



Gamma Theta Chapter

Alpha Delta State

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Honoring Our Past,
Building Our Future



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Important Dates

- October 3rd**
Membership Nominations Due
- October 4th**
State Executive Board Meeting - *Columbus*
- October 14th @ 6:45 pm**
Presentation-Women's Safety Issues - *PUMC*
- October 22nd @ 4:15 pm**
New Member Orientation
- October 28th**
Initiation Luncheon Payment Due
- November 8th @ 10:45 am**
Initiation Luncheon - *Quail Hollow*
- December 1st - Check Due**
Holiday Wreath Making Registration
- December 13 @ 10:00 am**
Holiday Wreath Making - *Gilson Garden Center*
- January, 19, 2015 @ 9:30 am**
Executive Board Meeting
- February, 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm**
Women's Heart Health - *PUMC*
- March 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm**
Tech Tips for All - *Auburn Career Center*
- April 14, 2015 @ 6:45 pm**
"Old Bags" - *PUMC*
- May, 2015 - Tri Chapter Brunch**
- April 10th-12th, 2015**
State Convention - *Columbus*
- June 16th-18th, 2015**
Biennial Seminar - *Dayton*

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

As the weather turns cooler, and the leaves begin to fall, a new year for Gamma Theta is now underway. Our first chapter meeting held Sept. 9th at the Painesville United Methodist Church was a success with a nice dinner catered by the Kirtlander. We had a good turnout giving a chance for everyone to see fellow sisters, catch up on events from over the summer, and provide support for those who have returned to the classroom. We had the opportunity to honor two of our sisters, Carol Fleck and Mary Ann Bittner, who retired at the end of the last school year. We wish them a well relaxed new start to the next adventure in their lives.

The Executive Board has many exciting programs planned for the year with some on our usual Tuesday nights and a few on Saturday mornings. We hope that you will have the opportunity to attend as many as possible. Consider offering a ride to a fellow sister who might need one. The October program will be about "Women Safety Issues" presented by Officer Marilyn Satterfield. She will give great suggestions on how to remain aware of your surroundings in order to be safe in all situations. The Yearbook, which will include a section outlining the programs for the next two years, will be handed out at the November initiation meeting. The November initiation lunch on Sat. November 8th at Quail Hollow is just around the corner and we look forward to welcoming our new members. We are really excited to offer the "Winter Wreath Making" session being held on Saturday, Dec. 13th at Gilson Gardens starting at 10:00. Mark your calendars and remember to sign up and pay the \$25.00 fee to cover the cost of supplies.

Be sure to check out the new chapter website created by fellow 2nd vice president Teresa Gerboth. It is a great tool to use to stay informed with new events going on in our Chapter as well as at Alpha Delta State. If you have any information that you would like to see on the website, please call (440.552.4079) or email (t.m.gerboth@gmail.com) the information to Teresa.

Committees have been established and many have already planned some great ideas for our Chapter. Check the website for more information.

We have some great things happening in our chapter. I am honored to be working alongside such a great group of ladies.

Respectfully,

Cindy Ferritto, ferrjmc@roadrunner.com

Treasurer's Report *as of*

General Fund = \$1,320.21
Scholarship Fund = \$2,172.74

Total Checkbook Balance = \$3,492.95

Membership Total = 76

70 Active Members
5 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 Searson

Treasurer - Genny Sivula-Phillips

Scholarship / Grant-in-Aid

New this year is the chance for you to be a part of helping support two very important endeavors of our Chapter. 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. Please visit our new Chapter website for further information on this scholarship as more information will be available in the near future. On the last page of this newsletter, you will find the forms needed to donate to one or both of these important Chapter endeavors.

Opening Meeting Recap

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 - Painesville United Methodist Church
Topic: Dinner Meeting

On Sept. 9th fellow sisters gathered for our annual dinner meeting to kick off the 2014-15 year. In the largest turn out of members in many years, we sat at tables based on our birthday month, in an effort to help members get to know their fellow sisters better. Large paper flower centerpieces made by Cheryl Kleps brightened the tables, and we were pleasantly surprised by Cheryl as she told everyone to take home the lovely individual flowers that graced each table setting. After dining on a delicious meal prepared by the Kirtlander, President Cindy Ferritto led a very informative meeting. Included in the meeting, but not limited to, was information from the various committees, honoring retiree Carol Fleck, voting and approving the Gamma Theta Scholarship (see above), committee and hostess assignments for the next two years, and an overview of upcoming meetings. New this year, a raffle drawing was held at the end of the meeting where those present have a chance to win a special gift. Paulette Howell has made the cloth gift bags for each month's drawing, with the contents of the bag being known only by her!



Jan. & Sept. b-days- Visiting l. to rt. Cheryl Bissler, Linda Wood, Hannah Fairbanks and Tami Roberts



Nov. b-days talking l. to rt. Cheryl Kleps(made the centerpieces & the little flower in the foreground), Jean Fitzgerald and Dianna Misich

Gilson Gardens December Craft Meeting

For this meeting, you must pre-register and pay for this class by December 1st.

The cost is \$25 and includes ALL the materials needed to complete a beautiful live holiday wreath. You may sign up at a meeting or download a form that will be available in future emails. Your registration will be complete once your check is received by the treasurer. Contact Linda Wood if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars! Fall Gamma Theta Events

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

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

Presentation: Women's Heart Health

Location: Painesville United Methodist Church

Topic: Sharon Minjares, Director of the Wellness Institute for Lake Health, will present on heart health for women.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 @ 6:45 pm

Interactive Presentation: Tech Tips for All

Location: Auburn Career Center

Topic: Bring your laptops! Marcia Searson will present technology basics and Teresa Gerboth will give an overview on how to create your own weebly website or blog.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 6:45 am

"Old Bags"

Location: Painesville United Methodist Church

Topic: Founders Recognition. More to come on this fun filled evening!

