

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

September 12

2018-2020 Biennium Wrap Up
Installation of 2020-2022 Executive Board
Initiation of New Members
Location TBD

October 17

Speaker- Dauna Easley
Annual Joint Chapter Luncheon
Pebble Creek Golf Course Event Center

Watch for additional upcoming chapter meeting dates to be announced in the Gamma Phi Gazette this summer!

Thank You!



This is my last newsletter as your chapter president. It's hard to believe that it has already been two years since I took possession of "the gavel". Throughout the 2018-2020 biennium our members' hard work has paid off with many wonderful programs, productive business meetings, successful fundraising for our scholarship fund, delicious lunches, new friends and great memories from 2019 state convention. I want to commend all our members and especially our executive board for all you have accomplished.

Sadly, the biennium has come to a close on a rough note due to the arrival of COVID-19. The last few months have been a trying time for everyone across the globe. We have all had to overcome physical, mental, and technological hurdles every stretch of the way. We should be proud of what we have accomplished and, as we slowly emerge from our cocoons, we need to move forward with renewed energy. We can be stronger than ever if we embrace what we have learned!

Thank you for allowing me the honor of representing Gamma Phi as your chapter president. It has been a pleasure.

Katie

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Jo Anne Jones June 2
- Judy Rosene June 2
- Diane Heilmann June 7
- Susie Spafford June 11
- Jane Orth June 20



2020-2022 Chapter Committees

We are proud to announce our committees for the 2020-2022 biennium.



Educational Excellence/Programs - Cindy Speakman (Chair)

- Members: Sue Eades, Katie Gantz, Stephanie Morton, Sherry Randall, Marlene Williams

Personal Growth - Diane Heilmann (Chair)

- Members: Susie Spafford, Sherry Randall

Membership - Gail Adams-Arnold (Chair)

- Members: Meier Bauer, Barb Evers, Katie Gantz, Artis Martin
- Initiation/Induction: Elizabeth Midkiff (Chair), Diana Haskell
- Chapter Historian: Carol Ladrigan

Professional Affairs/Research - Mary Jo Berry (Chair)

- Members: Mary Ann Adrick, Meier Bauer, Heather Campbell-Lieberman, Julie Schmidt
- Scholarship: Diana Haskell (Chair), Members: Nancy Arulf, Diana Haskell, Jo-Anne Prendeville, Judy Rosene, Katrinka Stone, and Susan Taylor
- Legislative: Diana Klenk (Chair)
- Audit: Katrinka Stone (Chair), Margaret Murph (Treasurer), Carol Ladrigan

Chapter Communication

- Recording Secretary: Carolyn Lamping
- Members: Sherrie Foster

Public Communication

- Corresponding Secretary: Linda Ausman
- Email and Website: Carol Ladrigan

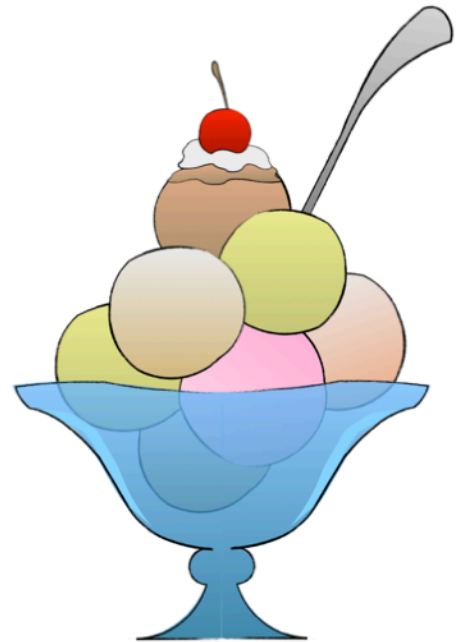
Finance - Jane Houser (Chair)

- Members: Margaret Murph (Treasurer), Nancy Arulf, Peggy Cochran, Kathie Walmsley

Nominations - Katie Gantz (Chair - Past President)

Parliamentarian - Karyn Kern Lazear

Teacher Appreciation for a Job Well Done!



Our Gamma Phi teachers' job isn't done when that bell rings at the end of the day. They go home to think about the next day's lessons, they review papers, and they tailor lesson plans to get everyone excited about the day. All while managing their own lives in between.

During this pandemic, it's been even harder because they are teaching from a distance. What a challenge!

Gamma Phi wanted to thank our members who are still teaching for all of their hard work, so we thought sending each of them a \$5 Graeter's Gift Card for a delicious scoop of ice cream would "do the trick!"

Enjoy and have a safe summer!
Your Gamma Phi Sisters

March 2019 Feature Member Katrinka Stone



After graduating from Fairfield High School in 1974, my parents and I discussed what I should do next. My father had some “old world” opinions of women and felt that college was not necessary for me because I “would get married and have children”. However, my mother insisted that I go to college so that I would not have to depend upon a husband to have income. So then the discussion revolved around where I would go. Since I was a “sheltered” only child, the only choices available to me were local. I attended the Hamilton campus of Miami University for two years and then commuted to the main campus in Oxford for 2 1/2 years so that I could take classes in my chosen major which was speech-language pathology. I graduated in December 1978 with a B.S. in Speech-Language Pathology. However, an auto accident which resulted in the hospitalization of both myself and my mother delayed my search for a job until the summer of 1978. I accepted a position as a speech-language pathologist in Covington, Ohio. My father passed away that summer, so I came home most weekends to be with my mom.

I enjoyed my first year working for a small school district which had one elementary, one junior high, and one high school. Unfortunately, the school district did not renew the contracts for any of the new staff, so I decided to move back to Fairfield and begin working on my Master's degree. I graduated from Miami University with a M.S. in speech-language pathology in 1981. I was hired by Hamilton County Educational Service Center in 1981 and began my career in the Southwest Local School District. I was transferred to Northwest Local and worked in both parochial and public schools. I worked at St. Ignatius school where I met Martha Steigerwald who was the reading specialist there. We shared a van which we had to set up off of school grounds every day. We shared many students so we often discussed common issues and discussed possible interventions. Martha invited me to join the Gamma Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 2002. I was pleased to be a part of a chapter which had many other speech-language pathologists including Meier Bauer, Karyn Kern-Lazear, Cindy Speakman.

I retired from Hamilton County Educational Service Center in 2001 after 30 years. I sometimes work as a substitute for HCESC and Butler County Educational Service Center. I also enjoy volunteering at Mercy Hospital, Shared Harvest Foodbank, and United Way. I serve as a board member of the Lindenwald Kiwanis club of Hamilton & Fairfield. I also am a board member and email coordinator for the Fairfield Women's Club and assist with their annual Charity Auction. I am a 50 year member of the National Grange, a family fraternal organization dedicated to improving families and agriculture. I am involved with Covenant Community Church in Fairfield. My husband Darrell and I reside in Fairfield with our 13 year terrier mix dog, Java.

My membership in the Gamma Phi chapter has provided many opportunities for fellowship with many amazing women educators, attend national and state conventions, hear inspiring speakers, and participate in meaningful projects.



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

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