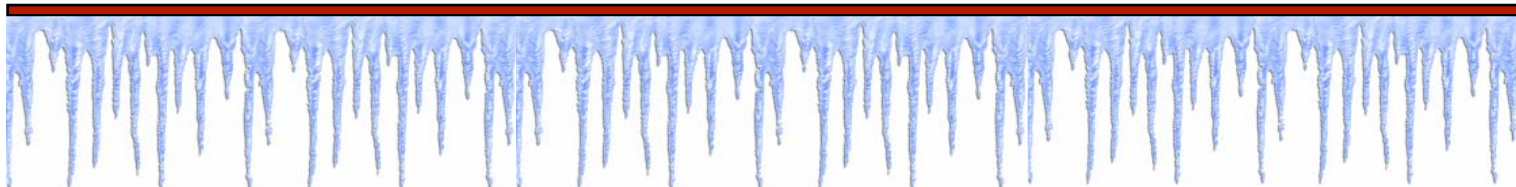


# GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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## A "Past Programs" Update

A few years ago, I introduced Roger Grein, founder of Magnified Giving, who spoke to us at a DKG meeting (it was at the Firehouse Grill, I think). Because I wrote him a thank you note following the meeting, I am now on the Magnified Giving mailing list.

You may remember that Magnified Giving is an organization that teaches young people about philanthropy. Many schools in Greater Cincinnati now participate in the philanthropy education provided by Magnified Giving. Adults, organizations and foundations contribute to Magnified Giving and the various school groups decide on the awarding of grants from the fund after they research non-profit organizations in our area.

This year, 6 different school groups (All Saints Middle School, the GIVE program, Good Shepherd Montessori Middle School, Indian Hill High School, Moeller High School, Springer Middle School) independently chose La Soupe (our May, 2018 program) to be the recipient of their Magnified Giving grant. "Normally, most non-profits receive one grant from one school during this program, but La Soupe won a total of 6 grants from 6 different schools, totaling \$7,185.

"This money will go towards purchasing the containers that the food goes out in and will sponsor approximately 20,000 healthy meals for our food insecure neighbors." (Magnified Giving Year-End Report)

When I read this, I thought it interesting that two of our recent DKG programs came to be linked in this way.

~ Diane Heilmann

## Upcoming Fall & Winter Dates And Deadlines

February 9th  
February Membership Meeting  
Springdale Recreation Center  
SCPA Music Program-Harpists

March 9th  
LaRosa's on Boudinot Ave  
Presentation on Chocolate & Ice Cream

April 5-7th  
State Convention  
Be watching for registration information to come out soon!!!

## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Cindy Speakman  
February 27

## “It’s SO Cincinnati”

**16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Seminar will be here  
June 18-20<sup>th</sup>**



The Biennial Seminar will be in Cincinnati this year. The last time it was held here was in June, 2009, as the final chapter to Mary Jane Kaufman’s presidency. Meier and I were on the planning committee for that event, and I have not missed a Biennial Seminar since attending that one 10 years ago.

Why, you might ask, am I planning on attending this one again being held here. It is great fun to see our city through the eyes of visitors and to go to the places I mean to get to, but often do not.

But more importantly, attending the seminar is the best way to get to know other DKG members from throughout the state – there are no meetings – just the opportunity to be together, laugh and eat together, and share experiences. The friends I made during my first seminar are the women who I look forward to seeing at the Convention each year and other state-wide meetings.

The itinerary and registration form are on the Alpha Delta State web page. The cost is \$150.00 (add a little more if you choose to go through PayPal). This includes transportation to the various sites, tours, and meals at the hosting hotel – Embassy Suites in Blue Ash.

I have mailed in my registration and have reserved 2 rooms at the hotel. Each room will sleep 3 (Katie Gantz is my “roomy” so far), so there is room for others to join us. Please consider doing so. I know this event will be “SO FUN” and I am looking forward to it.

Karyn Kern-Lazear

## A Scholarship Reminder

Students of family and friends need to consider applying for Gamma Phi chapter's Grant-in-aid. The application guidelines are listed below. Feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions.

Thank you.  
Diana Klenk  
(513) 591-0414  
jdklenk@fuse.net

### **Gamma Phi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma Guidelines for Submitting a Letter for Grant-in-Aid:**

**Please submit information in letter form to the Scholarship Committee by no later than March 1st.**

Mail to: Diana Klenk, 6043 Pawnee Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 452224  
or send by email to: Jdklenk@fuse.net

#### **Personal Data to be included by applicant:**

- Name of Applicant:
- Phone:
- Address:
- E-mail address:
- Education:
- Name of University/College you plan to attend or are currently attending.
- Future Plans:  
Please give a summary of your plans for advanced study and how you plan to use the Grant-in-Aid money.
- Achievements:  
Explain the extra-curricular activities in which you have participated.
- Educational Honors Received:
- Volunteer Activities or Community Outreach Involvement:
- Any other information to share with the Scholarship Committee:



## January 2019 Feature Member

### Carol Ladrigan

When asked to write about my life I didn't know where to start. So, I'll start with the here and now! I retired in 2011 and I'm loving it!! I will say, though, that it hasn't quite turned out like I expected, but ...that's life. My husband Denny was diagnosed with a long-term illness, pulmonary arterial hypertension, in 2008. He retired in 2009. We had a few years to enjoy his dream retirement in Ft. Myers, Florida, before he died in February 2016. Little did I realize that life had more changes for me when my second oldest sister died in

December 2016. Then my oldest sister died in April 2017. Now the last of my siblings was diagnosed with brain cancer in November 2018. Please say a prayer for his remission.

I say all this because life often doesn't go as expected. I realize that friendships are so important in life. I am so glad that I have DKG to be a constant in my life. I love the principles of the organization. I've met such wonderful people. I enjoy the meetings and speakers and the opportunities to volunteer and learn. I thank MaryAnn Adrick for introducing me to the group. MaryAnn and I go back a long way since I was her daughter's third grade teacher and then worked with MaryAnn in Madeira.

So how did I get here? I was born in Ravenna, OH. My family moved to Maple Heights (suburb of Cleveland) where I lived till I moved to Cincinnati in 1972. I graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH, and got my first teaching position in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with the Cincinnati Public Schools. I met my husband when he was managing the apartment where I moved. We were married 43 years before he passed. We lived in Withamsville, OH, till we purchased our forever home in Madeira. We had a son born in 1984 and adopted our daughter Kristina in 1988. Michael moved to Denver, CO, in 2012. Kristina is a single parent who lives in Loveland with my only grandchild, Kylie. It is wonderful having them nearby.

I taught in Madeira City Schools till I retired after 30 years of teaching. I had taught several different positions... 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> language arts and math, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and computers. I laugh because I got my job in computers to teach keyboarding!! I had the luxury of being a stay-home mom while my kids were young. I then became involved with several groups and volunteering. For several years I co-chaired the Madeira night at the WCET Action Auction! I joined my sorority alumnae chapter and held several offices. I joined Kindervelt #2 and worked with many of their activities. I volunteered at the elementary school I had worked at in Madeira. I volunteered in the new computer lab, which was my introduction to computers. See how things play out in life!

And now I'm back at the beginning...being happily retired and getting used to my new single life. I am lucky to have good friends to share my life with now. Life is good!