

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Membership Recruitment and Initiative

The membership committee would like to remind all to bring a bag of candy to the Joint Chapters meeting in October to give to Gail.

To keep things simple, if you will email Gail (gaarnold7@gmail.com) the name of the School District and the School Name, the committee will coordinate the bowls of candy along with the letter to the Principal, brochures, and the member invitation letter.

Thank you for your assistance.
Gail Adams-Arnold

Upcoming Fall 2018 Dates And Deadlines

October 13th Joint Chapter Meeting
at Clovernook Country Club

November 10th

November Membership Meeting

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Peggy Cochran October 18
- Elizabeth Midkiff October 29

The Gift of Membership

The leaves will begin to fall very soon, a sign of autumn and winter quickly approaching. With the change of season, we must take time to think about valued friends and acquaintances, both old and new, who have influenced our lives.

Last week we lost a beloved member of our chapter, Wanda McCollum. Many of us fondly remember the many fun “potluck themed” September meetings she hosted over the years. She was always eager to take on new challenges and greatly enjoyed her involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma. At her funeral, her family shared that her favorite flower was the red rose!

We will also miss several members who have decided not to renew this year due to significant changes in their lives. We wish them well in the future and hope that at some time, they will consider reinstating their memberships.

With these empty spaces in our DKG family, we need to join together to grow once again. Now is the time to step up to the plate to recruit outstanding new members who will both enhance and benefit from our wonderful organization! Please consider inviting an educator to our November meeting at DeSha’s. We have a fantastic speaker coming to talk about STRS, a short business meeting, and we always have great fun catching up with one another during lunch.

The “Pass on the Gift of Membership” challenge deadline is coming up on February 1st. Let’s work together to make sure our chapter is recognized at the State Convention for our successful recruitment of new members!

Katie

Why have a Gamma Phi Chapter website?

In our hectic lives we are inundated with emails from everyone and everything. We hope that by using our Gamma Phi web site for newsletters and meeting dates you'll never have to look for emails or waste paper on printing. All meeting dates and flyers can be found on our web site. You can also see a copy of the monthly newsletter Katie is emailing to everyone.

You can search for our Gamma Phi chapter or bookmark this web address:

<https://gammaphiohio.weebly.com>

If you search, you should search **Delta Kappa Gamma Ohio**. That link will take you to a listing of all the chapters in Ohio that have web pages.

We would also like to add more pictures to our website. This will be our living scrapbook to highlight events. As historian, I will add these pictures to our Google Drive and save for our history. If you have a chance to take pictures at meetings and events, please pass them on to me. It would be nice to see history in the making as the year goes on!

So, save our trees and save time getting on your email and searching! Go straight to our web page! See you there.....

Carol Ladrigan



Wanda McCollum



August 26, 1933-
September 17, 2018

Initiated into Gamma Phi
Chapter in 1969



School Supplies Thank You Letter

Good morning Delta Kappa Gamma,

I hope you all are having a wonderful week! On behalf of Hamilton County Children Services (YAB), and HEMI I just wanted to say thank you again for another donation of school supplies for our foster youth after our Sept 8th presentation. I shared the feedback you all gave to my Director Rayma Waters; she is so appreciative and thankful for Delta Kappa Gamma's support of Hamilton County foster youth and HEMI. We are all looking forward to future collaborations with Delta Kappa Gamma but are extremely thankful for the amount of support you all have shown thus far!! I have included an email below from one of the county workers to show that kind of impact you all are having on our youth.

Thank you again,
Orville

From: SUTTOS02@jfs.hamilton-co.org
[<mailto:SUTTOS02@jfs.hamilton-co.org>]

Subject: RE: School supplies and book bags

Thank-you so very much to both of you!!! I so appreciate both of you going out of your way for these children, this means more to the children than you know!!!

Stacy Sutton

Orville McDonald, MHA
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October 2018
Feature Member
Elizabeth Schain Midkiff



Upon graduating from University of Cincinnati in 1981 with a degree in Elementary Education, I married Mark D. Midkiff and started teaching at Northwest School District. There I taught first grade and Kindergarten at Taylor Elementary School for several years before starting a family and deciding to stay at home to raise them. During my leave from education, I had 3 children and the opportunity to live in Europe for 3 years because of my husband's job. I filled my days with my children's activities, volunteering at their schools and local youth organizations.

Life seemed good and long term plans were made to return to Europe until one day our family life was turned upside down with the unexpected news that my husband had cancer. 18 months later I found myself a widow with 3 school aged children. Once my youngest reached high school and my 2 older ones were in college, I returned to teaching. After completing several long term sub positions at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy and Princeton School District, I accepted a full time position as a third grade teacher with Princeton and then was moved to fourth grade in the same school Heritage Hill Elementary. It was here where my path and Julie Schmidt's path crossed. She introduced me to DKG and the wonder ladies I have met thus far.

I currently live in the Village of Glendale and with my children all grown and on their own, I spend my time enjoying my 2 grandkids, my 3 dogs, and a few very close friendships. During the summer months you will find me enjoying the tranquillity of my backyard as I read pool side soaking up the sun rays, and when the seasons change I move indoors and love to create anything from art, to jewelry, to crocheting and sewing.

Favorite Saying: "Treasure Today For Tomorrow It Will Be A Memory"