

GAMMA PHI GAZETTE



Ohio
State Organization

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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

November 11

Social Event

Vintage Tea Party and a Peek into a Century of Fashion

10:00 am at Bette Sherman's home

Cancelled

December 9

Gamma Phi Chapter meeting & program:
Holiday Cheer

Tommy Wessendarp, performer

March 9

Gamma Phi Chapter meeting & program
Domestic Violence Awareness & Victim Support

Rickell Howard Smith,
Chief Executive Officer, YWCA

June 8

Gamma Phi Chapter meeting & program
Coming From the West Side to Entertain You
Covedale Theater

Happy Birthday Wishes To:

- Sue Eades November 18
- Diana Klenk November 21
- Beth Pohlman November 23

President's Message

November brings . . . Election Day - **VOTE!**
Veterans Day - **HONOR!** and
Thanksgiving - **EAT!**

Three holidays in one month! All of them are very important.

Our democracy hinges on each of us taking responsibility to vote. It's become very obvious recently, how fragile our democracy really is.

Veterans Day is to honor those who have served and are still living. If you know a vet, thank them for their service. I know my dad wouldn't expect it, but really appreciated the sentiment.

And Thanksgiving is connected more than we may realize. As I have done some family history research, I learned that the Puritans did not all come for religious freedom. Many of them came to the colonies because they were against the monarchy and wanted to have a voice in the leadership.

So back to Election Day. 😊

Blessings,
Cindy



Celebrations - December 9 Chapter Meeting

Invite a guest to our December meeting.
Holiday Attire is requested.



Celebrations is the theme of the December 9th meeting! You earned two Ohio State Organization Awards and deserve recognition.

The December meeting is a great time to bring a motion forward to invite a new member to Delta Kappa Gamma. Our area is rich with women who qualify for membership. Have you read about an educator who has received an award for her work? Are you aware of educational leaders who would benefit from membership? Bring their names and information about why you feel their membership would benefit DKG to the December meeting. Let's continue to grow as a chapter and thrive in service to education.

Celebration Luncheon Menu:

Sparkling wine or Sparkling juice with

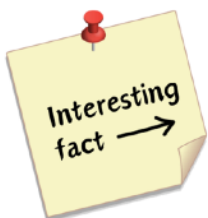
- Rosemary and peach roasted pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, brownie w/ fudge sauce **OR**
- Roasted vegetables over angel hair pasta, green salad, brownie w/fudge sauce **OR**
- Vegan Entree

“Holiday Cheer!” Program

We will follow the business meeting with a performance by Tommy Wessendarp, an amazing performer and musical artist. He currently sings with the May Festival Chorus and the Westwood First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir.

Each Gamma Phi member is asked to RSVP to inform the committee. Guests are encouraged and their reservation may also be made by using the link below.

Please reply via this Holiday Luncheon & Reservation Link by December 3rd: <https://forms.gle/KSyj56JbDDB5VfK66>



Did you know that Ohio's Beta Chi chapter bills every member when they have a meal with their meeting? Beta Chi members must cancel their reservation by a specific date to avoid payment.

Wedding Bells!

We are excited to share in the joy of member Kelsey Randall. Her November wedding must be celebrated!

We are celebrating Kelsey and **YOU** by looking back at your wedding day. **Locate one or two photos from your wedding day or a wedding in which you participated and scan or send digital photos to Katie Gantz at kgmathgeek@gmail.com by November 26.**

The photos will be shown on a loop during registration from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. before our December meeting and we will also send a link to the photos to all our members.



Chapter Notes



- ♪ MaryJo's Berry's husband, Bob, had triple bypass surgery recently and is home recuperating.
- ♪ Diana and Doug Haskell celebrated 35 years of marriage on October 29th. The weeklong celebration included a road trip to Charleston WV, Charlotte NC, Beaufort and Hilton Head SC. The centerpiece of the trip was a Thursday afternoon tour of Auldbrass Plantation designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The plantation is the only southern plantation designed by this noted architect. Auldbrass is open for public tours just three days annually.
- ♪ Katie Gantz recently attended the 40 year reunion of her Oak Hills High School 1983 graduating class.
- ♪ Send a wedding card to Kelsey Randall, 240 East Sharon Road, Apt. 3, Cincinnati, OH 45246.



October Joint Chapter Meeting Muses: Women of Music Hall



Guest Presenter Thea Tjepkema with John Morris Russell, conductor of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra



OSO President Melodie McGee



Our lottery tree was the most popular raffle item!



Our Gamma Phi chapter was well represented as always!



Fall OSO Executive Board Meeting

The September 30th Ohio State Organization Executive Board Meeting in Powell OH (right next to the Columbus Zoo) was attended by our President Cindy Speakman, State Treasurer Diana Haskell, and State Recording Secretary Meier Bauer. State Communication Chairman Katie Gantz remained in Cincinnati because of illness (COVID). State President Melodie McGee announced her biennium initiative: Domestic Violence Awareness and Support of its Victims and had Priscilla Easley-White, a health care professional, speak on *Helping Hurting People*.

Treasurer Diana Haskell provided a financial report that included a state membership of 2,492, with a loss of 205 members and a gain of 32 new members as of September 30th. Of concern is the deficit from the 2023 convention due to limited attendance, so we must increase Gamma Phi's attendance at state meetings.



Our president, Cindy, was front and center accepting Gold Key Award and the Member 'Ship' Shuttle Initiative Award for the chapter bringing in the most new, transferred, and reinstated members. Way to go, Gamma Phi!

