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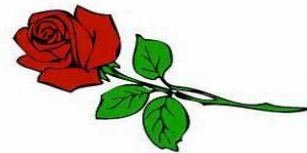
Baytown, Texas

President's Message

Love is in the air. Valentine's day is almost here. All Gamma Nu members know what that means. It means auction time. The day before Valentine's Day is perfect for shopping for all of those special valentines on your list. Mary Jane Ethridge, auctioneer extraordinaire and team, are sure to make this a dynamic affair. Melissa Lindsey and team, who set the standard for door prizes earlier this year, will be providing refreshments. I know some of you remember the cake Melissa baked when Julie Cantrell, author of *Perennials*, visited. I ran into Julie at a convention a few days ago and again she mentioned how enjoyable the evening was last April. The February meeting is slated to be a fun and entertaining evening. Join us. You make Gamma Nu stronger by your presence. This April we won't be hosting an author. Instead we will be inducting new officers. Somehow, somewhere the names of the Nomination Committee are missing in action. I know there are members who want to take a leadership role and are waiting to be asked. Please, don't wait, volunteer! Either send me a text or email, even call me. Don't be shy. You are a leader. Leaders emerge. Really, it is fun and goes by very quickly. Besides, I'll be right by your side to help you like so many sisters did for me. I promise you will never feel alone. Gamma Nu matters to students, teachers and the Baytown community. We continue to make a difference. You, there, reading this thinking, well, maybe. Just do it. So many rewards in serving. I'm hoping to hear from those special sisters who understand that DKG Gamma Nu has a legacy that is becoming stronger every day.

See your smiling face at the auction.

– Brenda Hastings-Gongora



Red Roses to

All members who attended, we had a good turn out and an enjoyable time.

Faith Smith-Chew who effectively headed up the committee that selected the two scholarship recipients. Thanks, Faith, for your leadership.

Mona Bonds who printed and delivered the Sign-in Sheets for the rest of the year. Thanks for looking ahead and keeping on track.

Ann Garrett for completing the minutes the same night of the meeting. Ann you are a champion.

Roseanna Henrichsen's committee members for the refreshments at our last meeting. And a special thanks to those who donated extra food and drinks, even though they were not on the committee.

Happy Birthday to You! February

- 7 Susan Passmore
- 8 Sally Capetillo
- 10 Mary Margaret Hooks
- 17 Sandra Bell
- 21 Nancy Bolding
- 23 Adrienne Tesar
- 24 Laura Pledger
- 27 Mona Bonds

Next Meeting

February 13, 2020

St. John Catholic Church

800 West Baker Road

4:30 p.m. - Bring Auction Items

5:00 p.m. - Meeting Begins

Key Sisters in Support of Scholarships

Scholarship Auction

Auction to raise funds for scholarships for students and members, and for Gamma Nu projects

4:30-5:00 - Bring your auction items **early** to give the auction committee time to label and set them out. We want members to have time to view them **before** auction begins.

5:00-5:15 - Members are encouraged to partake of refreshments as we meet. This will allow us to finish the meeting and have plenty of time for the auction.

Refreshments - Melissa Lindsey's Team

AUCTION ITEMS- EVERYONE - **Items are provided by ALL members. Please be sure to bring at least one item for the Auction or send a check for a donation to the Scholarship Fund.**



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.

Gamma Nu Member's

Bucket List

Do your Valentine's Day Shopping!

Every member of Gamma Nu should have "Gamma Nu Auction" on their Bucket List! If you have never attended a Gamma Nu Auction then you truly have not lived a full life!

They are fun, the auctioneer is awesome, and they are an excellent way to bring out the "best" in the members! (Just wait until two members want the same item!) You will see sides of members you did not know existed! Jekyll and Hyde come to mind!

So do not miss this exciting opportunity on **Thursday, February 13 at 5:00!!**

FEBRUARY AUCTION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

This is a reminder for our newer members who might not know how the auction works.

WHERE DO THE AUCTION ITEMS COME FROM? -

--Members are asked to bring an item or two to be used for the auction.

WHO CAN BID ON AN ITEM? - ANYONE, even if you donated the item.

