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President's Message

Hello Gamma Nu Sisters,

Thank you to everyone one who was able to attend our virtual joint meeting with Epsilon Psi in January! We enjoyed hearing updates from our sister chapter, as well as seeing their smiling faces. We heard from guest speaker, Ashley Parrish, who co-hosts a podcast on parenting called "Feeding the Mouth That Bites You".

Check out these sights –

Social Media: Instagram-@feedingthemouth,

Facebook – feedingthemouth

Questions: podcast@feedingthemouth.com

As I shared updates from our chapter, I was reminded of the losses our members have had this year, as well as great celebrations.

On February 11, we will be having a virtual "auction". This classic event will be conducted differently this year, but I know we will have a great time and still raise plenty for the Scholarship Fund!

Thank you for all you do!

Nancy Bonds, Gamma Nu President

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Red Roses to

Members who sent holiday cards in place of singing carols at the local nursing homes.

Kristen Davis and Epsilon Psi for their hospitality at the joint meeting.

Brenda J. Clem for the Gamma Nus earning the "Five Star Award for Outstanding Newsletters."



February Auction

This year, the "auction" will occur virtually. Members will continue to contribute items/packages as we have in the past. Instead of "bidding" on items, we plan to have different categories of prizes and conduct a "drawing" instead. As we gather descriptions/pictures of donated items/packages, we will send out information on the categories and how much you can donate to be put in the different drawings. This is different than before, but we feel confident we will have great items, have fun, and raise money for the Scholarship Fund! Check your email for continued communication and details.



Happy Birthday to You! February

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

Next Virtual Meeting February 11, 2021

St. John Catholic Church
800 West Baker Road

5:15 p.m. – WebEx Virtual Meeting

The Key to Funding Educational Fellowship
Auction to raise funds for scholarships for students and members, and for Gamma Nu projects

AUCTION ITEMS ARE FURNISHED BY ALL MEMBERS

You will need to let the Chairmen know which item(s) you will be contributing to the auction by January 29.

Refreshment Committee – Melissa Lindsey and her team - Please remember to send your donations to Mona Bonds via Venmo or check.

Mona Bonds
436 S. Burnett Dr.
Baytown, Texas 77520

5:15-5:30 - Meeting begins. We try to move through the meeting quickly to have plenty of time for the auction.



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

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! This year will be a bit different but guaranteed to be lots of fun!

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 11 at 5:15!**

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 donate an item or two to be used for the "auction". This year you need to send Nancy a description and a picture of what you will be providing for the auction.

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

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

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY PURCHASES? ---Mona will gladly accept checks, cash, or Venmo.

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

WHAT IS OUR GOAL? ---We award about \$1200 in grants and scholarships each year. These grants and scholarships are funded by the proceeds of our auction. We budgeted \$1500.
Please attend virtually and help us meet our goal!

Bay Area Relay for Life

May 14, 2021 – 6:PM – Midnight

Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club Team
for the May 14, 2021 Relay for Life Event.

Luminaries must reach the luminary team by (Date to be announced!) to be credited to Gamma Nu's Luminary Club Team.

- ❖ The minimum price for a white luminary is \$10. After the deadline, the price increases to \$15. “In Memorial: names received before the deadline 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.
- ❖ All Luminary purchases will be done with a credit card.
- ❖ **Be sure to write “Gamma Nu Luminary Club” in the “credit to...” box at the bottom of the form.**
Purchase a luminary for Relay 2021 and help the Gamma Nu Luminary Club “Light up the Track”!
- ❖ **Last year our goal was \$500 and we collected \$1,001! Can we beat \$1,001 this year? Of course we can!!!**

High Notes / Grace Notes

Kaitlin Burks – Congratulations on the birth of her twins, Benjamin and Piper. They were born on January 14, 2021.

Margaret Ehlig’s mother-in-law, Beth Ehlig, passed away. Beth was a long-time employee of GCCISD having served as a secretary at Harlem Elementary and for Dick Hallum in the Administration Building until she retired. She was also very active with the Presbyterian church.

Continue to pray for the USA and its leadership as we transition into new ways of thinking!

Continue to pray for an end to COVID, for those who are ill, and the families of those who have passed away.

Convention Information from Area III:

2021 TSO 92nd STATE CONVENTION

“Unlock the Possibilities”

Last spring the TSO Executive Board had to make the very difficult and heart wrenching decision cancel the TSO State Convention in McAllen. We have worn our masks, socially distanced, stayed in place, eaten outside, ordered take out, not gathered in crowds larger than 10, and zoomed meetings and classes. Through the dedication and efforts of all of us, we will “Unlock the Possibilities” at the 2021 TSO 92nd in Denton on June 17th – June 19th. We are looking forward, in eager anticipation, to playing “Who’s Behind the Mask?”, air hugging and reconnecting with friends and colleagues, visiting vendors, learning, and, most importantly, celebrating the resilience and traditions of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and TSO.

The link below provides information about Denton and the convention. To get it to open, follow these directions! (This is for all of us “dummies” who need constant tutoring on how to do these things!)

- Highlight the “2021 Convention Website”
- Hold down the “ctrl” button
- Then click your left mouse button
- It takes it a little bit to open, so be patient!!
- If it does not work – call Nancy or Kristi – they are a lot more tech savvy than me!

[2021 Convention Website](http://www.dkgtexas2021convention.weebly.com)

Or

www.dkgtexas2021convention.weebly.com