



GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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President's Message

It is hard to believe that March is already here. After the cold and snow of the last few weeks, these warm days are definitely a sign that spring is coming soon. Even our March meeting is about spring planting.

March is also the beginning of breakout sessions for the 2021 "Virtually Yours" State Convention. You are receiving weekly blurbs from the state along with our chapter's extra editions about the convention.

There are a variety of topics to choose from, so please consider attending as many that interest you. Remember that all sessions are free, no traveling, and you can be in the comfort of your own home (wearing comfy clothes!)

For each member attending any session, attendance will be taken. The chapter with the overall highest attendance for all sessions, the April 9 and 10 convention meetings, and the April 18 ADOSEF meeting, will receive recognition at the fall state meeting and their chapter's name engraved on the state plaque. In 2019, Gamma Phi chapter had the most attendance at the state convention. Let's continue our support of the state convention!

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. Hope to see you at some Zoom sessions and our meeting on March 13.

Take care,
Helen

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

March 13

Planning Spring Gardens
with Local Plants
Doug Stevenson
10:30 AM
ZOOM

April 9-10

DKG/Ohio State Convention
ZOOM

Remember to register in advance for all breakout and meeting sessions! Watch for periodic email blasts including important registration links.

May 8

Specifics coming soon!

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Mary Jo Berry March 4
- Marlene Williams March 12
- Mary Ann Adrick March 16
- Karyn Kern-Lazear March 24
- Margaret Murph March 25

Gamma Phi Scholarship Update

If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade -- Tom Peters, American businessman

Are you currently enrolled in a professional development opportunity or personal growth activity? Scholarship applications will be considered for funding for up to three (3) months **after** completion of a professional development course or personal growth activity.

Are you considering a professional development opportunity or personal growth activity in the spring or summer?

Did you respond, "Yes!" to either of these questions? Consider applying for a Gamma Phi Scholarship. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Complete the single page Gamma Phi Scholarship application by clicking on this link [Gamma Phi Member Scholarship Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)
2. Push the SUBMIT button and you may qualify for financial support!
3. Spring /Summer applications are due May 1, 2020.



Committee members Nancy Arulf, Jo-Anne Prendeville, Judy Rosene, Katrinka Stone and Susan Taylor are eager to hear from YOU!

Diana Haskell, Scholarship Committee Chairman

Dues Reduction For Next Year!



At the February meeting, a motion was made and accepted that we reduce our dues for the 2021-2022 year only to \$55.

Dues will be due by the end of May.

Jane Hauser, Finance Chair

Kinship/Foster Care

At our February meeting we voted to send \$100 to the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati. This local, nonprofit organization sponsors a foster care program called The Kinship/Foster Care Program.

Kinship/Foster Care serves Foster and Kinship families by providing diapers, baby wipes, socks and undergarments for boys and girls ages newborn to 18 who have been evaluated in the Check unit at Children's Hospital Medical Center. 1,278 relatives and close friends who foster children received this assistance since the program's inception in 2017.

Travina Adams, our liaison at Jobs and Family Services, has accepted a new position. Our new liaison has been busy with the pandemic and her new position.

This donation will fulfill our commitment to foster children and foster care during these unusual times.

Mary Jo Berry, Professional Affairs

Convention Signups Have Begun!

The March edition of The Voice, which came out yesterday, included lots of great convention information as well as registration links to meetings and breakout sessions. Please sign up for meetings and sessions which are of interest to you! Keep in mind that PDU's are available for attendees for many of the breakout sessions.

Members are also encouraged to invite a friend to attend. This would be a great way to introduce our organization to potential future chapter members! Note: Guests will not be included in the official chapter attendance totals.

Here is a link to the March edition of The Voice in case you missed it in your email:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8e74e68b401/b0827122-880e-4e8b-b9f1-748bcb05ef14.pdf>

March Feature Member: Diana Klenk

Hi. I am Diana Klenk. I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi chapter since 1988. Member Martha Johnson invited me to join. I was a teaching colleague of her husband. I have served on the Initiation and Scholarship Committees. I was Vice President and President. I am now serving as Legislative Chair.

I grew up in Mt. Healthy, graduating from Mt. Healthy High School and returning to the community to teach at Ethel Frost Elementary for 30 years, 9 years in third grade and 21 in fourth.

I have a BS in education from Bowling Green State University and a Master's degree in reading from Xavier. I have been married to my husband Jay for 48 years. We live in College Hill, but are still active in organizations in Mt. Healthy.

One of my favorite science units I taught in the fourth grade was the rain forest. It was a dream of mine to actually see the Amazon rain forest. In June, 2016 my husband and I went on a small (12 cabins) river boat cruise in the Amazon. The highlight was seeing a pink river dolphin leap out of the water. However, the only sloth we saw was from the boat's deck using binoculars to try to locate a little smudge. So in July, 2018 we went to see the rain forest in Costa Rica. The animals we saw there were amazing! There was a sloth in a tree right behind our bungalow. There were iguanas in the front yard. It was an awesome trip. We are hopeful that we can begin traveling again this summer. We want to start visiting and checking off the states so we can accomplish our goal of going to all 50 states.

I am thankful to be a member of Gamma Phi chapter. I have met wonderful, wonderful friends through this organization.



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

<https://gammaphiohio.weebly.com/index.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2358967190829279>