



# Gamma Nus

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## President's Message

Gamma Nu Sisters,

Welcome to a new biennium. I hope everyone has relaxed and enjoyed their summer. The month of August brings about two things that deserve recognition and celebration. The first being the celebration of Friendship Day, which is celebrated in the U.S., the 1st Sunday in August. Through our society, friendships are formed. Let's make sure we celebrate the bonds of friendship that have been made as well as those that are going to be developed as the year progresses.

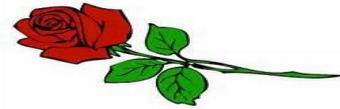
Another important aspect about the month of August is the acknowledgement of Women's Equality Day. In 1878 an amendment was proposed for women to have the right to vote.

The actual passing of this amendment did not occur until August 26, 1920. In the U.S., August 25th is the designated day for celebrating this right. We as Women Educators should take to heart and reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and where we are still striving to be. Let us all celebrate Women's Equality and Friendship Day during the month of August.

On another note, attending convention this summer was enlightening as well as inspiring. One of my takeaways from convention was being reminded of the importance of structure and culture as well as knowing that differences exist.

The Structure includes the chapter's organization and the importance of the members' voice. However, change is often necessary to foster growth in a thriving society. The Culture of the chapter deals with how members relate to each other. It is crucial that we as working and retired educators, who are dedicated to excellence, gather and provide information that makes us better holistically. Projects need to be interesting, memorable, and difference makers.

Our theme for 2016-17, remains "The Heart of the Society is its Members." I have a lot on my plate, but I am committed to giving you, this chapter, and the society more than a 100%. In return, I ask for at least 100% commitment from each of you through participation and support.



**Red Roses to .....** Pam Ansley, Karen Stephens, Kay Hill, Wynona Montgomery, Erica Smith, and Faith S-Chew for attending State Convention in Frisco, Texas.

All Gamma Nu members who contributed through their time, finances, attendance, and/or projects towards all the awards and recognitions we received at State Convention.

Nancy Bonds, Mona Bonds, Karen Stephens, Kay Hill (Executive Board) and special guests: Erica Smith, Kathy Littlefield, and Margaret Ehlig for attending, listening, and supporting the ideas presented at our first Executive Board meeting on July 12, 2016.

The Executive Board, plus Kathy Littlefield, Margaret Ehlig, Erica Smith, and Wynona Montgomery for signing up and providing the breakfast for our August meeting.

Margaret Ehlig for taking minutes for Cornia Garcia in her absence at our Executive Board meeting.

Kathy Littlefield, Margaret Ehlig, Karen Stephens, and Adela Pirzadeh for meeting to discuss and provide treats for our first meeting on August 6, 2016, at Mona Bonds' house.

Mona Bonds for making the deadline from State in regards to submitting our annual treasurer's report.

Erica Smith for spearheading our brochure for this biennium and to Margaret Ehlig, Kathy Littlefield, Karen Stephens, and Adela Pirzadeh for their feedback, suggestions, and support.

Brenda Clem for still being willing to graciously give of her time in assisting me and providing our Chapter with the wonderful Gamma Nus.

Karen Stephens for selecting the retirees' special gift from the chapter.

Mona Bonds for graciously offering her home to us once again for our August Annual Breakfast meeting.

The 2015-16 Scholarship Committee for selecting me as the May scholarship recipient. It covered my registration and parking to attend a job related conference.

**First Meeting of this Year!**

**August 6, 2016**  
 Breakfast at Mona Bond's  
 436 South Burnet Drive  
 9:00 a.m.

**Executive Boards Hosts**

Please join us as we welcome you back to the 2016-17 school year. The Gamma Nu Executive Board is looking forward to socializing with you at our first meeting. Presentations will be made for the Achievement Award, Perfect Attendance, and to our new Retirees.

We are looking forward to another great year with YOU!

**Happy Birthday to You!**

August

- 3 Sherry Burr
- 6 Bettie Jones
- 8 Wanda Orton
- 24 Pam Ansley
- 27 Nancy Bonds
- 31 Sue Weir

**Dues are due!!!**

- \*Yearly dues are \$85 for active members and \$42 for reserve members no later than October 10, 2016.**
- \*Dues can be paid at the Breakfast by check or exact cash.**
- \*Early Bird Registration Fee for the Area III workshop is \$20, if paid before September 5, 2016.**

**DKG Five W's**

***Please tell us a little about yourself, experiences, and any takeaways since joining this internationally known Women's Society in no more than three sentences for each section. Your answers will be used to highlight you as the Member of the Month.***

<i>Who were you before joining?</i>	<i>Who did you become because of joining?</i>
<i>What were you doing before joining?</i>	<i>What have you been doing since you have joined?</i>
<i>When did you know you wanted to be a DKG member?</i>	<i>When did you join DKG, the Gamma Nu Chapter?</i>
<i>Where were you in your educational career before Becoming a DKG member?</i>	<i>Where have you been or excelled since becoming a DKG member?</i>
<i>Why did you want to become a member?</i>	<i>Why do you remain a member?</i>

**Gamma Nu  
Member of the Month  
Karen Stephens**



I started my teaching career in St. Joseph Catholic School, where I attended as a child. When our children went to high school, I met Brenda Clem and Lynda Eichler through Sterling Band. When they nominated me, I had no idea what DKG was, but I accepted. They were the only two members in our chapter who I knew. Not teaching in public school, I have always felt like the outsider. There were many times I thought about quitting but didn't – mainly because I am not a quitter and secondly, I didn't exactly know how!

One biennium I edited the yearbook and realized all that it contained. I started to get a better grasp of the honor that was bestowed upon me. Through attendance at our May banquet, I have learned more about our 12 founders. This yearly review has made me prouder of the legacy they left for us. I decided if I was going to be a member, I needed to be active. So I held various offices over the next few years. After attending state conventions and being with hundreds of educators in one setting, I WAS HOOKED!

Finishing my biennium as president, I was a little sad because it was fun and fulfilling – BUT I am **so thankful** for my successor, Faith. She and her Executive Board have already done so much for our chapter. It is comforting to see that we are in such good hands. I am looking forward to being a “quiet” bystander at our meetings, but as in the past, I'll always be saving a seat just for YOU!!!



**Gamma Nu Chapter  
Regular Meeting  
Delta Kappa Gamma Banquet  
Agenda**

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

There were no minutes for this meeting!



**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

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