



GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



Ohio
State Organization

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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

March 12

Michael Stentz, Kidney Transplant
The Need & Journey
Dayspring Church of God

May 14

Executive Board Installation and Music
Pebble Creek Golf Course Event Center

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Mary Jo Berry March 4
- Marlene Williams March 12
- Mary Ann Adrick March 16
- Karyn Kern-Lazear March 24
- Margaret Murph March 25

Grant
Recipient



Megan
Bach



Post-Secondary Grant Recipient

“I will continue to gain an understanding of theoretical evidence-based foundations and implementations of reading. I will be able to...engage students in diverse literary practices and extend the use of technology into the 21st century.”

These profound words are those of **Megan Bach**, fifth grade teacher at Heritage Hill Elementary in Princeton City School District.

Elizabeth Midkiff, Gamma Phi Member said, “She is an intuitive teacher who is able to quickly identify the individual needs of her students and willingly adjusts her instruction to meet their educational needs.”

Megan is currently teaching and pursuing a Master of Education in Reading degree from Bowling Green State University. It is with pleasure that Gamma Phi Chapter will support Meagan as she continues toward her goal!



Sincerely,
Nancy Arulf, Diana Haskell, Jo-Anne Prendeville, Judy Rosene, Katrinka Stone and Susan Taylor

Is the “Luck of the Irish” with you this month?

You don’t need a four leaf clover to find a pot of gold!

Participate in the **PIGGEST RAFFLE EVER!**

Buy a Pig to have a chance to win up to \$5000 on Flying Pig Weekend! Pigs are \$5 each and 100% of each pig purchased supports Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma! The more Pigs purchased by our members, their friends and families, the more we raise for our chapter’s scholarship fund.

Simply click on the link or scan the QR code to purchase a pig or two.



<http://piggestraffleever.com>

- ◆ Last day to buy pigs is April 30, 2022
- ◆ Drawing will be held on May 1st
- ◆ You do not need to be present to win.



Important: When purchasing, **PLEASE** remember to select **Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** from the drop down menu!

Ahoy there!

The DKG State Membership Committee has presented us with a new incentive to increase our chapter memberships for 2022! It’s called the **OSO “Member”SHIP Cruise Campaign!!**

So, what are some ways to MAINTAIN & INCREASE the members in our Gamma Phi chapter so we can continue to float, sail, and thrive? Our state DKG website is chock full of informational ideas for attracting new members and where to find them!



Check out the OSO DKG website, <https://www.dkgohio.org> and type “Membership” in the search bar. Click on the word “membership” highlighted in red and you will get all the information about this campaign & more. If you scroll down on the membership page you’ll find “Your Membership Toolbox” for more ideas for attracting new members. DKG also has a wonderful video on YouTube entitled: “Prescription for Membership Recruitment: Why Belong To DKG?”.

We’re looking for:

- LIFE PRESERVERS- New Members who are actively teaching educators
- ANCHORS- Returning DKG members or Veteran consulting educators
- STARTING STEERING SHIP WHEELS- New members who are collegiate colleagues becoming educators

All chapters will be recognized for the total number of “new members” who board their OSO Chapter Deck. The chapter with the most new members will receive a “Special Surprise” Recognition.

This State OSO “Member”SHIP Cruise will conclude April 30, 2022, so don’t delay! Invite a friend or colleague today to our next meeting on Saturday March 12, 10:30 am at the Dayspring Church of God, 1060 Smiley Ave, Cinti., OH 45240.

Sherry Randall

Mismanagement Concerns at STRS

After an oversight committee failed to conduct an audit of the teachers' retirement fund for 16 years, a group of retirees has decided to take matters into their own hands.

Amid accusations of financial mismanagement and anger over the State Teacher Retirement System elimination of a guaranteed annual 3% cost of living allowance, the Ohio Retired Teachers Association pooled its money to pay for a forensic audit of the 598 billion pension fund.

The STRS dealings are being investigated by Colleen Marshall, a reporter for NBC4 in Columbus. Her interview with Robert McFee, STRS board chair:

<https://www.nbc4i.com/news/local-news/ohio-retired-teachers-angry-over-pension-funds-investments-six-figure-salaries/>

STRS report from their January newsletter:

<https://www.strsoh.org/news/board-news/2022/january-board-news.html>

Here are two additional sources which provide information which may be of interest.

The Ohio Retired Teacher Association website:

<https://www.orta.org/>

Link to information about the forensic audit in their October newsletter: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FsheZg3LDTuzVd86GTOxZ0n-NfuzsvJM/view?usp=sharing>

Mary Jo Berry

VP Professional Affairs



Dues

It's not too early to start thinking about dues! We will be returning to our dues amount of \$75. If you like, you can pay your dues at the March or May meeting.

You can also choose to send your dues directly to Margaret Murph 1548 Hollywood Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

The deadline for dues is June.

Thank you,
Finance Committee



DKG Gamma Phi
March 12, 2022
10:30 AM

Organ Transplants The Gift of Life

Michael Stentz

Join us as we hear about Michael's journey of illness and health through a kidney transplant.

Dayspring Church
1060 Smiley Ave.
Use Door 5 on highway side

Boxed lunches provided by Servatti's
Choice of: Smoked turkey, provolone on sourdough
Chicken pecan salad on croissant
Egg salad on croissant
Ham and swiss on rye
Lunch for \$15
RSVP to Jane Houser by March 8
513-519-6205
housja@gmail.com

True Inspiration

On occasion, one comes across a truly inspiring act of kindness that exemplifies all that is good in the world. That happened to me today when I contacted Judy Rosene about some chapter matters. In her email response, she mentioned that she and her husband Dick were working on weekly photo cards that they have been sending in the mail since the beginning of the pandemic to people who are in need of hope and encouragement.

