

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Upcoming Dates And Deadlines

April 5-7
State Convention Weekend at the
Hilton Polaris in Columbus

May 4th
Scholarship Award Recipients
Parker's Blue Ash Grill

June 18-20
Biennial Seminar
"It's SO Cincinnati!"

The Early Bird Catches The Worm!

To assist us with our chapter's plan to have all dues in by June this year, we are offering an incentive of two \$10 gift cards to two names that will be drawn at the end of the May meeting.

Anyone paying their dues on or prior to May 4th will have their name placed in the drawing for an opportunity to win.

The winners will be announced at the May meeting. We appreciate your efforts in helping meet the new renewal guidelines.

Payments can be mailed to:
Margaret Murph
1548 Hollywood Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

Gail Adams-Arnold and Margaret Murph

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

None of our members this month.



No one in our chapter has a birthday in April! Despite this fact, we should all still consider ourselves "Spring Chickens"!

Flying Pig Reminder

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to work at the Flying Pig!

The **Brand Evolution** dates are: April 15-19.
Two three hour shifts, two per shift: 10:00-1:00; 1:00-4:00.

The **Duke** date is: Thursday, May 2, 10:00-(open)

This event is our key fund raiser so your support us greatly appreciated.
Looking forward to another great year!
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A Joint Chapter Meeting Update from Gamma Eta Chapter



Dear DKG Members,

Our chapter, Gamma Eta, is busy planning the five chapter luncheon scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. We are very excited to be involved with this and would like your help, too.

We preface this request with a bit of background. Recently, we toured the foster care program facilities downtown at Hamilton County Job and Family Services in order to get a better understanding of the workings of the program. Our chapter wanted to find out how best we could help and do something needed.

Our goal is a lofty one: to completely furnish a visitation room for teens who are in the system. Currently, all the rooms where families can meet are outfitted for toddlers and young children. It is the dream of case workers to have a room dedicated to the teens with comfy furniture, a television, a tablet, etc. (So much attention is focused on the little ones and not the older kids.) This is going to be a costly undertaking, but our chapter would love to see it happen.

Here is where your chapter comes in. We hope that each of your chapters will donate a themed basket that can be raffled off at our luncheon. All proceeds will go toward financing our foster care project. A few suggestions for baskets would be movie night, books, gardening, holidays, and game night. Of course, using an idea of your own would be fine, too!

We are also hoping that in some way, the teen room could turn into a whole five chapter project. It would be wonderful if, as a Cincinnati DKG united, we could accomplish this goal! Please consider how your chapter could get involved.

On behalf of the Gamma Eta chapter, thank you!

Kathy Teitelman and Jana Ogilvie

Gamma Eta co-presidents

Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of the Gamma Phi Chapter members who are doing so much to support the State Convention.

Your help is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

I am grateful for all you are doing.

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Legislative Update

New Governor Mike DeWine released his proposed budget in mid March. Included in this budget is new money for education. Even small increases are seen as a positive action. Many school associations are optimistic that DeWine will be on the side of funding public schools.

Here is a link to entire document and some highlights: <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/legislative-watch/>

While the budget does provide money for charter schools it also provides more money to school districts in the following areas: drug abuse prevention, mental health services, and nutrition programs. These funds will allow schools to address the whole child more effectively.

Just this week a bipartisan group proposed a new school funding system for Ohio. We will have to watch where this goes. The positive note is that the group actually talked to school treasurers and other school officials to help craft this proposal.

Julie Schmidt

Scholarship News

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee would like to announce that we have five recipients of a Gamma Phi Chapter grant-in-aid. Each young woman will receive \$300 that will be mailed directly to the university where they are enrolled.

The following students are the much deserving recipients. Emma Tucker who will be attending the University of Alabama. Nour Samawi who will be attending University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash. Evvan Morton who is a graduate student at the University of Arizona. Alleson Arnold who will be attending Kent State University. Travina Adams who will be attending Xavier University.

We wish these women much success in all their future endeavors.

Diana Klenk

April 2019 Feature Member

Julie Schmidt



I grew up in a large family both immediate and extended. I am the youngest of six and I have 10 sets of Aunts and Uncles. As a large family we spent and still spend a lot of time together. My parents and 2 siblings live with me and I see my other 2 siblings daily as my house seems to be the hub for the family. My sister lives in Michigan and we talk almost daily. I love the beach and have spend the last 41 summers on Sanibel Island with family and friends. I know how to work hard and play harder. My family experiences are/were good training ground for my career in education.

Education was not my first choice as a career, even though I was told from a young age that I would be a great teacher. I wanted to make some money and teachers did not make money so I went into computer programming. While attending Bowling Green State University I realized computer programming was not for me. When you only earn a "C" in

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an introductory class you realize this profession is not for you. Like any good student I then declared “undecided” because I still refused to go into education. After a semester of basic requirements and a few electives I decided to give into fate and declare education as my major. BGSU has a very competitive elementary education program and I was not really interested in working with little kids so I decided to be a high school history teacher.

After graduating in December of 1996 I was not sure what to do. I started to sub and I was a nervous wreck, I was not that much older than the students and I felt very unauthoritative. I saw an ad for tutors for Sylvan Learning Centers and decided to give that a try. For 3 years I worked as a tutor and Director of Education for Sylvan Learning Centers in Eastgate. During this period I developed a love for reading and helping struggling students learn to read. I then ventured into the world of real teaching and taught at Hope Academy. Hope Academy was a school for boys with behavioral problems. As 1 of 2 high school teachers I learned to develop relationships with staff, parent, students, and school officials. During this period I decided to go back to school and get my masters in Reading. Xavier University was the most adult friendly and I could pace my classes.

I left Hope Academy for Northwest Local Schools and worked at Monfort Heights Elementary as the extended day Kindergarten teacher. I had a lot of fun with the little kids and I learned how to collaborate with others. The other Kindergarten teachers took me under their wings and taught me so much and made me feel a part of the team. Since my position at Northwest was only hourly pay I made my way to Princeton as a the Ohio Reads Coordinator at Glendale Elementary. I am now in my 16th year with Princeton and I have been a Title 1 teacher at Heritage Hill and Stewart Elementaries. I currently am the Instructional Coach at Heritage Hill. I now work with both teacher and students. I have taken a very unconventional path to education but each step has lead me to where I am today and I would not change it. The goal now is to survive the next 17 years in the ever changing world of education.

Marlene Williams introduced me to DKG and Gamma Phi. My first meeting was at the Art Museum and we were touring the Wedding Dress exhibit. I knew immediately this was where I was meant to be. I was reintroduced to teachers from my past: Jane Houser from Monfort Heights was a member, Diana Haskell who hired me in Princeton was a member and Margaret Murph and Artis Martin, colleagues from Heritage Hill, were members. I had already learned so much from them and the chance to learn more from them and others like them was an opportunity I was not going to past on, so thankful that I am a member of this wonderful chapter and organization.