of Denise Hufgard
&
Service of Remembrance:
Margie Deak

Location: Painesville United Methodist Church
71 N. Park Place - Painesville 44077
Arrival: 6:30 **Programs & Meeting:** 6:45



Tuesday, April 10, 2018
“Fairy Gardens & Activities for
Your Classroom”

Literature Recommendations for K-12
Location: Pettiti Garden Center
8000 Plaza Blvd
Mentor, OH 44060
Arrival: 6:30
RSVP Required



Saturday, May 12, 2018
Tri-Chapter Brunch
Hosted by OMEGA Chapter
Program & Location TBA



Gamma Theta Member Spotlight



Bundles of Joy

- **Linda Wood** welcomed grandson Owen Francis Franklin on November 25, 2017, weighing in at 8lbs., 11 oz., and 20.5 in. Owen joins his brother, Grayson, who was 3 years old on November 22nd.

- **Patti Weinstein** welcomed grandson Sawyer Brooks Weinstein on December 9, 2017.

- **Linda Wood** welcomed grandson Garrett Dillon Wood, on December 15, 2017, weighing in at 5lbs., 15 oz., and 20 in. Garrett joins brother Connor who was 3 years old on October 21st.

Scholarship



Gamma Theta Scholarships were awarded to **Karen Capretta, Teresa Gerboth, Kathy Watson and Annie Zahradnik.**



Family News

Bryson, **Janet Guerra's**, grandson, is the captain of the Riverside High School's Academic Challenge Team. The taped program will be aired on Channel 5 (ABC) on January 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Wedding Bells

Janet Guerra's daughter, Jennifer, was married in November of 2017 to Glen Kramer.



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STRS Update

STRS Ohio Staff Analysis of Issue 2 - Summary of Proposed Law

State Issue 2 is a ballot initiative stating that neither the state of Ohio, nor any other state entity shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). STRS Ohio is not a proponent nor an opponent of the proposed law because there isn't enough data available to know the long-term impact to our members. Several of the outstanding matters are outlined below. We do, however, believe there is likely to be short-term disruptions to our drug plan and want to make members aware of this. Key matters to be determined: Whether or not STRS Ohio is considered an "other state entity." This is not a term currently defined in state law. STRS Ohio is not specifically included in nor excluded from the language in the ballot initiative. Issue 2 requires the General Assembly to enact additional laws to carry out the provisions of Issue 2, and these laws would likely define what organizations are considered an "other state entity" with respect to this law. If STRS Ohio is deemed an "other state entity," there are questions regarding how the law would be administered, namely: The law in Ohio would forbid STRS Ohio from paying more for a drug than the VA; however, what the VA pays for a drug is unknown — and neither the state nor STRS Ohio have authority to require the VA to share drug price information. While the law can limit what STRS Ohio is allowed to pay for a drug, it cannot require the drug manufacturers to sell the drug to STRS Ohio at the price the VA pays. There are no provisions in the law that would allow STRS Ohio to pay more for the drug, so the drug would have to be dropped from the plan. In the long term, there might be some financial benefits to being in the group of state entities and receiving additional discounts; however, there will be disruption in the short term when STRS Ohio will not be allowed to purchase drugs that are only offered by the manufacturers at a price higher than what is allowed by law. If STRS Ohio is not deemed an "other state entity," the cost the system pays for drugs could be subject to a larger increase as manufacturers try to recoup income lost due to VA discounts being provided to groups identified in Ohio's new law. There are basically three options for drug manufacturers to consider: Drug manufacturers could provide the additional discounts to the groups covered by Ohio's new law, accept the lower payments and take the financial loss. We don't believe this is a likely scenario. To make up for discounts provided to the groups covered by the new law, manufacturers could increase prices for organizations and entities that are not in the group receiving new discounts. This will help the manufacturers maintain profit margins and return for shareholders. We view this as a likely scenario. Manufacturers could increase the base price of drugs for the VA and base required discounts off the new higher prices.

The concerns outlined above are not likely to be answered until the Ohio Legislature or the Ohio courts provide guidance. That is why STRS Ohio is not taking a formal position on Issue 2 and why we have reason to believe that there will be short-term disruption in our current prescription drug plan.



January

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

February

- Teresa Gerboth - 4
- Patricia Weinstein - 5
- Linda Wise - 6
- Ellen Timms - 12
- Pam Martin - 15
- Judy Grant - 17
- Debbie Lavalley - 18
- Kay Billington - 22
- Debbie Green - 27

March

- Kathy Bell - 2
- Karen Capretta - 2
- Melanie Sluga - 16
- Carol Guth - 22
- Cheryl Behnke - 24
- Mary Battung - 25
- Paulette Howell - 29
- Diane Ingels - 29
- Kathy Watson - 29

April

- Marietta Lipps - 19
- Cindy Ferritto - 24

May

- Natalie Newhous - 1
- Mary Sleeman - 1
- Liz Titler - 6th
- Gloria McKinney - 17
- Genny Sivula-Phillips - 21

June

- Pam Richmann - 2
- Debbie Hall - 25
- Laura Augustine - 26
- Carol Darr - 27
- Linda Wood - 29

July

- Marilyn Harley - 9
- Denise Hufgard - 10th
- Cheryl Blizzard - 22
- Anna Marie Fisher - 22
- Karen Edmundson - 29