CAN I BRING A GUEST AND CAN THEY BID? - MOST DEFINITELY!

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY PURCHASES? - Mona will gladly accept checks (Preferably) or cash (change might be limited). Unfortunately, we are not in the 21st century yet and have no way of accepting credit cards.

CAN I JUST MAKE A DONATION? - That would be awesome!

WHAT IS OUR GOAL? - We award about \$1,200 in grants and scholarships each year. These grants and scholarships are funded by the proceeds of our auction.

Please attend and help us meet our goal!

Bay Area Relay for Life

Don't forget!!!—

Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club Team
for the April 3, 2020 Relay for Life Event.

Luminaries must reach the luminary team by March 28 to be credited to Gamma Nu's Luminary Club Team.

- ❖ The minimum price for a white luminary is \$10. After March 28, the price increases to \$15. “In Memorial: names received before 3/28 will be placed on the Memorial Wall.
 - This year we are asking everyone to order their luminaries online. You can order them at www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx which is a secure website. Just go to the website, scroll down, and select the box which says: **Luminaria**.
 - Under **Whose Relay Fundraising efforts will your donation support?** Select **“Team”**.
 - Type **Gamma Nu Luminary Club** in the box and click [Search](#).
 - Click on our team name when it appears.
 - Select the type of luminaria you want to order (only one name per luminary) and then **Personalize your luminaria**.
 - Under **“What would you like to say?”** please put only **“From”** and your name or the person it is from.
 - Order additional Luminaria or click **“Next”**. When you are finished, go to payment information.
 - Follow the instructions for payment.
- ❖ There will be luminary forms available at the January, February, and March meetings. You will mail your form and check to: Bay Area Relay for Life, P.O. Box 758, Baytown, Texas 77522.
- ❖ **Be sure to write “Gamma Nu Luminary Club” in the “credit to...” box at the bottom of the form. Purchase a luminary for Relay 2020 and help the Gamma Nu Luminary Club “Light up the Track”!**

Gamma Nu Yearbooks

Yearbooks – The 2019-20 Gamma Nu Yearbook is complete! It is available on our website:
www.gammanutexas.weebly.com

DKG International has asked all chapter to **“Go Green”** and to no longer print yearbooks for distribution. If you prefer to have a paper copy, you will need to print it.

Thanks for your understanding and patience!

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JoAnn Short President of Epsilon Psi, Dorothy Strouhal and Cindy Lindley of “Beauty Will Rise”, and Brenda Hastings-Gongora, President of Gamma Nu join forces after our January meeting. The topic of our program was Human Trafficking. Our guest speaker was Dorothy Strouhal from “Beauty Will Rise”.



**Grant Winners for 2020
Lindsey Kreft from GCM, Faith Smith-Chew Gamma Nu Grant Chairman,
Maria Torres, from Cedar Bayou Jr. School, and
Brenda Hastings-Gongora, Gamma Nu President**

High Notes/Grace Notes

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- ❖ Thanks to those who sent their information for Gamma Nus early! The editor truly appreciates you!
- ❖ Congratulations to Gamma Nu! Our chapter has achieved Five Star Recognition for an outstanding newsletter! Stacey Arnold, Chairman of the TSO Communications and Publicity Committee states, "The hard work of your chapter editor and members is evident in the story told by your chapter newsletters!"

Grace Notes

- ❖ Margaret Ehlig has a broken ankle. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers as she heals!

Reminders

Current Membership – Look for a member you have not seen in a while and give them a call about our next meeting.

Refreshment and Raffle Teams – Be sure you know when you are responsible for Refreshments and Raffle items. Everyone needs to be sure they are contributing to Gamma Nu in more ways than just their dues! Check your Yearbook if you are unsure of your commitments.

February 13 – Gamma Nu Auction – Start collecting items to bring to the Auction. Now is a great time to look for deals and steals! And don't forget to bring a friend!!

June 17-19, 2020 - 91st Texas State Convention in McAllen, Texas
Start looking for your roommate and watch for more information!

July 7-11, 2020 – Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Keep your roommate from the TSO convention and travel to the beautiful, historic Philadelphia!!