

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



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President's Message

I can't believe it is September already. Even with the pandemic, summer still seems to go by so fast. Already it is getting darker earlier and soon we will be having cooler nights.

School has started though in many different ways-in person classes, remote learning, or a combination of the two. My school is in-person with some students participating remotely. It has been another learning experience. We follow what we call the bundle-masks, social distancing, hand washing, and cleaning. Below is a picture of my first day-though the shield didn't last long. I also have a plastic divider on my desk. Just keep thinking of all teachers and students as we progress through this school year.

September also brings our first meeting of the year on Saturday, September 12 at 10:30. Unfortunately, we can not be physically together but we will be Zooming together. It will still be good to see each other. September's meeting will be full with updates, an initiation of a new member, installation of officers, reviewing and voting on the budget and by-laws. Both will be forwarded for you to read before the next meeting. The Zoom information will be sent via email the week of September 7.

Also, on September 8, there will be an eblast survey from the OSO that the state officers would like ALL members to complete about the state convention. One of the proposals is to have the convention every two years. Please fill this out so the officers can get a sense of what the members would like for the future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 12th.

Take care, Helen



Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

September 12

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
2018-2020 Biennium Wrap Up
2020-2022 Executive Board Installation
Initiation of New Members

October

Cindy Speakman is hard at work planning another fun ZOOM activity evening.
Watch for more information coming to your inbox soon!

November 12

The Lost Tea Rooms of Cincinnati
Cynthia Beischel
Location tentatively DeSha's, but it may change to ZOOM based on COVID status

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Julie Schmidt September 15
- Jane Houser September 23
- Gail Adams-Arnold September

Gamma Phi's Standing Rules – Where do they stand?

At the February meeting the changes that were made to the revised Standing Rules (after the January meeting) were discussed. It was decided that the Standing Rules Committee would make a motion at the March meeting and then the membership would vote.

Well..... We know what has happened since that time. The Standing Rules Committee intends to make a motion at the September meeting to approve the revised Standing Rules, as written, and ask for a vote after a period of discussion.

Major changes were not made to the Rules, but we needed to align them with OSO's Bylaws. Some of the changes were permitting nominations for new members to occur at any scheduled meeting and voted upon that day, new members become active members upon the payment of dues, dues for the following year will be announced at the last meeting of the fiscal year and must be paid by June 30th, and the budget must be presented at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Other changes did not change the content or meaning of the rule but updated the language.

A copy of the revised Standing Rules will be sent out after Labor Day so you will have a chance to review the entire document before September 12th. If you have any questions, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

Standing Rules Committee – Jane Houser, Karyn Kern-Lazear and Cindy Speakman

Night at the Museum

Thanks to everyone who participated in our game night "Night at the Museum". Participants were asked to share 2-3 items that are special to them and should be in a museum, either the Smithsonian or Ripley's Believe it or Not!

Everyone shared interesting personal items. A few shared pieces of Rookwood pottery. Some shared more unusual items such as a collar box shared by Diana Klenk and a table handmade by Katie's grandfather. Meier shared photos of a 1951 MGT convertible that her husband bought and restored. Heather shared about her anniversary trip to Indianapolis and the Cake Bake Shop. It is a bakery and lunch restaurant. She shared the website which had pictures of the beautiful place.

We learned so many interesting things about each other. Hope you can join us the next time we do something like this.

Cindy Speakman



2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Attached to this newsletter, you will find the proposed budget. Please take some time to review that proposal.

If you have any questions before the meeting, contact Jane Houser (519-6205 or housja@gmail.com). You may want to print the budget and have it with you at the September Zoom meeting.

September Feature Member

Heather Campbell-Lieberman

Heather Campbell-Lieberman is a National Board Certified teacher with 20+ years in education in Ohio.

She has spent her career working with an at-risk student population in the Cincinnati area teaching both English and Career-Based Intervention. She has been awarded numerous recognitions including: District Teacher of the Year; Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's Teacher of the Year; nominee for Ohio Teacher of the Year; Ohio's English Teacher of the Year and the National Council of English Teacher's National High School English Teacher of the Year.

She currently is serving her fourth year as an Innovative Teaching and Learning Coach for the Butler Tech School District. Heather coaches Career Tech teachers on Butler Tech's four campuses and across the eleven associate



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Gold Key Award



Congratulations!

Our chapter has earned the Gold Key Award and on Saturday, August 29, 2020 we were recognized at the virtual State Executive Board meeting.

Later we will be receiving our official certificate and gold key in the mail.

Once again Congratulations on achieving this honor! Ohio State Organization appreciates our leadership and the hard work that we put into the organization.

Acts of Kindness

Most of you do not know that in February I had a freak accident that resulted in a broken right shoulder and a right kneecap. Since that is my primary side I was immediately thrust into a time of pain and frustration.

To those of you who found out one way or another and called or sent cards I want to express my heartfelt thanks. It lifted my spirits during a time when I couldn't go anywhere or do anything. (Not my style). Then one day it dawned on me that everyone's life had been changed by the pandemic and they, too, were contained at home. Things that I regretted missing I didn't because they were cancelled. So a big thank you again for your cards, calls and concerns. It was appreciated.

But the story doesn't end here.

There is a Gamma Phi sister who when she found out reached out to help in an incredible way. She called or texted everyday, kept my fridge well stocked with easy to prepare meals, grocery shopped, did everyday household chores, took me to doctor's appointments, and even made sure that my cat could get to her vet appointment. Several times she appeared at my door unexpected with something she thought I might like. She always wanted to know how my PT sessions went and was a faithful cheerleader when those exercises were tough.

I will be forever grateful to Diana Klenk who was amazing in her support, care and prayers for a speedy recovery. Thank you again, Diana for all you did for me and to all of you who kept in touch.

My best always,
Sue Eades

Postscript: After months of physical therapy and doing the exercises twice a day, I am doing fine. I'm not where I want to be, but with continued effort I am sure things will improve.

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school districts with a curricular focus around Information Technology, Arts, Communication, Agriculture, and Math.

As a part of her position, Heather leads district-wide professional development, curriculum development and helps to coordinate college credit opportunities for high school students in career tech pathways with Ohio colleges and universities. She also serves as Butler Tech's Equity Ambassador. In the current COVID setting she supports teachers in delivering engaging and quality instruction in face-to-face, virtual and hybrid settings.

Heather's other interests include: antiquing, traveling and judging hunter/jumper horse shows at a national level.



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

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