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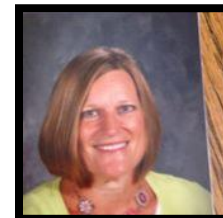
### Inspiring Change

Our new state theme for the next biennium is “Inspire Change”. Change has many meanings and can change often. I enjoy the beginning of summer because I put away my winter boots and shoes and change into my sandals and flip flops.

Many of you are on summer vacation and have left behind lesson plans, grading papers, and teaching inspiring minds. That change may have brought about a more relaxing attitude with driving your kids to activities, fixing a complete nutritious meal and hopefully reading an enjoyable book or magazine. A great magazine to read this summer is your Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin. Simplify and change were discussed in many of the articles. I enjoyed reading the articles and felt they were very thought provoking.

Gamma Mu had many changes this year. At our summer planning meeting last year, we put together programs that would inspire and develop us professionally and personally. Two of our meetings had to change programs due to unforeseen situations. We had several members that stepped up to the plate and put together programs that were humorous, creative, and educational. We had three teachers that retired from teaching and now are ready to find new and exciting changes in their lives. A word of advice: you will enjoy the freedom, but you will be as busy as before, just in a unique way.

I am so proud of our Gamma Mu Ladies for the inspiring work they do for the society and in our communities. You are truly the change that makes our world a better place.



After reading my message, I hope you will change out of your weeding clothes, call an inspiring friend, and go out to lunch or a movie.

Enjoy your summer!

*Deb Corso*, President

*Making Impressions for the  
Future*



#### 7 Purposes of DKG

1. To unite in spiritual fellowship
2. To honor service in any field of education
3. To advance women in education
4. To support legislation for women educators
5. To endow scholarships and fellowships to women educators
6. To stimulate personal and professional growth
7. To inform members of important issues

## Mini Minutes for May 6, 2017

The Gamma Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, May 6, 2017, in the fellowship hall of the Monticello Christian Church, Monticello, IN. Coffee hour and committee meetings were held before the meeting started.

**Call to Order:** Debra Corso called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Thought for the Day:** "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it." Helen Keller

**Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes from the February Executive Board Meeting and the General Meeting were approved as read by the Executive Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ann Easter reported that we had \$566.46 in receipts, \$638.55 in disbursements. This leaves us with a cash balance of \$7,117.50. There is also \$1,196.35 in the Evelyn Davis Scholarship Fund and \$500.00 in the Margaret Piety Award fund. The treasurer's report will be filed for review.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

### Reports of Standing Committees:

#### Society Business

**Membership:** Jessica Rule presented her Membership Moment, *Green Beans and Ice Cream*. Teri Roscka read the recommendation from the Executive Board that we select three women from Cass County and three women from White County for induction into the Gamma Mu Chapter. The recommendation was presented, voted upon, and passed.

**Literacy:** Magazines and books were collected and will be distributed in White County laundromats.

**Birthday Celebration:** Today we celebrated the 39<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gamma Mu. Cupcakes and punch were served.

#### Program of Work

**Program:** Today's program was given by Sandy Taylor, "MacGyver's Gardening Tips." Everyone is invited to attend the summer planning meeting.

#### Educational Services

**Scholarship:** There were no applications

for the Margaret Piety scholarship. Beth Myers has received a Mini Grant and will be using it to study at the Washington, D.C. Smithsonian Museum.

**Book Awards:** This year's book awards were given to Sophie Getz from Tri-County and Emily Pack from Twin Lakes. Both girls and their parents were in attendance.

**Communications:** The GAB is, as usual, awesome!

**International Projects:** We had a Home and Garden Silent Auction today to support our International Projects.

#### **New Business:**

1. Dorothy Moore Scholarship—The recipient will be announced on May 7 at Lewis Cass.
2. State Convention Update—Deb Corso listed some of her highlights. Gamma Mu received the Golden Key Award. Jitka Nelson received the Woman of Distinction award. Penny Schaefer was given a 40-year award for her services. Beth Myers is the new State Recording Secretary.
3. Tina Spencer was presented her membership pen.

**Women of Distinction:** Sally McAndrews, Kathy Goad, and Andrea Perrone were highlighted.

Indiana's state conference will be held April 28, 2018. Council 4 is responsible for this event. Gamma Mu is responsible for the Goodie bags. We will need help with this event.

Congratulations to Jitka Nelson, the Indiana state teacher of the year.

Our three retirees, Joyce Darnstaedt, Sally McAndrews, and Joy Reeser were recognized.

Teri Roscka, Recording Secretary

**Don't forget to keep collecting used books and magazines for Literacy in the Laundromats of Cass and White Counties!**

### New member applications

will be accepted at the Summer Planning meeting – Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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### Summer Planning

Gamma Mu members gathered for their annual Summer Planning at Sandy Taylor's beautiful home overlooking the Tippecanoe River in Monticello.