Motions by the Expansion Committee to charter a new chapter, Epsilon Alpha, in Adams County as well as a motion to establish a Designated Reserve Fund of \$1500. to provide for the orientation and chartering of this new chapter were approved. Sadly, the requests of Beta Pi and Gamma Rho chapters to dissolve were accepted.

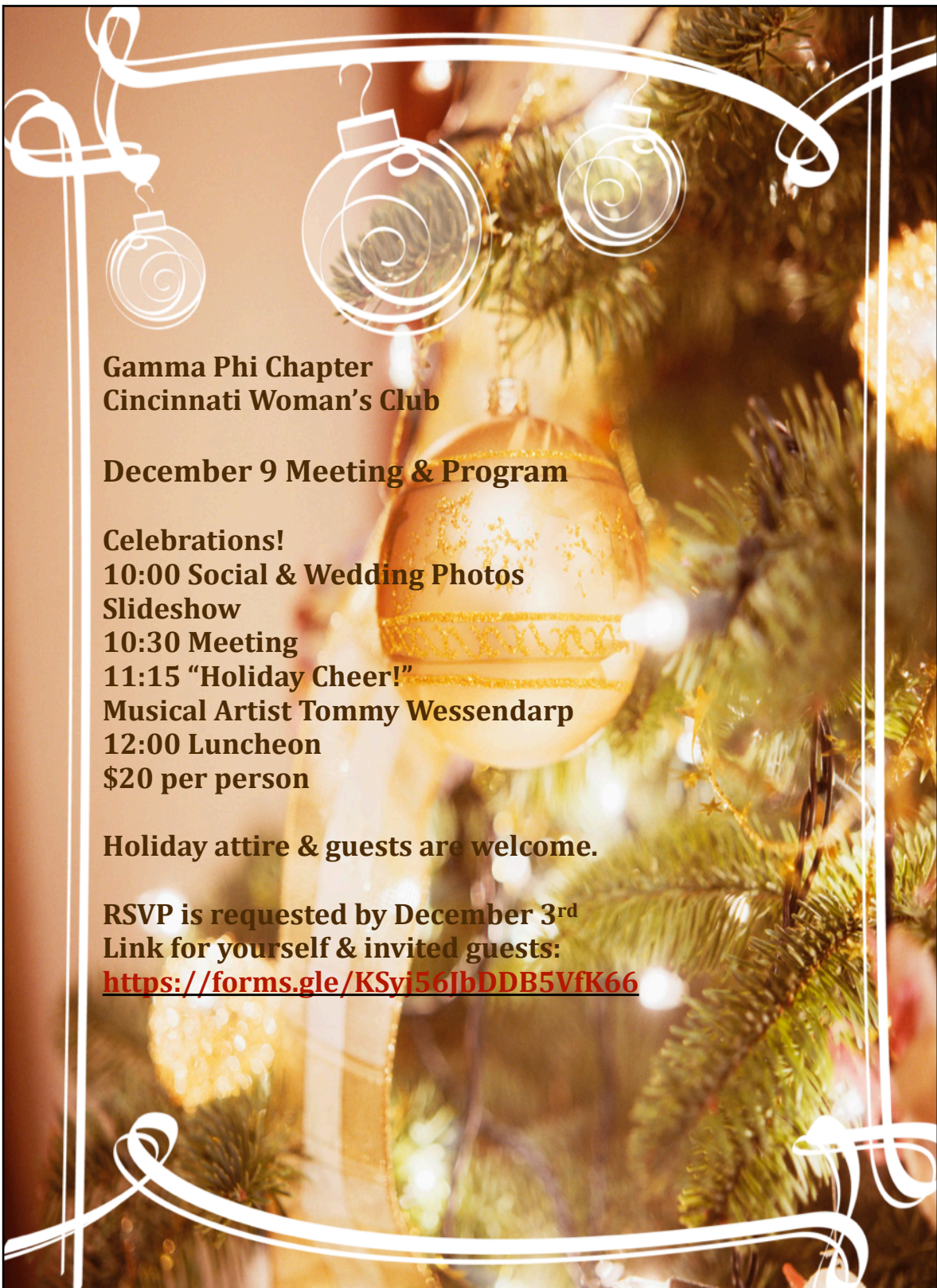
The membership theme, *Let the Treasures of DKG OSO Chapters Shine!* was announced with treasure chests, jewels, and even some pirates! Our president has the membership packet and will be speaking on our quest for treasured members!



Molly Helmlinger, Educational Excellence Chairman, emphasized the importance of identifying and encouraging members to accept leadership roles at the chapter and state level – so all of Gamma Phi is encouraged to say, “Yes!”

A special thank you to Diana for providing the lists and sign in materials and the extra effort in obtaining the lunches when she found out at the last minute that they would not be delivered. As usual, she made it happen!

Please plan to join us at future state meetings – you will meet new friends, learn, and become involved at a new and fun level.



**Gamma Phi Chapter
Cincinnati Woman's Club**

December 9 Meeting & Program

Celebrations!

10:00 Social & Wedding Photos

Slideshow

10:30 Meeting

11:15 "Holiday Cheer!"

Musical Artist Tommy Wessendarp

12:00 Luncheon

\$20 per person

Holiday attire & guests are welcome.

RSVP is requested by December 3rd

Link for yourself & invited guests:

<https://forms.gle/KSyj56JbDDB5VfK66>



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](#)