

# GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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## A Few Snapshots from our November Meeting



## Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

January 11  
Springdale  
Recreation Center  
Judy Bohn  
SPCA

February 8  
LaRosa's Stone Creek  
Miranda McGee  
Cincinnati Shakespeare  
Company

March 20-22  
DKG/Ohio State Convention  
Embassy Suites Dublin  
Columbus

## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Meier Bauer December 16
- Diana Haskell December 20

# COME JOIN US AT THE FOSTER CARE HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 10th!!

(See Flyer Below)

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING SOCKS FOR THE KIDS, ALL KINDS AND SIZES!!

PLEASE CONTACT – for SOCKS:

MARY JO BERRY 513-305-6647 maryjo305@gmail.com OR

JULIE SCHMIDT 513-284-4553 jschmidt@vikingmail.org

*You are invited to the Hamilton County Adoption and Foster care Holiday Party. We look forward to seeing you.*



Food

Giveaways

Gift cards!

Games

Crafts



*Please enter the party at the side of the building. Walk down the staircase, to enter the banquet room. You will be greeted by staff.*



*Xavier University Cintas Center  
1624 Herald Avenue  
Cincinnati Ohio 45207  
December 10, 2019 5p-7p*



*Please let your worker know if you want to attend by 12-6-2019*

## Buckeye Cherry 2019-2020 Membership Challenge

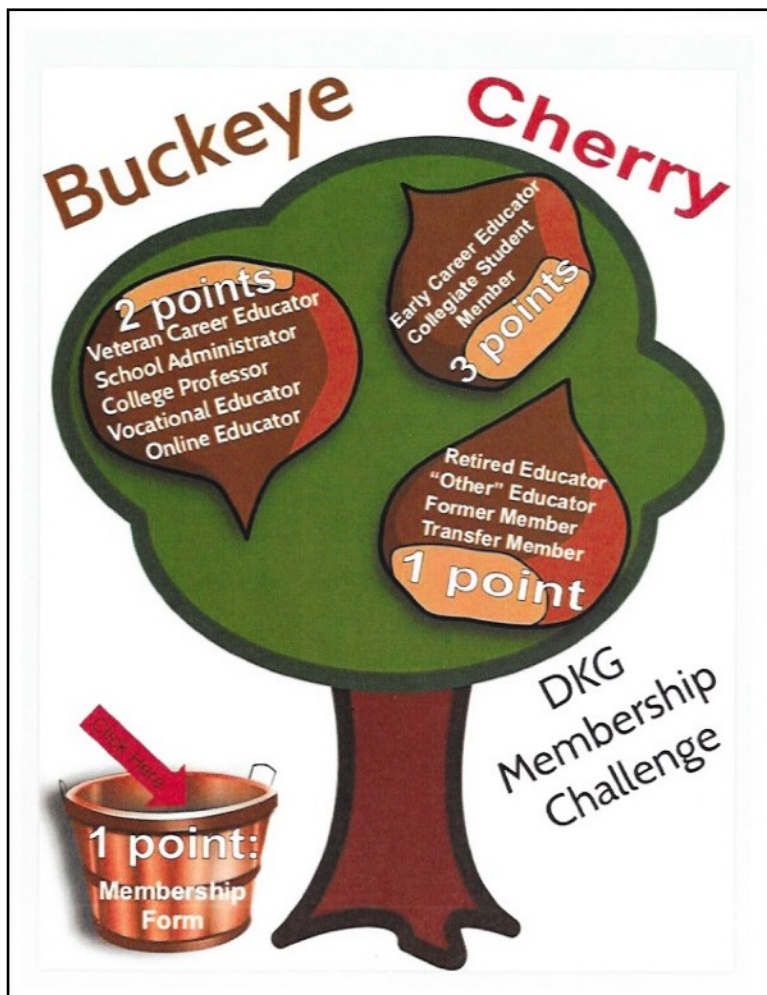
Our state organization is challenging all Ohio DKG chapters to make use of the 3 R's of membership -

1. Retain current chapter membership;
2. Recruit new members utilizing the DKG membership recruitment plan; and
3. Reinstate former chapter members.

