



# Gamma Theta Chapter

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## Important Dates

### September 3rd

Dinner Meeting (9/9) Reservation and Check Due to Genny

### September 9th @ 6:30 pm

Dinner Meeting

*Painesville United Methodist Church*

### October 3rd

Membership Nominations Due

### October 4th

State Executive Board Meeting

*Christ Presbyterian Church - Columbus*

### October 14th @ 6:45 pm

Presentation-Women's Safety Issues

*Painesville United Methodist Church*

### October 27th

New Member Orientation

### November 8th @ 10:45 am

Initiation Luncheon

*Quail Hollow Country Club*

### December 1st

Holiday Wreath Making Registration Check Due

### December 13 @ 10:00 am

Holiday Wreath Making

*Gilson Garden Center*

### April 10th-12th, 2015

State Convention

*Columbus*

### June 16th-18th, 2015

Biennial Seminar

*Dayton*

## President's Message

Dear Sisters,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and hopefully everyone had a wonderful and restful time. For our still teaching sisters who will soon be returning to the classroom, wishes go out that it will be a successful and less stressful year, as there were many changes put upon you through the past school year. For those who are retired, it is hoped that everyone continues to have full and enjoyable days. The summer has been busy for the Executive Board planning new and exciting programs for meetings (along with some surprises), setting up committees, and assigning members to the committees they indicated on the survey filled out at the end of last year or are reflective of their many strengths and talents. A sincere thank you to those of you who graciously accepted the position of chairperson for one of our committees. Every member of our chapter is an important component to the success of how the chapter flows. Many thanks go out to each and every one of you for your contribution to the chapter.

As we prepare for the beginning of the year, please give thought about a fellow colleague or someone you know in the education field that would enhance our chapter. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our chapter, approach them about Delta Kappa Gamma, then give her name and information to our Membership Committee for nominations in October. We will be initiating new members in November. If you know a current member (or even yourself) who may need a ride to meetings, don't hesitate to give her a call or contact another member to set up a ride so she or you can attend meetings.

Although the lazy, hazy days of summer are coming to an end, I look forward to serving you as president for these next two years.

Respectfully,

Cindy Ferritto

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## Treasurer's Report

*as of June 30, 2014*

General Fund = \$1,320.21

Scholarship Fund = \$2,172.74

Total Checkbook Balance = \$3,492.95

Membership Total = 76

71 Active Members

4 Reserve Members

1 Active Life Member

## Chapter Officers

2014-2016

The 2014-2016 Gamma Theta Officers

President - Cindy Ferritto

Co-First Vice Presidents - Linda Wood and  
Pat Hall-Miller

Second Vice President - Teresa Gerboth

Recording Secretary - Paulette Howell

Corresponding Secretary - Marcia Seanson

Treasurer - Genny Sivula-Phillips

## 2014 Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-In-Aid Recipient



Co-President Cindy Ferritto, Katlyn Schafer,  
and Co-President Barb Hogan

Gamma Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has awarded its Grant to Katlyn Maye Schafer.

Katlyn is a graduate of Madison High School and will be attending Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, majoring in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Her high school activities included marching band, concert band, National Honor Society, Tri-M and Giddy-up Whoa 4-H Club. She teaches first and second graders Dance at Rabbit Run Fine Arts Association in Madison.

## 2014 Spring Meetings Recap

### ***April 9 - Painesville United Methodist Church***

#### **Topic: Human Trafficking**

Human trafficking is described as “modern day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others” (*The Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force*).

Presenter, Amanda Marshall discussed how victims of human trafficking are forced, defrauded, or coerced into participation. Traffickers exploit victims for labor, services, or commercial sex. In addition to adults, minors are exploited. The most common age in Ohio for children to become victims of trafficking is 13 years old. Alarming, the number of Ohio children who become victims of human trafficking each year, could fill a large high school.



Amanda Marshall, Presenter

### ***May 14- Pine Ridge Country Club***

#### **Tri-Chapter Brunch**

The Spring's Tri-Chapter Brunch was hosted by Gamma Iota at Pine Ridge Country Club. The brunch theme was patriotic with decor and tables accented in stars and stripes with bright centerpieces. In addition, guests received cloth USA themed totes and candy at each chair. Many members participated in the donation raffle. A variety of themed baskets were available to win. (Our Gamma Theta sisters walked away with quite a few raffle baskets!) Following the meal, our State Second Vice President, Sharyn Siberia (Beta Chi), installed new officers. Later we were treated to a patriotic music program performed by the United Methodist Church bell choir.



Pine Ridge Country Club

## Auburn CC Teaching Professional Pathways Project

Gamma Theta's service project with Auburn Career Center's Teaching Professional Pathways Program was successful. At their Advisory Meeting in June, the instructor reported that the students' written work improved greatly. Two students passed and are eligible to receive college credit for an introductory education course.

