

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

February 10

Gamma Phi Social Event
Books, Books, Books
Joseph-Beth Bookseller
and lunch at Brontë Bistro

March 9

Gamma Phi Chapter meeting & program
Domestic Violence Awareness & Victim Support
Rickell Howard Smith,
Chief Executive Officer, YWCA

June 8

Gamma Phi Chapter meeting & program
Coming From the West Side to Entertain You
Covedale Theater

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Deb Stallo February 20th
- Cindy Speakman February 27th

President's Message

Today I cleaned out the linen closet. Big deal, you may think. This closet was behind a Christmas tree in the upstairs hallway for at least three years. It's been probably longer since I've really looked inside. Among assorted sheet sets that don't fit any of our current beds and old blankets, I found linen napkins from my grandmother and hand-crocheted doilies from my Aunt Dolly who was deaf leading me to my career.

We need to do that sometimes, don't we? Dig into a place we haven't seen for quite a while. We may find old, outdated items that need to be thrown away or donated. We may also find treasures of things and people past.

We can do that with relationships too. We can "dig into" people we haven't seen for a while and rediscover our friendships and treasures. We can do that with our Gamma Phi sisters. We can do that with other educators who may become a Gamma Phi sister.

Let's be open to inviting friends to join us. Let's be open to taking a risk and saying yes to a leadership position as well. We can all grow through opening those closed doors. Now onto the next room and closet!

Blessings!
Cindy



February Social Event

JOSEPH·BETH
BOOKS · GIFTS · FOOD

There is still time to register for the “Fall into a Book” social event and optional lunch at Joseph-Beth Bookstore!



Join us on
Saturday,
February 10th at
11AM.

Bring a friend.
Stay for lunch.
Chat about your current favorite book.
Plan to attend!

Register here:

[https://forms.gle/
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March 9 Chapter Meeting

The **March 9 Chapter Meeting** welcomes Rickell Howard-Smith, President and CEO of the Cincinnati YWCA.



Rickell previously served as the Founding Executive Director of the Center for Social Justice at Urban League of Southwest Ohio, in leadership positions at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Children’s Law Center, Inc. in Covington and the Ohio Justice & Policy Center.

We will learn of the commitment she has to Domestic Violence Prevention and Victim Support.

Registration link to the meeting and lunch:
<https://forms.gle/CJ99gTvz4epz9UcDA>



You are Invited

Kerry Black, International DKG Speaker, will take a deep dive into “*Approaching Conflict With Grace*” on Saturday, April 6 at St. John Evangelical Church in Grove City.

You are invited to participate.

Look for an email from Ohio State Organization with registration details.
Put this date on your calendar! Plan to attend.

Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood – Steven Covey



THE FLYING PIG MARATHON IS GETTING READY TO RUN ITS 26th YEAR!!



It is time to once again join in the excitement of one of the biggest events of the year in our city — The Flying Pig Marathon!!

Please register to volunteer to work a three hour shift.
We need 40 people in order to earn \$700.00 for our scholarship fund.

We can do this by —

- Inviting family members, friends, and neighbors to join us.
- Working double shifts at Brand
- Working more than one day at Brand

**Note: More about Brand signups later.

DATE: May 2, 2024 PLACE: Convention Center TIME: 1:00-4:00

**Note: On the registration form our assigned time is 1:00-4:00. Some of us arrive earlier than this and we are always put to work.

Below is the Convention Center signup link and our password with instructions to register.

Volunteer Registration Instructions:

1. Click here for the volunteer registration page: [2024 Spring Events Volunteer Registration Page](#)
2. Click the corresponding event for which you plan to volunteer.
3. Enter the following password to access our group-specific registration page: **dkg**
4. Click “+” to expand and review your assignment. Be sure the small box next to the highlighted time frame for your group is “checked”.
5. Enter the required information. Volunteers are highly encouraged to provide their cell phone number and agree to SMS notifications. In addition to reminders, Weather/Emergency notifications will be sent through VolunteerLocal only to those who opt in.
6. Check waiver box, sign name, and click "Sign Up to Volunteer" to submit your information.

Deadline to register is APRIL 24, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your help in making it another successful year for our scholarship fund.

Fellow Grunt,
Sue



Meier Bauer Nominated

Gamma Phi's Recording Secretary and Program Committee member, Meier Bauer, received the nomination to serve as a Director of the Delta Kappa Gamma International Education Foundation.

She will be elected in July and begin a four year term with the International Foundation.

Congratulations to Meier!
She is a leader of leaders.



Nominate

Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is an honor. Margaret Murph saw something special in me in 1992 and nominated me for membership in Gamma Phi Chapter. Later I received Orientation and I said, "Yes!" It has been an honor to be a member!

Do you recall who saw something special in you as an educator? Begin getting your list of educators that you will honor at the March meeting with a motion for the chapter to extend an invitation to Orientation during the spring.

When you prepare your motion to nominate, please provide some background information about her so that the chapter can support your nomination.

Diana Haskell



Piggest Raffle Ever is Back!

Purchase a Raffle Entry for \$5 each on behalf of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Gamma Phi Chapter. For each Pig purchased, you have a chance to win one of the prizes and Gamma Phi receives 100% of your donation!

- * **GRAND PRIZE:** \$10,000 Cash (\$5,000 to the charity and \$5,000 to the winning ticket holder)
- * **SECOND PRIZE:** \$5,000 Cash (\$2,500 to the charity and \$2,500 to the winning ticket holder)
- * **THIRD PRIZE:** Cincinnati Get-Away Experience (\$1,500 in Downtown Cincinnati vouchers)

Ready to purchase?

Visit: <http://PIGGESTRAFFLEEVER.COM>
to purchase a pig, or two or more!

Look for:

**"Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International Gamma Phi Chapter"**
in the drop-down list of nonprofits.



You matter — Your opinion is valued

A member feedback survey is being prepared to inform the incoming Gamma Phi officers of your needs and desires. The survey will be sent to each member in February.

Please take a few minutes to share your opinions. Our chapter will be guided in 2024 – 2026 by your responses.



Chapter Notes



- ♪ Diana and Doug Haskell spent January at their Florida home continuing to work on home damage from Hurricane Ian, visiting with family and friends and day trips in the area.
- ♪ Cindy's husband, Thom, was in the hospital for nine days at the beginning of the new year. He had tested positive for COVID and then also developed pneumonia. He is back at Artis and getting stronger.

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY!

We love our Gamma Phi Members



Handy links to our chapter's website and social media platforms:

- [Link to Gamma Phi Chapter's Website](#)
- [Link to Gamma Phi Chapter's Facebook Page](#)
- [Link to Gamma Phi Scholarship Forms](#)