

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

October 17

Cindy Speakman is hard at work planning our upcoming fun ZOOM Book Share activity evening.

Watch for the meeting link coming to your inbox soon!

November 12

The meeting has been changed to ZOOM based on member feedback. More information regarding program specifics will be forwarded soon.

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Peggy Cochran
October 18
- Elizabeth Midkiff
October 29

President's Message

With the cooler weather and the changing of the leaves, it definitely feels like autumn. Even with all that is happening around us, the changing of the seasons keep us moving forward. I hope you will be taking time to enjoy the beauty of fall.

As October begins, the school year is starting to get its rhythm. But there are still many challenges with the various ways of teaching-totally remote, a hybrid of remote and in-class, and in-class with some students still remote. Please keep all the teachers you know-family members and friends in your thoughts. Give them your encouragement and support.

Recently, an instructional coordinator forwarded our faculty a blog called "Why Is This So Hard? On Workload, Pressure, and the Ways through the Woods" by Dave Stuart, Jr. It is a timely piece about what a lot of teachers are experiencing right now. He states that this year will be the hardest year you ever taught, to not lower but reset your expectations, and to take time for yourself. Good ideas for everyone.

I hope to see many of you at the Book Share on October 17!

Take care,

Helen



October Feature Member Kathie Walmsley

I was raised in Mercer, Pennsylvania many decades ago into a family with two older sisters. My father, uncle, and grandfather had a furniture and funeral home business in our small town. My summers were spent swimming and sailing at Pymatuning Lake. My father made us all get our lifesaving badge before he would buy any sailboats so water was a big part of my life.

Along with water I love animals. I've been a proud momma to ducks, gerbils, hamsters, fish, and especially dogs. All kinds of dogs - Dachhunds, Labs, Elkhounds, Dals, and Great Danes. My favorite is the Great Dane, having raised six of them. However, in recent years we adopted a ShihTzu that had been raised as a puppy mill mother. She is a work in progress and will be for her whole life since she fears the outside and car rides. The size change has added some challenges and the fact that I had never had to have a dog groomed.

My life in Cincinnati started in 1971 after graduating from Wittenberg University with a major in German and a minor in English. I taught in Oak Hills for thirty-five years, five in German and thirty-five in English. During my

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2020-2022 Gamma Phi Executive Board



Our chapter officers were officially installed at the September ZOOM meeting and we thank all who have stepped forward to assume leadership roles for the 2020-2022 biennium.

Helen Romes- President
Cindy Speakman- President Elect
Linda Ausman- Corresponding Secretary
Carolyn Lamping- Recording Secretary
Mary Jo Berry- Professional Affairs
Margaret Murph- Treasurer
Jane Houser- Finance Chair
Karyn Kern Lazear- Parliamentarian
Katie Gantz- Past President

October ZOOM Book Share

Thank you all for replying to the survey. There was a slight majority for Saturday, October 17 at 10:30.

Please be ready to share a favorite book that you have read in the past or a more recent book that you have enjoyed. It can be fiction or nonfiction.

A link to the meeting will be sent a few days prior. Please watch for it to arrive via email.

Cindy



Everyone had a great time reconnecting at the September ZOOM meeting!



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time at Bridgetown, I was involved with National Junior Honor Society, Peer Mediation, the school newspaper, and Talent Town. In high school I enjoyed singing and playing guitar in a folk singing group called The Village Squares so Talent Town sparked my interest. I directed the show for many years, a few with Katie Gantz on the stage crew with me.

Since retiring I have donated time and money to various causes. One is Harlequin Haven Great Dane Rescue, from where we've adopted most of our Danes over the years. From making crafts to working craft booths I have found great satisfaction in helping them. I became involved in another service group when my grandson had heart surgery three years ago and received a Project Linus blanket through the heart department at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital. This was the beginning of my current crafting craze. I contacted the Project Linus coordinator to find out more, and she suggested joining the St. Ignatius Scarf It Up service group. I've grown from making Project Linus fleece blankets to learning how to crochet so I could help make baby hats for Good Sam's nursery. Over time I've added headbands, muffs, and wrist warmers to my fleece work for cancer patients and the elderly. My daughter and I loom hats for Crayons to Computers, Old St. Mary, and a McCreary County mission in Kentucky, working to have 370 hats to send down for their children's Christmas celebration. In March when the pandemic began, Scarf It Up started to fill requests for cloth face masks. I never thought I'd sew cotton again, but here I am at 1500 masks made for family, friends, and the community.