**Thank you to all the members who read and made suggestions to the students' writings.**

## Mark Your Calendars! Fall Gamma Theta Events

*Please Note: Regular Tuesday meetings now begin at 6:45 pm*

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @ 6:30 pm**

### Welcome & Dinner Meeting

**Location:** Painesville United Methodist Church

**Topic:** Welcome to another exciting year! Please join us for this organizational and informative meeting.

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014 @ 6:45 pm**

### Presentation

**Location:** Painesville United Methodist Church

**Topic:** Women's Safety Issues presented by Marilyn Satterfield

**Saturday, November 8, 2014 @ 10:45 am**

### Initiation Luncheon

**Location:** Quail Hollow Country Club

**Topic:** Initiation of 2014-2015 Members. RSVP required. More information to follow.

**Saturday, December 13, 2014 @ 10:00 am**

### Holiday Wreath Making

**Location:** Gilson Garden Center

**Topic:** Create a beautiful holiday wreath with live greenery and holiday trim! Reservation and \$25 fee required in advance. Reservation Deadline: December 1st. If interested contact Linda Wood.

## Hostess Responsibilities

All active members are assigned to be a hostess for one of the meetings during the next two years. Every attempt was made to have you hostess with people you know and to also avoid months when some may be unable to attend.

The hostess chairwoman will be contacting you to ask for your help. In the event you are unable to attend, you are asked to donate \$5 directly to the chairperson to help defray the costs of purchasing items in your absence. Please check the new yearbook and contact the chairwoman if you have a concern.



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## STRS Update

### Retirement Board Approves Health Care Premiums for 2015 - JUNE 20, 2014

The Retirement Board approved 2015 premiums for all plans offered through the STRS Ohio Health Care Program. A complete list of these premiums can be obtained by calling STRS Ohio's Member Services Center toll-free at 1-888-227-7877. Additional information about the 2015 Health Care Program will be provided in upcoming newsletters and on the STRS Ohio website. In late October, all current enrollees will also receive personalized health care plan information in preparation for the fall open-enrollment period that extends from Nov. 1- Nov. 25, 2014. When determining premiums, the Retirement Board and STRS Ohio staff consider annual health care cost trend rates, as well as the claims experience of the plan enrollees. The 2015 premium subsidy will reflect a 0.1% reduction in the years-of-service multiplier to 2.2% per year of service. This means retirees with 30 or more years of service will receive a premium subsidy of 66% in 2015. The board approved this decrease in the subsidy multiplier in 2011 as part of a phased-in plan to ultimately reduce the subsidy multiplier to 2.1%. The final year of the phased-in reduction will take place in 2016.

## Books for Babies

Books for Babies, our community outreach program, is made possible through the donations of our membership. These collected books are gifted to newborns and their parents at TriPoint Hospital!

This past year was an outstanding one for our program. Laurie Dorko reported the donation of 72 gift packs to TriPoint (a pack includes 2 books). We had a total of 144 books donated form last year. This is an all time high! It is important to note the committee always keeps a reserve of about 35 books to start each year. Thank you to the ladies of this committee for their hard work!

Beginning at our September meeting through March, we will happily accept donations of concept books, nursery rhymes, story books, and books in Spanish, for this worthy cause. In the past board books have been favorably received but are not mandatory. It would also be helpful to the committee members if price tags were removed before bringing your donation to a meeting.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity in this ongoing annual project!  
Let's try to top last year's donations!**



Above: Packages for TriPoint Donations  
Below: Books for Babies Committee



### Member Spotlight *Eleanor Baker*



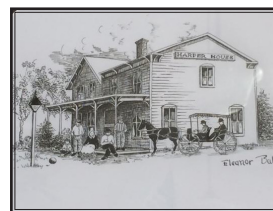
We are highlighting Eleanor Baker in this newsletter. Eleanor first became a member of our Gamma Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1960. She taught art in Perry Schools at both the elementary and secondary levels; finishing her career at the high school. As an art teacher it was important to Eleanor to find projects where students of all artistic abilities could find success.

Eleanor had four children, 2 daughters and twin sons. She retired from teaching in 1975 and moved to Madison a few years later. After retiring Eleanor sketched some Perry buildings for the Perry Historical Society and four of those sketches are on display there. They have also used her

sketches to create note cards and Christmas cards. Eleanor remembered seeing the city of Painesville lit up at night from her home in Painesville Township and she has paintings in her home of the Painesville Court House and the Painesville Methodist Church in which she has captured the same colors. The pictures that we use for our initiations were created by Eleanor. She is currently working on a charcoal pencil sketch of her grandson and his wife. Eleanor will be 99 years old on September 27th of this year.



Above and Below: Sketches at Perry Historical Society



Above: Painting of Painesville Methodist Church

### 2013-2014 New Membership

In 2013, Gamma Theta welcomed 9 new members: Mary Ann Bittner, Kathy Cooper, June Hurley, Kathleen Janes, Jayne Juchnowski, Meg Skinner, Heather Tromba, Carol Vargo and Elaine Wargo. In addition, welcome to transfer Carla Gray.

### August

Katharine Delavan - 11  
Kathleen Janesh - 16  
Suzanne Jackson - 23  
Annie Zahradnik - 25  
Debbie Joyner - 30



### September

Marijane Watson - 2  
Sally Vaidean-Lauer - 15  
Eleanor Baker - 27  
Tami Roberts - 28  
Hannah Fairbanks - 30