May, 2015 TBA

Tri-Chapter Brunch

Hosted by Omega Chapter

Hostesses for 2014 - 2015

Hostesses are not required for meeting dates that are not listed. Please provide your own beverages for the meeting held at Gilson's Garden Center. If you have further questions, please contact the hostess committee chair listed for your date.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Chair: Elaine Wargo

Members: Kathy Bell, Kay Billington, Katharine Delavan, Lisa Reed, Tami Roberts, Sally Jo Rogus, Heather Tromba

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Chair: Roberta Kalb

Members: Laura Augustine, Cheryl Behnke, Mary Ann Bittner, Carol Darr, Suzanne Jackson, Kathleen Janesh, Sally King, Sally Vaidean-Lauer

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Chair: Carla Gray

Members: Cheryl Blizzard, Kathy Cooper, Carol Fleck, Gloria McKinney, Nancy Sippola, Mary Sleeman, Noralee Starr

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Chair: Laurie Dorko

Members: Mary Battung, Barbara Dolan, Cheryl Kleps, Debbie Lavalley, Joan Nelson, Marijane Watson



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STRS Update

More Members Choose to Receive Online Annual Statements - September, 2014

More than 4,000 members opted out of receiving paper Annual Statements following an email marketing campaign conducted in August. This brings the total number of members who chose to receive only electronic annual statements to 17,000. By going paperless, members receive their annual statement faster and reduce postage costs for the retirement system.

For the second year, the Annual Statement will provide a July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016, benefit projection for every member who is eligible to retire on July 1, 2015. These projections give the member a personalized evaluation of whether he or she will be impacted by the transition benefit. The transition benefit protects the member from having a decreased benefit under the new pension formula if the member works after July 1, 2015. The Annual Statement projects a transition benefit for 10,000 members.

Committee Reports

Membership

Co-Chairs: Margie Deak & Mary Sleeman

Membership nomination forms, a qualification for bringing in new members, deadline is October 3rd. Review of and vote for new members will be held after the presentation at our Tuesday, October 14th meeting. The new member orientation meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd, at Genny Sivula-Phillips home.

Books for Babies

Co-Chairs: Natalie Newhous & Kathleen Janesh

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! Labeled collection baskets will be at each meeting. Suggested texts include, but are not limited to storybooks, nursery rhymes, board books, and books in Spanish.

Communications

Chair: Teresa Gerboth

In order to comply with the Society's Internet policy for electronic communication in regards to privacy and copyright issues, every Alpha Delta State member must sign a release form. Eileen McNally, Web-master for Alpha Delta State, will keep these release forms on file. In order to proceed with our chapter web site, we must be in compliance. Please contact Teresa Gerboth for a hard copy of the release form, or you can sign the electronic copy directly at: <http://alphadeltastate.weebly.com/release-form.html>

Sunshine

Chair: Marcia Searson

If you are aware of information that should be reported to sunshine, please contact a DKG member in your District, or Marcia Searson, direct. Please remember sunshine is intended to recognize accomplishments and recognitions of our membership, as well.



Member Spotlight Jayne Juchnowski



We are highlighting Riverside Local Schools Kindergarten teacher, Jayne Juchnowski.

Jayne was inducted into Gamma Theta in 2013. She attended Perry High school and participated in post secondary programs her junior and senior years of high school at Auburn Career Center as well as Lake Erie College, for Interactive Media and Technology. It was during these programs that she met her future husband, Matt. In their senior year of high school, they went to a National Competition in Kansas City, with Skills USA, and earned first place in Information Technology. Jayne graduated from Perry High School in 2003.

Jayne continued her education at Lake Erie College, having earned a \$25,000 scholarship. She participated in an amazing opportunity while at Lake Erie traveling to China as a part of a Chinese Study course. In 2006, she graduated from Lake Erie College with a Bachelors Degree in

- Education and a PK-3 Teaching License. Jayne also has
- advanced her credentials to include a Masters of Education
- Degree with Reading Specialization as well as a Reading
- Endorsement from Kent State University in 2012.
- This Melridge teacher, married her high school sweetheart,
- Matt, on July 17th, 2010 and they reside in Madison Village
- with their 7 year old retired prison dog "Lukie." This Girl
- Scout Gold Award earner (it's the equivalent of the Boy
- Scout Eagle Award) enjoys horseback riding, singing, white
- water rafting, biking and camping.



October

- Marcia Searson - 1
- Sally Jo Rogus - 2
- Barb Dolan - 3
- Roberta Kalb - 8
- Laurie Dorko - 10
- Mary Ann Bittner - 14
- Janet Guerra - 17
- Carla Gray - 22
- Nancy Johnson - 23

November

- Margaret Barb - 7
- Dianna Misich - 10
- Jean Fitzgerald - 12
- Cheryl Lanning - 12
- Barb Hogan - 16
- Jane Sampson - 23
- Sheryl Miller - 25
- Cheryl Kleps - 26

December

- Heather Tromba - 2
- Kathy Cooper - 9
- Carol Ford - 14
- Carol Fleck - 15
- Jen Johnson - 16
- Terri Martin - 18