

# GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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## Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

### January 8

Lost Tea Rooms of Cincinnati at DeSha's Restaurant

### February 12

Behind the Butterfly Show at Springdale Recreation Center

## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Meier Bauer, December 16
- Diana Haskell December 20

## November Chapter Meeting

On November 13, 2021, Gamma Phi chapter visited the Hauck mansion to learn about the Dragonfly Foundation. Dragonfly was started by Christine and Jim Neitzke after their son, Matt, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at age 10. After Matt had recovered a little, they began to notice other families who were in the similar tragic circumstances, many with fewer resources.



They started asking staff at the hospital how they could help. The answers to those questions led to the creation of Dragonfly, which means strength and courage.

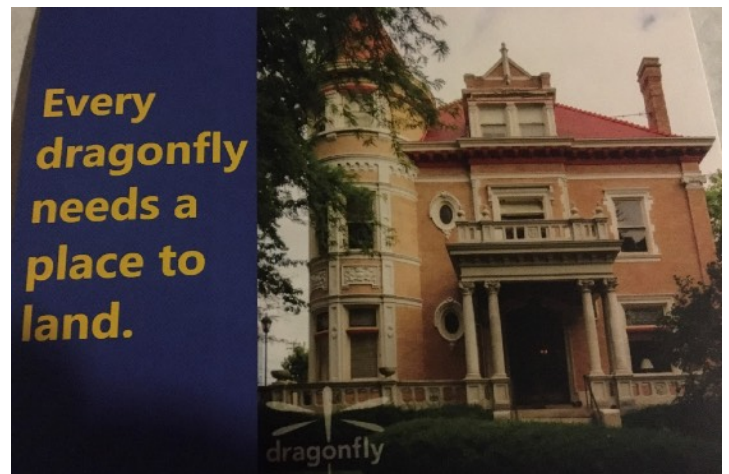
Dragonfly provides care bags to provide for needs that families face in the first weeks of a cancer diagnosis, such as gas and food gift cards, a flashlight, a notebook and more. They also provide "I'm Still Me" t-shirts and books that discuss hair loss. An interesting part of the program is Beads of Courage.



Children earn beads for various treatments such as chemo, radiation, and pokes. One photo shows the variety of beads. Another shows the 9 strands of beads that Matt earned.




The Hauck House was built in 1906 for the daughter of beer baron John Hauck. She lived there with her children after her husband passed away until about 1953. It was then bought by Dr. Frank Mayfield who used it for his neurology clinic. When the Mayfield Clinic moved to the Rookwood area, they were able to sell the house to Dragonfly at a discounted price.



## Have Your Friends and Family Been Asking You What You Want for Christmas?

Here is a way to contribute to a very worthy cause AND avoid getting “White Elephant” gifts this season! Please forward this postcard to anyone who might be interested in donating to ADSOEF in your honor.


Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation programs include Educational Project funding, Leadership Development for teachers, International Studies Fellowships, Lifelong Learning Awards, Scholarships for graduate study in Education and Student Teacher Grants.



Dear family and friends,

You always choose such lovely gifts! It is hard for me to think of a single thing I need this year. Instead, would you be a dear and consider a tax deductible donation to ADSOEF, in my honor of course!

Contribute online: <https://www.adsoef.org> or scan the code or send a check to ADSOEF with this card to:



Dr. Lois Harkins, 12 North Shafer Street, Athens, Ohio 45701-2303

Your amazing gift will support my love for all the programs of Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation, which provide . . . Educational Project funding, Leadership Development for teachers, International Studies fellowships, Lifelong Learning awards, Scholarships for graduate study in Education, & Student Teacher Grants.

With much appreciation! \_\_\_\_\_

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(for acknowledgement purposes only)

### Care, Concern and Congrats Corner

- Diana Haskell’s hip replacement surgery on November 16th was successful. She said she is so appreciative of all the visits, phone calls and cards from her Gamma Phi sisters. She thanks everyone for the concern, good wishes and prayers.
- Nancy Arulf had a heart catheterization on November 18th and has good news to report: her heart is fine - no stents needed.
- Sue Eades continues to heal from her broken wrist and her cast was removed yesterday, December 1st. The next step is a brace and therapy for a few weeks.
- Susan Taylor has had a few out-patient medical procedures recently to find the source of some health issues and she hopes to be back on track in January.



## Ohio State Organization Executive Board Meeting

On November 13th, Helen Romes, Diana Haskell and I attended the Ohio State Organization Executive Board meeting at Embassy Suites Dublin in Columbus. It was wonderful to see so many ladies there in person after many months of ZOOM meetings due to COVID.

OSO Membership VP, Melodie McGee shared information about the exciting new “Member-Ship” challenge and encouraged all chapter presidents to “get on board” with their chapters. Helen will provide Gamma Phi members with more information at our January chapter meeting.

As always, Diana Haskell reported on the financial status of the state organization. We are very fortunate to have such an organized and efficient lady in our chapter!

President Debby Canter showed a great video about the Ohio Governor’s Imagination Library, a partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. It is narrated by Fran DeWine. A link to the video is available on the Ohio State Organization’s website.

Everyone left the meeting feeling very excited about all the plans in place for the coming years and looking forward to a great future for the organization.

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