

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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We Are Now Decluttered & Organized!!



Our members received lots of helpful decluttering and organization tips from our January guest speaker, Kelly Moore.

Those wishing to get more information about Kelly's services are encouraged to check out her website:
www.room4life.com



As always, Gamma Phi Chapter had a great time catching up via ZOOM! What a good looking, cheery group of ladies!



We are already looking forward to "ZOOMing" again at our next meeting on February 13th!

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

February 13

In the Trenches- Teaching During COVID

Our members share their own experiences in the classroom
10:30 AM
ZOOM

March 13

Planning Spring Gardens with Local Plants

Doug Stevenson
10:30 AM
ZOOM

April 9-11

DKG/Ohio State Convention
Location and Format to be announced soon.

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Cindy Speakman February 27



February Feature Member

Susan Taylor



Hello. My name is Susan Taylor. I live in Harrison, Ohio with my husband Bill and my daughter Kaitlin. We are all Miami alumni who love Miami hockey. I have a B.S. in Education, and a Master's degree in Reading and Supervision from Miami. My husband has a B.S. degree in Physical Geography, and an Associates degree in Computer Science from Miami, and a Masters in

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Gamma Phi Scholarship Update

Your chapter scholarship committee is working for **you!**

The 2020 – 2022 goal of the committee is to provide financial support to chapter members participating in activities that expand both professional and personal knowledge. The intent of the goal is to provide scholarship fund access to the 20% of our chapter membership who are working in educational settings as well as the remaining 80% of our members who have retired from educational settings.

A scholarship application form is being developed to make it easy for you to apply for financial assistance when a professional or personal learning opportunity arises. We are also developing award selection criteria and a fundraising plan to support and sustain the scholarship fund.

Judy Rosene is the only member to apply for and receive a Gamma Phi Scholarship. Her award was presented in 1992! Since that award, 26 grant-in-aid awards were made to relatives of members. Four (4) additional grant-in-aid awards were made to individuals not related to members, but based on recommendation of members.

A note of appreciation to **Diana Klenk**, past scholarship committee chairman, for her leadership and for sending the history of the selection process, awards presented and informative committee notes. A second shout out to **Katie Gantz** for sharing her knowledge of Google Forms so that the committee may develop an accessible and easy to use scholarship application. Sincere gratitude to members of the committee **Nancy Arulf, Jo-Anne Prendeville, Judy Rosene, Katrinka Stone and Susan Taylor** for their willingness to serve.



Diana Haskell,
Scholarship Committee Chairman

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Business from UC. I taught second grade in the Southwest Local School District for 39 years before retiring in 2012.

I joined DKG in 1997 through Karyn Lazear who I met through her work in my school district as our Speech Therapist. Since my induction into DKG I have had the honor to work as a substitute recording secretary, Membership Chair, Research Coordinator and a member of the Communication and nomination committees. I am currently a member of the scholarship committee. One of my favorite jobs for DKG was collecting items from our members and taking them to Glad House for their after school students to use. I love being a member of DKG because of the fellowship and getting to know the members, the districts they work or worked for and their professions.

Along with my husband we have enjoyed volunteering for many different organizations. We have been Boat Ambassadors for Tall Stacks in the past, and each June we work in the hospitality tent for vintage car owners who participate at the Concourse d' Elegance in Ault Park. The event raises money for The Childhood Arthritis Foundation. We have served on the Miami Alumni Reunion Weekend Committee for our Class of 1973, and for the last ten years Bill and I have served on the Blue Line Club Board of Miami University's men's hockey team. Board members plan events and raise money to help buy equipment for the team or help with other needs. Each October the board members prepare a homemade Thanksgiving dinner for the team. It's always fun to watch the guys eat if they aren't on a low carb diet.

My small claim to fame along with my husband is taking part of an event which is in the Guinness World Book of Records. We helped set the world record with other Miami Merger couples for simultaneously renewing our wedding vows during Miami's Alumni Bicentennial Celebration in 2009. 1087 couples participated in this event.

However my volunteering had to take a pause in 2015 when my mother had a stroke and I became her full time caretaker. It was hard at first giving up everything and going almost no where, but I could not have accomplished it without the help and support of my husband. It was the last gift of love I could give my mom and I don't regret it.

If you ask me what my interests or hobbies are I would have to say collecting cookbooks, my husband is a really good cook, children's books , especially books by Tasha Tudor, and vintage purses such Dooney and Bourke and Coach which I find at Good Will .

Lastly, another thing that makes me happy is getting together with a group of people called the Silver Bowl Group: Karyn and Joe Lazear, Doug and Diana Haskell, and Meier Bauer, and the memory of her late husband Jack, who is always with us in spirit come together when we can to celebrate good food, good people and good conversation which makes good memories.



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

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