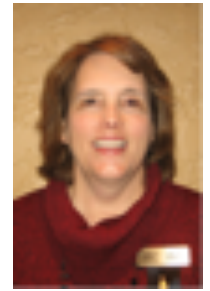
The new Buckeye Cherry Membership Challenge competition officially started on September 1st, 2019 and will end on September 1st, 2020.

Be on the lookout for friends and coworkers who would be great candidates for membership and invite them to come to one of our meetings as a guest. Great programs, opportunities for scholarships and grants, and lifelong friendships are among the many reasons we have such a wonderful organization.

Gail Adams-Arnold



## December 2019 Feature Member Helen Romes



I had always dreamed of being a teacher since I was in first grade. However, when I took the high school aptitude test the results stated that I should go into business. When it came time to mark my career choice on the SAT, I chose education. I know I have made the right choice, as I am in my 43<sup>rd</sup> year of being an educator. (Where has the time gone?)

I was born in Miami, Florida, but grew up in College Hill, attending St. Clare and McAuley High School (now Mercy-McAuley.) I attended Xavier University where I earned my teaching degree. At XU, I also met my husband Tom in a Japanese History class! I have my master's degree from Wright State and took additional course work from XU to earn an administrative license.

My first job was at St. Clement School in St. Bernard as a second-grade teacher. I still remember going into my empty classroom saying "Now what do I do?" I guess I figured it out because I taught at that level for 16 years. Another school merged into ours, so with the encouragement of the principal, I moved to junior high teaching 6-8 grade Math, Religion, and Language Arts. One thing I really enjoyed doing at St. Clement was the annual school musical in which I was co-director.

Four years later, I was asked to become principal of St. Clement which I did for three years. I really missed the classroom and

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## Why Gamma Phi Members Should Continue to Attend the OSO State Convention

As I have done twice in the past, I have written articles to encourage Gamma Phi Members to attend the annual state convention. Last year we had a vested interest in the convention.

As you will remember, it was Meier's last convention as State President, Sue Eades was the Convention chairperson, Jane Houser was the Registrar, and others of us served as a state officer or on a state committee. Gamma Phi was acknowledged for their work and attendance by being the chapter with the highest percentage of members attending and was given the plaque in honor of this achievement.

This year, Gamma Phi is not as actively involved in the convention work, but that does not mean our chapter should not be well represented again this year. I could continue to remind everyone of the many benefits in going, with the most important aspect being feeling more connected to OSO (Ohio State Organization), and to the women who are members from around the state.

The convention will be in Dublin (on the western side of Columbus), from March 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and specific information will be in the January issue of THE VOICE. These dates are reserved in my calendar and I have made reservations for my room. I hope to see many of you there with me. I know you will enjoy the experience.

Karyn Kern-Lazear

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returned to teaching at St. Bartholomew, now John Paul II. I have been teaching sixth grade, currently Social Studies, Religion, and Language Arts, for twenty years at JPII. I was selected in 2007 as Teacher of the Year at St. Bart's and was a candidate for the national teacher of the year. I currently am the moderator for the Bible Bowl team, a member of the yearbook committee, the representative for LPDC (licensing of teachers) for our school, a mentor for a Resident Educator, and a member of the Crisis Team.

Cindy Speakman asked me in 2010 if I would like to join DKG, and I thought it would be a good opportunity to meet other teachers. I have enjoyed meeting such talented educators and learned of their experiences.

My husband and I live in Fairfield Township with our dog Grizzly. We have a daughter Liz who lives in Hyde Park. I am a Xavier Musketeer basketball fan and attend most games. I'm also a Notre Dame football fan. I enjoy cooking and baking, gardening, and during the summer-reading. (I just don't have the time during the school year!) Since I teach Social Studies, I like to go to historical places and visit museums. I also enjoy going to the beach and just relaxing.

Though education has changed a lot since I began, I still enjoy experiencing those Ah-ha moments and that is what made me decide to be a teacher and continue to be one.