

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Meeting Schedule Update

As I write this article for the August newsletter, I was hoping by this time things would have settled down a bit, but that is not the case. But our chapter is going strong through it all! First, I want to thank everyone for the AWESOME response to the survey. 97% of the members responded giving us guidelines on how to continue to have meetings and keep everyone connected but still safe and healthy. I would also like to thank Cindy for planning the game night in July-another way to have fun and stay in touch and all the various committees for all their hard work in keeping our chapter strong and vibrant.

Our first meeting, September 12, will be through Zoom. It will be a busy one with induction of new officers, initiation of a new member, budget approval, voting on chapter rules, and other items to wrap up the previous biennium. More details and Zoom information will be in the September newsletter.

Our Joint Chapter Meeting which was to be held on October 17 has been cancelled. After surveying all five chapters, it was determined that most members did not feel comfortable attending. The chair of the Cincinnati Coordinating Council communicated with the other presidents to determine how to proceed. They have decided it is best to shift all upcoming Joint Chapter meetings back a year so that we can host next fall.

Please keep all administrators, teachers, parents, and students in your thoughts during this month of August as they prepare for an opening of a new school year unlike any before. Guidelines are constantly changing and being updated. The status of how to open is still uncertain. Whatever will happen, the health and safety of all will be the deciding factor.

Keep checking your emails for updates and other activities.
Keep healthy and take care, Helen

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

September 12

2018-2020 Biennium Wrap Up
Installation of the 2020-2022
Executive Board Initiation
of New Members
We will meet via ZOOM
videoconference at 10:30 AM

The October Joint Chapter Meeting

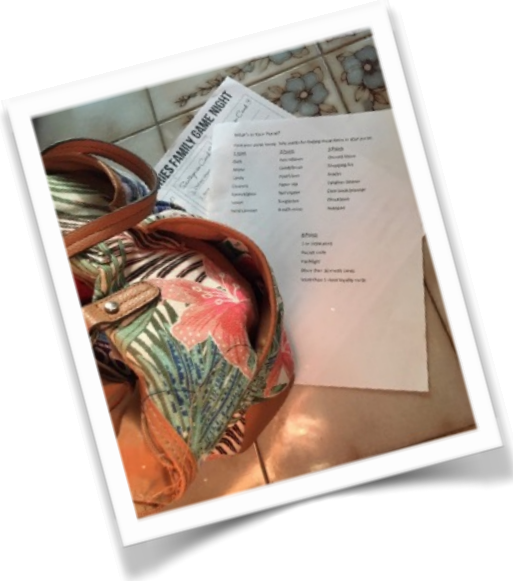
Postponed to 2021
Instead, we plan to have a
ZOOM activity for our
Gamma Phi chapter members
sometime during October.

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Katrinka Stone- August 15
- Sara Lou Teets- August 28
- Sherrie Foster- August 31

Gamma Phi ZOOM Game Night

Congratulations to Peggy Cochran for winning our first game night! She said her "mom purse" is what gave her the most points. Diana Klenk came in second. They both got a Graeter's gift card to help them keep cool.



We will do another activity night on Monday, August 17 at 7:00. Let me know if you are interested and I will send you a ZOOM link.

Cindy



August Feature Member



Linda Ausman

My name is Linda Ausman and I have been a member of DKG since 2006. My contributions to DKG have been to planning programs for meetings and now I am the corresponding secretary.

I am from Lima, Ohio and the oldest of seven. My Mom turned 89 in March just before we were all quarantined so I have not been able to visit. We FaceTime daily.

I graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Family and Consumer Science. I moved to Cincinnati in January of 1976 to take a position in the Oak Hills Local School District to teach Home Economics at Bridgetown Junior High School. I had only been to Cincinnati to attend a Reds game and drive thru on my way to Florida. I have a cousin that lived on the other side of town but knew no one else when I moved here. I was not used to "hills". Lima and Columbus are pretty flat so the freezing rain that I encountered the day I moved here almost made me head back home!!!!

