



# Gamma Theta Chapter

Alpha Delta State

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Building Our Future



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## Important Dates

Tuesday, February 8, 2016 @ 6:45 p.m.  
*Brown Aveda Institute, Mentor*  
“Pamper Ourselves”

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 @ 6:45 p.m.  
*Painesville United Methodist Church*  
“Self Defense, Founders Day & Pot Luck”

March 18-20, 2016  
*Hilton Akron-Fairlawn*  
ADS State Convention

Saturday, April 9, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.  
*Gilson Garden Center, Perry*  
“Herb Gardens”

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
*Steele Mansion, Painesville*  
“Tri-Chapter Brunch”

July 5 - 9, 2016  
*Nashville, Tennessee*  
“International Convention”

## President’s Message

Dear Sisters,

Hope the holidays were wonderful for you and you were able to spend some great quality time with friends and families. Now that the New Year is under way wishing you all safe travel, good health, new adventures, and the best of whatever comes along in 2016.

We are looking at the last few months for Gamma Theta and it is hard to think that there are only a few more meetings left for this year. Of course we have a huge task of hosting the Tri-Chapter Brunch May 14, at The Steele Mansion in Painesville. Hopefully you have signed up for a committee to help with putting this big event on and/or thought of a theme for a basket for our raffle. The money generated from the baskets goes towards our Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-in-Aid.

Continue to gather supplies for our Rainbow Service Project and books for our Books for Babies Service Project. Collection baskets will be at each meeting.

In the January Voice you will find information for the Alpha Delta State Convention being held at the Hilton/Fairlawn March 18-20. The fact that it is closer to home and the break-out sessions will provide opportunities to earn CEUs makes this a wonderful way to attend. Although there are activities going on all weekend, think about getting a few fellow sisters together and come for the day on Saturday enjoying a Birthday Luncheon and informative workshops. It is also a chance to meet other sisters from around the state. The convention is also open to non-members so think about asking fellow teachers to attend so they can learn what Delta Kappa Gamma is all about. These ladies could be potential new members to our chapter.

Wishing all our still teaching members a successful end to the year and to our retired members joy and happiness for whatever you are doing. As always it has been a great pleasure to be associated with such incredible women.

Respectfully,

Cindy Ferritto  
ferrjmc@roadrunner.com

## Treasurer’s Report *as of 12/8/2015*

General Fund = \$1,751.51

Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship Fund = \$2,470.74

Total Checkbook Balance = \$4,222.25

Membership Total = 75 members

69 active members  
6 reserve members

## 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 Searson

Treasurer - Genny Sivula-Phillips

## Looking Ahead - Tri-Chapter Brunch



*Steele Mansion - Painesville*

Our chapter is hosting the Tri-Chapter Brunch on Saturday, May 14th at 9:30 a.m. We will be meeting at Steele Mansion, the Historic Inn and Gathering Hub in Painesville. Plan to join us and hear the history of this grand residence once owned by George Worthington Steele. You will have an opportunity to take a self guided tour of the lovely mansion. Pat Cermak, President of Alpha Delta State will be present to induct the new officers for 2016-2018 from all three chapters.

Many helping hands are needed to make this huge event a success. Please consider helping in some way if you can. A few more volunteers are needed to help make table decorations and individual guest favors.

Please contact Paulette Howell phowell329@gmail.com 440-286-4044 if you are able to lend a hand.

As you know once every three years when we host the brunch, we assemble baskets that have been donated by our chapter to be used in a raffle. All monies raised are used to support our Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-in-Aid given annually to a senior girl who will be majoring in some field of education at an accredited institution. So far your fellow sisters have volunteered to make 14 baskets. Please consider asking one or more of your sisters to join you in donating a basket.

Please contact Linda Wood lsw650@hotmail.com 440-286-6860 to let her know of your intended donation.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

## Committee Reports

**Books for Babies:** have collected 106 books....only 69 away from our goal of 175 books!

**Toiletries for Rainbows Babies & Children:** 344 items plus 111 magazines & books  
Hope Ridge Methodist Church is once again going to join us in collecting items to send to the hospital.

**May Tri-Chapter:** Our members have signed up to donate 14 baskets to be raffled off with all proceeds going to the Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-in-Aid. We are still in need of donations, so please consider asking a fellow sister to join you in donating a basket. Please let Linda Wood know if you can donate a basket.

## Scholarship / Grant-in-Aid

As we have since 1973, through your donations to the Gamma Theta Memorial Grant-in-Aid, we will provide a grant to a graduating high school senior girl who will be majoring in some field of education at an accredited college. You may also choose to donate to the Gamma Theta Scholarship Fund. Through an application process, a fellow sister who is currently teaching may apply for monies to help with a special project in her classroom or to purchase materials that benefit her students.

## Mark Your Calendars! Gamma Theta Events



**Tuesday, February 8, 2016 @ 6:45 p.m.**

### **“Pamper Ourselves”**

**Location:** Brown Aveda Institute

Meeting to begin at 6:45 with salon choices to follow at 7:30. Treatments will be given by the students of Brown Aveda.