The meeting began at 5:00 p.m. June 8, 2017, with everyone enjoying social time and sampling delicious salads and desserts. Members contributed a "dime a dip" for each spoonful they put on their plates. The proceeds went to the Book Awards Fund.

Planning guides were distributed for the coming year, with discussion taking place to determine meeting places, dates, and programs. When all plans are finalized, booklets will be prepared and distributed at the October meeting. Members then gathered by their respective county to nominate candidates for the Gamma Mu Chapter.

The meeting adjourned with members expressing appreciation to Sandy Taylor for hosting Summer Planning.

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## Calling for Program Ideas: Inspire Change

I would like to echo Deb Corso's recent e-mail invitation to Summer Planning on June 8. It is a great time of fellowship and accomplishment. As always, bring names of possible initiates. Also, bring your great program ideas. A list of program ideas from other chapters has been provided by state. As I often told my students when they were presented with a list of research topics, "You can always be more creative with your topic." I think the members of Gamma Mu will be creative. The theme for the upcoming year is *Inspire Change*.

Marsha Riggs, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president

## Woman of Distinction

Congratulations to the following Gamma Mu member who are being recognized as Women of Distinction. Great work ladies!

### Dina Dominick

Dina was recently recognized for her participation as a supervising teacher for the internship program with the Century Career Center.

### Teresa Odle

Teresa was highlighted for presenting a program for the Alpha Nu Music Club.



## Scholarship News

Congratulations to Beth Myers for receiving the Gamma Mu mini-grant for professional development.

Please remember these are available for professional development. They may be used to buy books or other items not provided by the school. It may also be used for registration, but not travel expenses. There are several scholarships for graduate work and guidance master degrees. You must be members for two years. You can get the applications at [www.deltakappagamma.org/IN](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/IN).

Also, you can contact the Chapter President: Deb Corso or Scholarship Chairman: Peggy Scott

## Save the Date

We all have received the "Save the Date" notes to mark our calendars for a special occasion of family or friends. I am sending you this "Save the Date" for April 28, 2018 for the Alpha Epsilon Indiana State Conference of Delta Kappa Gamma, so mark your calendar now. The Steering Committee is busy planning a great one day conference in Lafayette which is close enough for most of us to attend.

Even more important is the fact that Gamma Mu and Theta are the hostesses for this state conference. We need all of you to help with some of the tasks to make this a great experience. Our chapter of Gamma Mu is responsible for the goody bags. That isn't really a difficult task and can be fun as we gather items to go in the goody bags. The Tippecanoe Visitors Bureau is providing us with the bags, we will need you to help us fill these bags with treats, pens, note pads, tissues, and other items. Be watching for announcements of items we need. We will not fill the bags until March, but we need each of you to start gathering the items this summer. As you are out and about, pick up some miniature bottles of hand sanitizer or tissue packets. Do you know someone who has a business and is handing out pens? Ask for a few extra and save those for the goody bags. The nice part about the goody bags is they do not have to be exactly the same. You may bring your items beginning at the October meeting and we will store these for assembling later. We will be assembling approximately 150 bags, so we do need items for that many bags.

As the State Conference approaches, we will be asking some of you to serve as hostesses for the birthday luncheon. That is an easy job which entails collecting tickets from the assigned table, acting like a hostess and making sure everyone is getting acquainted at your table.

If you have questions about the items for the goody bags, please contact Judy Neilan.

### Dates to Remember...

**June 8, 2017** - Summer Planning, Sandy Taylor's home, Exec board at 4:30 pm; meeting at 5 pm

**July 12-14, 2017** - Northeast Regional Conference; Windsor, Ontario, Canada

**September 9, 2017** - State Executive Board Meeting

**September 27, 2017** - GAB deadline to Sally at [kmacs97@comcast.net](mailto:kmacs97@comcast.net)

**October 4, 2017** - Executive Board Meeting at Beth Myers' home, 5:00 pm

**October 14, 2017** - October General Meeting at Delphi Opera House, 8:30 am

**November 3-4, 2017** Fall Arts Retreat (FAR) at St. Meinrad's. Link- [www.saintmeinrad.org](http://www.saintmeinrad.org)

**April 28, 2018** - State Conference at Marriott in Lafayette - Gamma Mu will be assisting

## Book Award Recipients



Sophie Getz and Emily Pack received the Gamma Mu Book Awards at the May meeting.



## Highlights from State Convention



Beth Myers was installed as the new State Recording Secretary.



Marsha Riggs and Dina Dominick participating in a break-out session.



Penny Schafer was recognized as a 40-year member!



Gamma Mu members showing off their E-Learning poster.