I met my husband, Chuck, at Bridgetown - also his first year. We joined a co-ed softball team of Bridgetown teachers and we were the only single players. We were married 40 years in

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Annual Financial Review Update

Gamma Phi chapter members,

Carol Ladrigan and I met with Margaret Murph on July 14, 2020 to conduct the annual financial review. There were no adverse findings for the checking and savings account. The checking balance as of July 14, 2020 was 9692.11 and the savings account balance was 3475.71. Carol and I wish to commend Margaret Murph for her diligence in managing the chapter's finances.

Respectfully submitted by Katrinka Stone

Professional Affairs Update

Travina Adams, our contact at Hamilton County Job and Family Services has accepted a new role in that organization. Please read her announcement below. It was forwarded from one of the other chapter presidents. We wish her the best in her new position!

Our Gamma Phi chapter looks forward to meeting the new staff downtown and continuing our collaboration with the other local DKG chapters in furnishing the foster care room.

Mary Jo Berry

Travina's message:

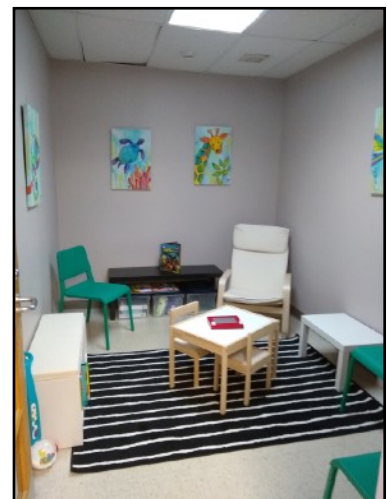
"I have some news. As of August 6, I will no longer be working in Adoptions and Foster Care. I got a new position, as a manager in our support services program. The things that I used to do, I will no longer have those responsibilities but I assure you; your efforts will be in good hands. The relationship we have established with DKG has been priceless and I hope your organization decides to continue its volunteer work with our agency. We've been impacted in such a meaningful way because of your organizations generosity.

Accepting this new position was a hard decision to make. As you know, I loved working with people and programs like your organization; in an effort to educate them about the benefits surrounding foster care and adoption. My decision to accept the new position, was the next level to my success as a child welfare advocate. If there is anything I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to contact me."



← Travina with Santa at last year's holiday event

The Foster Care room at →
Hamilton County Job and
Family Services



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June. We have two children, David and Lynne. Dave is a LT Colonel in the Army at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He is married and has four sons. My daughter, Lynne, is a project manager at Jobs and Family Services and is married to a chef (former student of mine). They have a daughter and a son. I babysit for them about once a week.

I taught at Bridgetown until 1980 and then transferred to Oak Hills High School and taught cooking classes and family living until 2000. My last eight years I taught child care and development until I retired. My curriculum involved a "Play School" on Friday for 3 and 4 year olds. I have had the pleasure of subbing in classes at Oak Hills and seeing them as juniors and seniors. Many have remembered coming to Play School.

Since retiring, my husband and I have had our kitchen remodeled (I now have a dishwasher) and our floors refinished. But taking care of home projects is never-ending - we just had our basement water-proofed for the second time! I finally was forced to purge about 95% of the school books, lesson plan books and activities that I brought home when I retired! It was time!!!

We like to travel - especially to visit my son's family wherever they are posted. Hopefully, they will be able to visit before their next duty station. We are curious to hear where they will be assigned. I was fortunate to spend 7 weeks in South Korea to help when their third son was born.

My husband and I are FC Cincinnati fans and are looking forward to their games and their new stadium. I love to read and Erik Larson is my favorite author. He writes history that reads like a novel. I made a panel quilt for each of the grands at the beginning of the pandemic. I like to sew for fun - Halloween costumes, "hospital care" for injured toys and the occasional craft.

I hope you are all safe and keeping healthy during these unusual days.



Welcome Back
to School!!



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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2358967190829279>