

# GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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## Upcoming Fall and Winter Dates And Deadlines

January 12th  
January Membership Meeting  
Springdale Recreation Center  
Program Topic: Healing Touch

February 9th  
February Membership Meeting  
Springdale Recreation Center

## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Meier Bauer December 16
- Diana Haskell December 20



## Professional Affairs

First, I would like to give a shout out to Mary Ann Adrick, Susan Taylor and myself for donating fleece to our sisters at Delta Psi chapter. At their last meeting, they made fleece blankets for the foster kids.

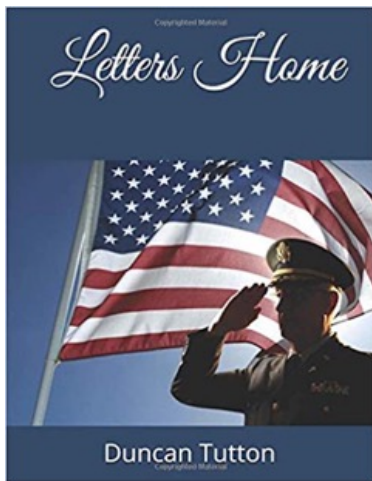
I also wanted to remind everyone about two holiday gatherings for foster kids. The first is December 11, 2018 at Montgomery Community Church from 5 -7. This gathering is for about 75 – 80 kids. There is another party on December 16, 2018 at Peoples Church in Clifton from 4 - 6 for the older group of kids. If possible, please help. You can contact me at [maryjo305@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo305@gmail.com) or my cell phone is 513-305-6647. What we may help doing: help set up, clean up, serve food, and eat family style with the kids.

Thanks! Mary Jo Berry

## Scholarship Thoughts

This is just a reminder to begin thinking of family and friends who have young people planning on attending a university or college. Please encourage them as they make their final choice to think about applying for a Grant-in-Aid from Gamma Phi chapter. More information will be in later newsletters. This is just a gentle nudge to keep the Grant-in-Aid process in mind. Thank you.

Diana Klenk



## Great News!

Cindy Speakman has published a book of her father's letters written home while he was in the Army during World War 2, entitled Letters Home by Duncan Tutton. She got advice from our speaker last spring, Katherine Cox, and help from her friend and speaker from a few years ago, JoAnn Streeter Shade. Cindy and JoAnn are proposing to do a session at the annual convention on self-publishing. The book can be ordered on Amazon for \$10.

## Why Gamma Phi Members SHOULD attend the 2019 Convention

I wrote an article for the Gamma Phi Newsletter several years ago encouraging our members to attend the Alpha Delta State Convention. In that message, I mentioned how enjoyable, I felt, that these conventions were, how they increased my knowledge about DKG as a whole, and how I felt more connected to Alpha Delta State because of the friendships I had made and looked forward to renewing each year.

I truly believe now, as I did then, that these state conventions have much to offer all members from around Ohio and that more ladies need to take advantage of these annual events. I want to encourage members of Gamma Phi to consider the following reasons when making the decision as to whether or not to attend the 2019 convention in April at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus.

First, this is Meier's last convention as Alpha Delta State's president and attending lets everyone know how proud we are of her accomplishment. She has represented Gamma Phi with poise and dedication and our attendance would be a huge "thank you" to her for doing so.

Next, if this isn't Gamma Phi's convention, I do not know which chapter can claim that! Besides Meier, our chapter provides the state treasurer, a member of the state Nomination's committee, the Convention Chair, the Convention Registrar, the Convention editor, and I could go on and on about our members who are working behind the scenes. We need to be visible and not just names in a booklet.

Finally - and I mentioned this at our November chapter meeting - the chapter that has the highest *percentage* (not number of attendees) of members at the Convention is acknowledged at the Banquet Saturday night and the chapter's name is then put on a state plaque which the winning chapter keeps until the next convention. Jane Houser stated at the November meeting that Gamma Phi was "so close" to winning it last year. Let's not be second again!

We are the chapter that will make this a winning convention! Let's win the attendance award as well. Please attend the 2019 Alpha Delta State Convention in April if at all possible. You will not regret it.

Karyn Kern-Lazear

**December 2018  
Feature Member  
Dr. Stephanie Morton**



Stephanie Morton was born and raised in York, South Carolina. She is the fourth of five children, three brothers and one sister. She attended Jefferson Elementary school until the sixth grade. In 1968 her street was selected to integrate York Elementary school. I guess you can say, she played a part of the civil rights era. That was the most difficult year of her educational life, but taught her the importance of a good education.

She attended North Carolina Central University, in Durham, North Carolina, and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She was awarded a full scholarship to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio graduating with a Master's Degree in Education in 1980.

She accepted a job as a middle school teacher with the Cincinnati Public Schools district. After working for a few years, she realized that she wanted to move into education administration. She began to take courses at Xavier University and eventually earned her elementary and secondary administrator certifications. She was married in 1984 and has two lovely adult daughters.

Stephanie then applied and was awarded a full scholarship into a doctoral program at the University Of Cincinnati. She again took classes as she worked and earned her Doctor of Education degree in 1986.

She has spent 36 years with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. She retired from CPS in 2013 and accepted a position as superintendent of the Cincinnati State STEM Academy charter school for two and a half years.

After taking six months off, she decided to again work for CPS as a sub administrator. Filling in for administrators as they are off for medical leave is never dull as she learns how different schools operate in different ways. She is learning so much and also has the flexibility to travel in between her assignments.

She has been very active in Crossroads Church, a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority since 1980, a member of Nia Book Club, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She enjoys traveling, reading, bike riding and learning new things.

Maybe in the next few years she will stop working all together. Right now she is in her 38<sup>th</sup> year and still enjoying the thrill she feels when she is able to help a child learn! She is thoroughly enjoying life.