

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Foster Kids Holiday Party

Travina planned a GREAT event!!



Peggy also provided the supplies for our snowman craft.

The kids enjoyed the gifts, entertainment, crafts and food and had a wonderful time. A special shout out to all who donated socks for the kids, we had a nice selection.

Mary Jo Berry



I want to thank Helen Romes, Julie Schmidt, Peggy Cochran & Katie Gantz for their help at the party.



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:

- Helen Romes January 15
- Nancy Arulf January 29

**January 2020
Feature Member
Karyn
Kern Lazear**



It is hard to believe that I have spent all but four years of my life in southwest Ohio.

I was born in Middletown and spent all of my school years in the Middletown City Schools. I attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia where I studied Speech Pathology. I went to Speech Therapy during my elementary years and that experience is what led me to this field. At that time in West Virginia (the early 70's), there were very few school therapists so for my student teaching assignment (three half days a week), I had no supervising teacher. I was given a building, told to screen referred students, set-up a schedule, and provide services. My university supervisor visited twice during the semester. I will say, however, that it did prepare me for my first job for Clermont Northeastern School District where I was the only SLP. Marshall is also where I met Joe, my husband, and created many memories that are still fresh in my mind including the airplane crash that killed the Marshall's football team and supporters in November, 1970.

Joe and I settled in Cincinnati since we both found employment before our wedding in August, 1972. We started our careers in the school setting (Joe was a special education teacher), and never had a desire to change professions. During the next years, we both earned Master's degrees from Miami University, had two sons (Noah and Evan), as well as two grandchildren (Eli and Claire). Those years went by quickly and after 35 years, Joe retired from Princeton City Schools and I retired from the Hamilton County Educational Service Center. I then worked for Finneytown Local School District for five more years. Younger teachers could not believe that we had worked that long; what can I say – we LOVED our jobs.

Outside of my professional life, I have been and still am active in other organizations. I was President of a PTA, President of

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Gamma Phi Chapter Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee will soon begin to work on reaching out to university students in education and invite them to join our chapter which can now happen with the rule changes in our organization.

These students will be encouraged to come to meetings and be as active as their schedules permit. They can then apply for a grant-in-aid so we can support their educational endeavors. After graduation, if their teaching position is nearby, we hope they will continue to be active in our chapter.

Since we will not be giving a Grant-in-Aid this year, we are encouraging our own members to apply for a scholarship so we can support your educational efforts or professional development.

Please consider this opportunity. Request an application from Diana Klenk, Jdklenk@fuse.net. We hope to see quite a few applications submitted by the end of March!

Diana Klenk
Committee Chair



Gamma Phi Chapter Website

Ladies,

Please remember to check out all the great member photos on our chapter website on a regular basis.

gammaphiohio.weebly.com

New pictures are added after most meetings and events!

Carol Ladrigan



Welcome to our newest member Barbara Evers!



Barb was born in Lima, Ohio and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. She is married and has one child who is currently attending the University of Dayton in their Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

She has taught for 34 years (the last 31 years have been with Princeton City Schools) and is currently teaching 4th grade at Heritage Hill Elementary.

Please add Barb's contact information to your chapter handbooks:
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the Hamilton County Education Association, and most recently, President of the Sisterhood at Northern Hills Synagogue. I am also a member of the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati, as are several other members of Gamma Phi, and am currently serving as the Parliamentarian. I joined Gamma Phi in 1995 (Diana Klenk was president), and have held most of the offices except for Treasurer (that is a NO thank you). At the state level, I have been on the World Fellowship Committee, the Membership Committee, the Liaison for the U.S. Forum, and the Nominating Committee. In March of 2019, I was elected to the Alpha Delta State Educational Foundation and am the chair of the Governance Committee. I have attended most of the State Conventions since the late 1990's, been to Northeast and Southeast Regional meetings, and attended the International convention when it was in Indianapolis in 2014.

As you can see, Gamma Phi and the Ohio State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International have been a large part of my life. I am thankful for the friends and opportunities to serve that these two organizations, as well as all of the other groups in which I have been involved, have provided to me.