Salon Services available include:  
express pedicure, express facial, express manicure,  
and stress relief chair massages.

If you are interested in reserving a spot, please e-mail Pat Hall-Miller, pathm129@ameritech.net

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016 @ 6:45 p.m.**

### **Self Defense, Founders Day & Potluck Dinner**

**Location:** Painesville United Methodist Church

Self Defense Program Led by Gamma Theta  
Member, Carla Gray

**Saturday, April 9, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.**

### **“Herb Gardens”**

**Location:** Gilson Gardens, Perry

Registration and Fee Required -  
Deadline and Cost TBA

**Saturday, May 14, 2016**

### **“Tri-Chapter Brunch”**

**Hosted by Gamma Theta Chapter**  
**Location:** Steele Mansion, Painesville

Program: Installation of new officers for 2016-2018;  
History of Steele Mansion followed by self-guided  
tour of the mansion.



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## STRS Update

### **Be Alert for Sales and Email Scams**

From time to time, STRS Ohio likes to remind its members to be wary when approached by any company implying or stating that it is endorsed by the retirement system or claiming to have information regarding STRS Ohio retirement benefits.

#### **Please remember that:**

- STRS Ohio does not authorize the use of the system's name in any sales solicitations by outside groups.
- STRS Ohio associates do not come to individuals' homes to discuss business. All seminars, counseling conferences, etc., are conducted at STRS Ohio's offices or at public meeting facilities such as hotel conference rooms.
- STRS Ohio does not share personal account information with any group; be cautious if you are contacted by a company claiming to have access to your personal account information or offering a deal on financial services that sounds too good to be true.

Remember, your account information is confidential and can be obtained only by you or through your written authorization, so a salesperson claiming to have this information simply isn't telling the truth. Members should also be aware of email scams. STRS Ohio never sends emails to its members asking for confirmation of account information. If you receive a suspicious email that portrays itself as being from STRS Ohio, please contact the STRS Ohio Member Services Center toll-free at 1-888-227-7877.



## Member Spotlight *Jeanette Crislip*



Jeanette Crislip attended Kent State University on a scholarship graduating with a B.A. in Education. Later while teaching and raising a family, she would get her MA degree from Lake Erie College. Jeanette taught for a total of 37 years after having stayed at home nine years to raise her family. She taught in Rock Creek, Madison Local Schools, Perry Local Schools and ended her career in the Fairport Harbor District. During those years, she taught grades 1, 2, and 3. Jeanette enjoyed working in third grade, especially with the boys to help “catch them up” with their basic skills. She ended her career teaching first grade. She decided that she would rather get all the children at a young age and make them all successful learners, instead of trying to remediate them in the later grades. Jeanette loved teaching in the Fairport Schools because not only was it a small neighborhood school, but also without busing and a school cafeteria, the children were always outside in all kinds of weather and very healthy.

During her teaching career, Jeanette was named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar. A few years later

she would also receive a Martha Holden Jennings Grant to be used to help the children with their reading skills. Florence White, a Lake County supervisor, named Jeanette for membership into DKG in 1965. Jeanette served as our chapter treasurer and as a committee chairman for many different committees over the last 50 years. She chose to go into education to help students become the best person they could be. Jeanette and her husband, Jack, raised three children, a boy and twin girls. Her family has expanded over the years and now includes five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She enjoys spending time during meals catching up with what everyone is busy doing.

Jeanette describes herself as an activist. “I like having a cause I can get behind.” Jeanette was a Painesville Township Trustee for 28 years. She wanted to help adults solve neighborhood problems in order to make their neighborhood the best it could be. She presently serves on the boards of Lake Tran, the Lake County Historical Society and the Painesville Senior Center. In her spare time, Jeanette loves gardening and reading. She can also be found, playing a game or two on her i Phone to help keep her mind sharp.



### January

Noralee Starr - 1  
Cheryl Bissler - 12  
Jeanette Crislip - 14  
Marjorie Deak - 27  
Pat Hall-Miller - 28  
Carol Vargo - 29

### February

Teresa Gerboth - 4  
Patricia Weinstein - 5  
Linda Wise - 6  
Ellen Timms - 12  
Judy Grant - 17  
Debbie Lavalley - 18  
Kay Billington - 22  
Barb Incho - 25  
Debbie Green - 27

### March

Kathy Bell - 2  
Karen Capretta - 2  
Joan Nelson - 6  
Carol Guth - 22  
Cheryl Behnke - 24  
Mary Battung - 25  
Paulette Howell - 29  
Diana Ingels - 29  
Kathy Watson - 29

### April

Marietta Lipps - 19  
Cindy Ferritto - 24  
Jayne Juchnowski - 26

### May

Natalie Newhous - 1  
Mary Sleeman - 1  
Gloria McKinney - 17  
Genny Sivula-Phillips - 21

### June

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