

# GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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## Upcoming Fall and Winter Dates And Deadlines

November 10th  
November Membership Meeting  
at DeSha's Restaurant

January 12th  
January Membership Meeting  
Springdale Recreation Center

## Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Sue Eades November 18
- Diana Klenk November 21
- Janet Todd November 22

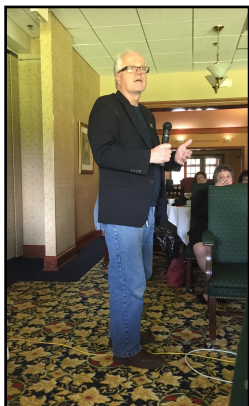
## President's Message

October has been a busy month!

On the 13th, 18 of our members attended Joint Chapter conference at Clovernook Country Club. The speaker, C.F. Payne, a nationally renowned illustrator and caricaturist spoke on the topic of "Art You Won't Find in the Museums". The lunch was delicious and it was fun to connect with ladies from other chapters in Cincinnati.

The following Saturday, several of us traveled to the Alpha Delta State Executive Board Meeting in Columbus to learn about all the exciting new developments at the state and international level. Our chapter is proud to be represented by three members serving at the state level: Meier, our State President, Diana, our State Treasurer, and Karyn who serves on the State Nomination Committee.

We are so fortunate to be members of such a fantastic organization!  
Katie



C.F. Payne  
Joint Chapter  
Meeting Speaker

Beta Nu chapter hosted the lovely event this year!

Joint Chapter  
Meeting Attendees



## State Convention

It isn't too early to start thinking about the 2019 Alpha Delta State Convention. Mark your calendars now for April 5-7, 2019 and be at the Columbus Hilton/ Polaris for 3 days of outstanding speakers and entertainment.

Let's support Meier in her final year as our state president! More information will be coming soon.

Sue Eades, Convention Coordinator  
& Jane Hauser, Convention Registrar



The Alpha Delta State Executive Board Meeting



Columbus Ohio  
October 20th

## Seeking Officers for the 2019-2021 Biennium

Alpha Delta State's Nominations Committee, of which I am a member, has begun accepting nomination forms for officers for the 2019-2021 Biennium. All officers will be elected (President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary), along with five members for the Nominations Committee.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, the application form is on the Alpha Delta State web site as well as our chapter website <https://gammaphiohio.weebly.com/index.html>.

Applications are due by December 1, 2018. After January 1, 2019, a form will be available on the web site for members who are interested in chairing or being a member of a state committee.

These completed forms will be given to the incoming President, and are helpful to her when she is forming the various committees.

Gamma Phi has been consistently represented at the state level for many years, and our goal should be to have that continue!

KarynKern-Lazear

## “It's SO Cincinnati!”

Do you want to learn more about our wonderful city and meet other members from throughout the state? This year's Biennial Seminar, June 18-20, 2019 is for you!

It is a weekend full of great food, entertaining activities and tours of the many Cincinnati sites that make our city so special. What a great way to get to know other members and learn more about our own city at the same time.

Information and the registration form are available on our chapter website.

Come join in the fun!!



## **November 2018 Feature Member**

### **Margaret Murph**

Margaret Shelton Murph was born in Greenville, Georgia but was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. She attended Hartwell Elementary School and graduated from Woodward High School in 1966.

She knew at an early age that she wanted to be an educator. In high school she joined FTA (Future Teachers of America). This organization greatly influenced her decision to follow her dream. She attended the University of Cincinnati in the fall of 1967, majoring in elementary education and graduated in June 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. (Her teaching permit covered Kindergarten through 8th grades). A year later she earned a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. Margaret dedicated over 40 years to teaching. She started her career with Princeton City Schools at Sharonville Elementary School in September 1971. She taught there for two years.

She left in 1973 to join her husband in Nashville, Tennessee. She was hired by Nashville Metropolitan Public Schools. She taught second grade at Brookmeade Elementary School. Her second year there, 1974-1975, she was "Teacher of the Year".

In June, 1975 she returned to Cincinnati where she was employed again with Princeton City Schools. In September, 1975 she began teaching fifth grade at Heritage Hill Elementary School and remained there for 33 years. It was not unusual to see three generations of Heritage Hill families reminiscing with her. Heritage Hill had a very diverse student population, with a wide variety of needs. She was an exemplary educator and a valuable resource for other Heritage Hill staff members. At Heritage Hill she was intermediate team leader for grades 4, 5 and 6, student council advisor (including coordinating a wide variety of service projects fundraisers and student activities). She managed the after school homework club program and worked closely with the PTA. She was a mentor for new staff, including the training of student teachers. She was well liked by her students, parents and colleagues.



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Margaret received many awards plaques and recognition for her commitment to children. She was honored as Princeton City School District “Teacher of the Year” in 2003 for her professionalism and decades of dedication to the students, parents and colleagues. As an educator she has always believed that all children can learn and that they all should be excepted for who they are. Let them know the education is never ending process.

In 2004 she was selected as D.A.R.E. (Drug, Abuse, Resistance, Education) Association of Ohio Educator of the Year. This program was very important to her fifth grade students. It allowed them to get to know a police officer in a positive light, as well as teach them the importance of staying drug-free. This program was fully integrated into her science and health curriculum. In 1989 Margaret, along with her colleague, were selected as two of Cincinnati area’s Exemplary Economic Educators, presented by the Greater Cincinnati Center for Economic Education. Margaret was honored with a very distinguished honor of being named a Jennings scholar for 2005.

She has been a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for key women educators since 1989. She was president from 1996 through 1998. She is currently the chapter treasurer.

Margaret is also very active with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is a member since 1992. She recently became a lifetime member. She works diligently raising money for the A.K.A. scholarship fund by participating in Alzheimer’s Walk-a-thon and the A.K.A. Scholarship Walk-a-thon. She works many hours serving in the different communities with varied activities.

Margaret enjoys reading and has been a member of an NIA Book Club since 2000. They meet once a month to discuss selective readings. It is a fun time!

After retiring in 2008 she began substitute teaching until 2014. She still tutors. She is a member of HCRTA (Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association), an affiliate of Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

Since retirement Margaret has spent her free time helping family members and friends with getting to and from doctor appointments and therapy. She has learned to line dance. She attends Bond Hill, College Hill, and North Avondale Centers two to three times a week. It is not only fun, but exercise too! She also attends a spinning class once a week. She teaches a weight lifting class every Tuesday at Bond Hill Center for seniors. She have been doing this for three years.

She attends the Church of the Resurrection and is a lector. She helps yearly with the “Fish Fry” during Lent. She donates monthly to the food pantry. She supports the church trips and plays, and donates to Jazz on the Lawn.

Margaret was married to the late Dr. Ronald Murph, (the love of her life) for 39 years. She has two sons: Dr. Ronald Murph Williams (Jackie) of Dallas Texas and Ryan Murph of New York. She has six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She loves her family.