

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

September 14th
Promont House
Tour and Tea

October 5th
Joint Chapters Meeting
at Cincinnati Woman's Club
J.T. Townshend-
Crime Detective Writer
(specifics are on page 4)

November 9
DeSha's restaurant
Sonja Stratman- Growing Up
Under the Swastika

We Need Lottery Scratch Off Cards!

The Cincinnati Area DKG chapters are working together to completely furnish a visitation room for teens who are in the Hamilton County foster care system.

To help raise needed funds, the ladies of Gamma Eta have requested raffle basket donations from other chapters to include in an auction at the Joint Chapters Meeting this October.

Our Gamma Phi chapter has decided to create a Lottery Tree as our contribution to the raffle and all of our members are asked to bring lottery scratch-off cards to the September meeting or contribute a few dollars toward the purchase of scratch off cards. We will assemble our lottery tree donation in early September and get it to the ladies of Gamma Eta soon thereafter.

For those of you who are unable to attend the September meeting, mail lottery scratch-off tickets to Katie by September 14th. Her address is: 3087 Spencer Hill Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45226

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Jennifer Mutters September 1
- Julie Schmidt September 15
- Jane Houser September 23
- Gail Adams-Arnold Sept. 28



We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meeting at Promont House!

Welcome Back!

Greetings to all members and Welcome Back to a new school year to all teaching staff! We truly thank each of you for your participation this past year and look forward to your involvement in the 2019-20 year.

We welcome our newest member Jo-Anne Prendeville, and ask that you take a moment to introduce yourself to her. We are set for a great year for Gamma Phi members.

Together, we can create a sense of oneness and make every effort to show each individual member how important you are to the overall success of Gamma Phi initiatives.

Yours to our Success,
Gail A. Arnold
Membership V.P.

Scholarship Fundraiser 2019 Update

Thank you, thank you to the chapter members, their families, and friends for participating in our fundraiser at the Grand Finale! Those who went enjoyed delicious food and delightful chats.



The chapter received a check for \$215 which goes into our Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid fund. Then we received a \$20 donation from one of our members who was not able to attend the fundraiser. So our total is \$235.

We will plan to repeat this fundraiser again next summer, 2020. Let's try to double the amount of participants which will double the amount we receive! We will look forward to seeing more of you there.

Diana Klenk

September 2019 Feature Member Diane Heilmann



Brooke and Diane

As I've read about our DKG sisters in past "featured member" articles, I've admired the adventurous spirit of these women who have lived in and traveled to many places. I'm not like that. I live in the house I grew up in. I take on responsibilities and keep them for a long time. My vacation with extended family has been to the same place for the past 38 years.

After graduating from Western Hills High School, I went to Miami University, majoring in mathematics in the College of Arts & Sciences. I planned to use my degree in a business or industrial setting. Teaching was not at all on my radar; but my father, who was a career teacher and school administrator, strongly encouraged me to take as electives the Education courses required for teaching certification. One of those is, of course, student teaching. I loved it; and that's how I came to spend the next 30 years in a classroom.

I enjoyed a 30-year career at Oak Hills High School, teaching mostly Precalculus, Algebra II and Geometry to mostly wonderful kids (including our Katie Gantz, Meier Bauer's daughter Katie, and Charlene Hopman's sons Jay & Mark). Because I was always involved in extra-curricular activities throughout all of my own schooling, I looked for ways to be involved in the extracurricular program at Oak Hills. Volunteering to help out with G.A.A. (remember that?) on my first day at Oak Hills led to my appointment as

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Delta Kappa Gamma International Society
Joint Chapter Meeting-Hosted by the Gamma Eta Chapter

Are you interested in "whodunits?" Come join us to hear Cincinnati's own crime detective writer, J.T. Townshend, as he shares with us stories of sensational murder cases! Mr. Townshend has penned three books: *Queen City Gothic: Cincinnati's Most Infamous Murder Mysteries*, *Queen City Notorious: Cincinnati's Most Sensational Murder Cases*, and *Summer's Almost Gone*. We are sure to hear some gripping tales of murder and mayhem!

Saturday, October 5, 2019

11:30 A.M. – Arrival and time to socialize and purchase tickets for raffles with proceeds supporting our foster care project.

Lunch served promptly at noon with the program to follow

Cincinnati Woman's Club

330 Lafayette Avenue

Cincinnati, OH 45220

Menu:

House Salad

Artichoke Chicken over Wild Rice

Seasonal Vegetables du jour

Rolls, Stickies, and Butter

Assorted Mini Desserts

Vegetarian entrée available upon request

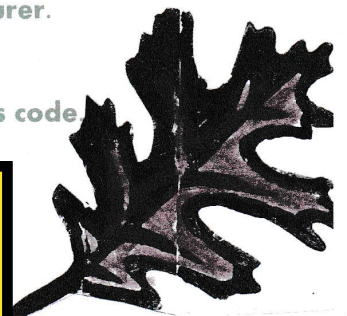
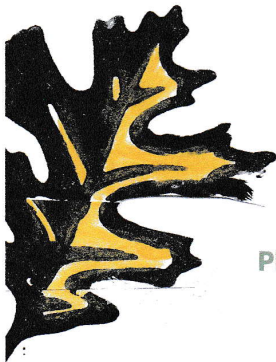
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RSVP by Sept. 18th with payment to your chapter treasurer.

Each chapter is responsible for bringing name tags.

Please observe the club's no denim or cropped pants dress code

**Our Gamma Phi chapter members who wish to attend must pay by September 14th, either at our September meeting or by mail to Margaret Murph at her home address:
1548 Hollywood Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224**



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coach of the girls' tennis team two years later. After 10 years of coaching tennis, I was ready for something new; and for my last 18 years at Oak Hills I was the National Honor Society adviser. NHS was a great fit for me, and I'm proud to have taken the Oak Hills Chapter from just an honor to put on a college application to an organization dedicated to serving our school and local community in ways chosen by the membership each year and to experiencing the great cultural opportunities Cincinnati offers.

I am now entering my 19th year of retirement and enjoy a full schedule. I joined the Westwood Woman's Club that first year, mainly so that I could take my mother. She died unexpectedly a month after I joined, but I have found a great home there, making lots of new friends, enjoying interesting programs almost every week, and appreciating the leadership opportunities the group has given me. I continue to love and subscribe to the CSO and have added the POPS. The Cincinnati Symphony Club also feeds my love of great music. Social groups with teacher friends, high school friends and church friends meet regularly, and I play golf when I can.

Many of my activities have something to do with my church, Westwood First Presbyterian, and several revolve around music: chancel choir (53 years); Westwood First Concert Series Committee (most of its 38 years); choir librarian (16 years); bell choir (10 years). I'm entering my 19th year as Clerk of Session and my 18th year as treasurer of our Presbyterian Women organization. From the get-go of retirement, I participated in the tutoring relationship between church and Westwood School. In 2012 I was assigned second-grade Brooke. At her mom's request, I worked with her in the church program through 6th grade. Brooke is now beginning the 9th grade at SCPA where she works on set construction. We continue to meet for academic work every week, even during the summer. It's been a sometimes challenging and mostly rewarding relationship for me and, I think, also, for Brooke.

Life is good! Consistency abounds.