In a nutshell my life centers around animals and giving back to the community. I spend my time working with little Abbie, the Shih Tzu, while sewing, looming, and crocheting. I always have music on while I work. Crafting has become a need for me. I need the creativity from Project Linus blankets to face masks. It gives me purpose.

Important Fall 2020 ADSOEF Updates

- ◆ The ADSOEF Board of Directors has undergone some changes in the last month. Two Directors left the Board and two were appointed. Both Meier Bauer and Diana Haskell have served the Foundation faithfully and well since its beginning, but decided that now was the time for a change. Dr. Lois Harkins has been appointed interim Director and is transitioning into the office of Treasurer. Diana Haskell is our transition Bookkeeper, and as such, will still be receiving donations for the Foundation. Millie Holzer has also been appointed as an interim Director and will serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- ◆ 7 Directors will be elected at 2021 ADSOEF Annual Meeting. You will see information about this in the Voice every month through January. The Foundation needs YOU, especially because we know you have a desire to support the philanthropy of DKG in Ohio! Please seriously consider how your leadership skills and service as a Director might contribute to our down-to-earth mission of funding “*charitable purposes relating to professional and personal growth of educators and educational excellence*”.
- ◆ ADSOEF is a Private Foundation. As such, our primary funding source is ourselves. Philanthropic efforts this fiscal year focus on **A Heart for ALL** as explained in the attached letter and flier. We are all encouraged to take advantage of the personal fund matching opportunities that will be offered soon. Keep in mind that your gifts are helping new and established educators who are working to make our society stronger and better through knowledge, skills, and creative thinking. Education is not just a job; it’s the foundation for all of our freedoms.
- ◆ A copy of the **A Heart for ALL** campaign letter as well as the donation form are included as pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter and we will also post copies on our chapter website.
- ◆ This Foundation is YOUR Foundation and they want to hear from all of you! Feel free to contact Kathy McClendon, ADSOEF chairman (mcclendon49@gmail.com) with any questions.

Carolyn Lamping

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

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





"A Heart for All"



Dear Ohio Sister,

You have a heart for **ALL** - In your teaching career, you touch countless lives. Your heart is passionate about students and excellence in education. May you continue to make a difference!

"A Heart for All" focuses on the Foundation's program funds without restriction. This fiscal year we are asking that you invest without restriction. In doing so, you are giving the Board of Directors the opportunity to direct funds where there is the most need - the most interest expressed by applicants for Foundation program services - our beneficiaries. Please open your philanthropic **heart** and contribute "without restriction". A monetary gift to your Educational Foundation provides funds allowing ADSOEF award recipients to receive scholarships, grants, or financial help to complete a project in the classroom/community or finances to gain leadership skills and continue lifelong learning.

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Your gift to the "Programs of Alpha Delta State Educational Foundation (without restriction)," means you wish to ensure ALL program funds are enhanced. The joy for all programs is in your HEART!

Making a gift to "A Heart for All" is easy. Complete the attached ADSOEF Contribution form and mail, or you may choose to go to <https://adsoef.weebly.com> and make your gift electronically by clicking on DONATE.

With Warmest Regards,

Mary Kathryn "Kathy" McClendon, Chairman
Alpha Delta State Ohio Educational Foundation



P.S. Send your gift NOW. **Thank you** from the bottom of many hearts!

Note: The CARES Act allows individuals a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for contributions made this year if you claim the standard deduction on your 2020 federal tax return. (Ask a tax professional about how this can benefit you, personally.)



A Heart for All

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9/18/2020