They send 42 cards with one of their own photos on the front and inspirational quotations inside. Their oldest recipients are 104 and 108! Many are in their 90's; one couple lost their teen-aged son to cancer; several have been recently widowed; and some are very ill. Judy hand addresses all of the envelopes while her husband glues the photos and quotations on the cards. Hopefully their efforts will inspire others to reach out to those in need in some way.

They have just created the photo card for this week- #102 and she has given me permission to share it with all of you. It includes a photo of snowdrops at the Cincinnati Nature Center with quotations about Peace.

We are truly blessed to have such a caring friend and chapter member!
Katie Gantz



Snowdrop flowers, in our photo today, hold deep meaning. Usually, as a spring flower, it is seen as a symbol of hope and the ability to overcome challenges in life.

People are hungry for the Word of God that will give peace, that will give unity, that will give joy. But you cannot give what you don't have. That's why it is necessary to deepen your life of prayer. Mother Teresa

The way of peace is the way of love. Love is the greatest power on earth. It conquers all things. Peace Pilgrim

We seek peace, knowing that peace is the climate of freedom. Dwight Eisenhower

We each possess what is needed to create peace on earth. We all know how to love, we just need to practice using that knowledge in all aspects of life. Lisa Prosen

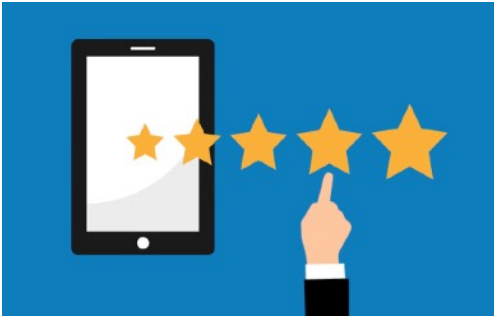
World peace can be achieved when, in each person, the power of love replaces the love of power. Sri Chinmoy

Happiness and peace will come to earth only as the light of love and human compassion enter the souls of men. David O. McKay

We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace, we need love and compassion. Mother Teresa

All our Love, Judy and Dick

Member Survey



Recently, the executive board sent out an important survey to the chapter requesting feedback regarding a possible change in our executive board structure, our monthly meetings schedule, and your degree of satisfaction regarding program topics.

The results of the survey will be shared at the March chapter meeting and taken into consideration as plans are made for the coming biennium.

Thank you to all who have already submitted responses.

It's not too late! PLEASE complete the survey if you have not already done so.

Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/1k6M3COJG3THNVyX7>

Care, Concern and Congrats Corner



- Karyn Kern Lazear's husband, Joe has recovered from covid, but was then in the hospital with an infection. He should be home by now. Meanwhile, Karyn is scheduled for an outpatient dermatology procedure in the next week or two pending her covid test results. She says both she and Joe are loving 2022 so far!
- Nancy Arulf is finally back home. She's still having Home Health Care and progress is slow, but definitely moving forward. She welcomes visitors and appreciates phone calls!

Officer Nominations for 2020-2022 Biennium

The following chapter members have agreed to serve on Gamma Phi chapter's Executive Board for the 2022-2024 Biennium:

President- Cindy Speakman
* President Elect/Programming
Corresponding Secretary- Carol Ladrigan
Recording Secretary- Marlene Williams
Professional Affairs- Karyn Kern Lazear

- * As you can see from this slate, there is no nominee for the President Elect/Program Chair position at this time. If anyone wishes to be considered for this position and wants more information please contact Katie Gantz kgmathgeek@gmail.com or Cindy Speakman cspeakman54@gmail.com for a more specific job description.

Officer Elections will be held in March and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

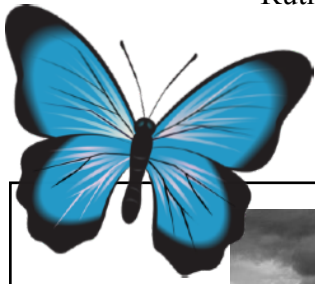
Katie Gantz



Behind the Butterfly Show

Ruth Ann Spears, our presenter, shared her secrets. We now know what goes on “Behind the Butterfly Show” at Krohn Conservatory!

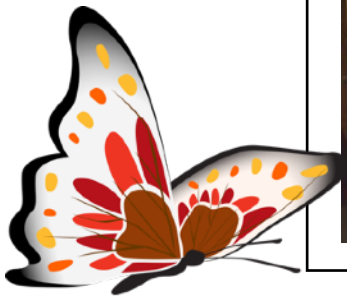
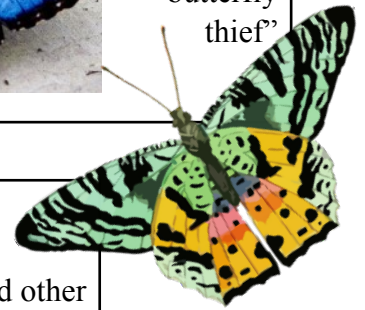
This year’s show theme will be Butterflies Along The Nile and will be open from March 19-June 19, 2022.



A vintage photo of Krohn Conservatory



The infamous “butterfly thief”



Ruth Ann and other Krohn Conservatory directors receiving an award for their butterfly show.

Every Butterfly Show has a new and different emblem on the front of the main building.



Ruth Ann knew the Butterfly show had become a Cincinnati tradition when it was featured at “BLINK” light show!



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

- [Link to Gamma Phi Chapter's Website](#)
- [Link to Gamma Phi Chapter's Facebook Page](#)
- [Link to Gamma Phi Scholarship Forms](#)