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President's Message

Gamma Nu Sisters,

It was great seeing so many of you at our joint meeting with Epsilon Psi. It is always fun when both chapters get together. Wasn't the program great? I know I am going to try and incorporate some of those breathing techniques we learned.

The auction is February 2, 2023 at E. F. Green. Michelle Jackson will be emailing out a map if you did not get one at the January meeting. Pat Thomas and the auction committee have put a lot of time into making the auction a success, so invite your friends and make plans to attend! I hope everyone has a great start to the month of February, and I look forward to seeing you Thursday night.

Kristi Warren, Gamma Nu President

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Red Roses to

To all our members who were flexible with the change in meeting location due to the power outage.

Lori Janick's team for providing great raffle items



February Auction

The Auction is coming! The Auction is coming! Remember two years ago when the Auction was virtual? Nancy and Kristi did a great job of making it fun and we raised a lot of money for Scholarships!!

This year we are back to "normal"!!! It is just four (4) days away! So, get your items ready, gather your cash, and practice raising your hand to bid!!!

If you are unable to attend, please send your items with a friend, send Mona a check or make a donation on Venmo. We want to be sure our Scholarship Fund is healthy and ready to give!



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 Meeting
February 2, 2023
5:15 p.m. -Meeting
E.F. Green Jr. School
5737 E. Wallisville Road

Our Journey to Support Educators:
It's Everyone's Favorite Meeting of the Year!
AUCTION TIME!!! Raising funds for
scholarships for students and members, and
for Gamma Nu projects!

AUCTION ITEMS ARE FURNISHED BY ALL MEMBERS:
Please send a donation via Venmo or check to Mona Bonds
as everyone is asked to participate!

Refreshment Committee - Kay Hill and her
team - Please remember to send your donations
to Mona Bonds via Venmo or check if you will not
be attending!

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



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 2 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 donate an item or two or three (the more the better)
to be used for the auction. Decide on a starting bid for each
item!

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? ---If you are not
attending, that would be awesome and expected!

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.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact Pat
Thomas or LeaAnn Gardner! They have ALL the
answers!

Please attend or send a donation
to help us meet our goal!

Bay Area Relay for Life

April 14, 2023 – 6:PM – Midnight
Wayne Gray Sports Complex
Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club Team
for the April 14, 2023 Relay for Life Event.

Luminaries must reach the luminary team by April 7, 2023 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 by April 7th will be placed on the Digital 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 **Dedicate a Luminaria**, select “Team”. Type **Gamma Nu Luminary Club** in the box and click **Search**.
 - Click on **Gamma Nu Luminary Club** when it appears.
 - Select the type of luminaria (amount) you want to order (only one name per luminary) and then **Personalize your luminaria**. (Check “In Honor, In Memory, or In Support” and then add their name.)
 - Click **Next** and you can review your order.
 - Scroll down to **Add Another** to add another name if you are ordering more than one.
 - After adding all of the names you want to order, click on **Next**. Add your billing and payment information.
 - Click **Purchase**.
- ❖ All Luminary purchases will be done with a credit card.
- ❖ Luminary Forms are also available to download on the Relay Website! Be sure to write “Gamma Nu Luminary Club” in the “credit to...” box at the bottom of the form.
- ❖ Purchase a luminary for Relay 2023 and help the Gamma Nu Luminary Club “Light up the Track”!
- ❖ **Last year our goal was \$1,000 and we collected \$1,501! Can we beat \$1,501 this year? Of course we can!!!**

High Notes / Grace Notes

GRACE NOTES:

- **Kathy Littlefield's Husband** – Leighton broke his arm and his elbow. He will be having surgery Monday, January 30 at Memorial Hermann Hospital! Please pray for Leighton and Kathy as they go through this journey of recovery!
- **Sara and Brian** - “Kristi's sister and brother-in-law” whose home was struck by lightning! They are still dealing with insurance – which we all know can be frustrating!
- **Brenda and Ricky Clem** – Their church, St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, in Deer Park is the church you have seen on the news. The church did a major renovation to the Sanctuary about 18 months ago and the tornado did not do any damage to the Sanctuary! Unfortunately, the Rectory, Fellowship Hall, Education Building, and Church offices received MAJOR damage – just feet from the Sanctuary! God was watching!
- **For all of the people** whose lives have been affected by the damage of the tornado!
- **For those** who have been injured or killed from the many gun assaults!

Early Educator Grant Winners

The voting is finished and the winners have been contacted! Meet our Early Educator Grant Winners!

Elizabeth Keomanikhoth is a first-year 3rd grade teacher at James Bowie Elementary. Her grant is entitled “Reading Readiness and Everyday School Materials”. I am focusing on reading and writing a lot this year. A lot of my students are behind due to the pandemic and online teaching. Many of them are at Kindergarten or 1st grade reading levels because of the online instruction that has been in place for the last couple of years due to the pandemic. I would love to be able to purchase books that are on-level for the students in my classroom. A lot of my books are 3rd grade reading level (on-level) and are too hard for them to read. This would help purchase books that they would actually be able to read and enjoy. I would also be able to purchase classroom supplies. A lot of our students are underprivileged and do not have the appropriate supplies they need. I already have some classroom supplies, but we are starting to run low.

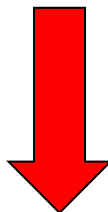
Her objective is to progress them to 2nd grade or 3rd grade reading levels by the end of the year. She wants to purchase on-level books and classroom materials. She will assess the success of the project by testing results showing if the children have moved up in reading levels.

Elizabeth Ruiz is a first year Pre-Kindergarten teacher at San Jacinto Elementary. Her grant is entitled "Here We Grow". Our school district opened a state-of-the-art museum quality Early Learning Academy for Pre-Kindergarten this year. Here student will develop inhibitory control and brain function through right brain left brain teaching that will contribute to their academic success for the rest of their lives. Two of the amazing classrooms that all students will get to engage in are agriculture centered. One is “Farm to Market” where students get hands-on experience of where their food comes from while they raise farm fresh eggs in their on-site chicken coop and learn about how agriculture play a role in their everyday lives. The other agriculture centered classroom is called “Here We Grow”. In this classroom students will learn about all things plants. From the planting tables, seed counting activities to the amazing hydroponics systems; students will gain amazing plant science skills, while helping to grow produce for their campus and to sell in their community. The goals for this project include giving students a hands-on approach to learning the Texas PreK Guideline for science. Students will gain a greater understand of the characteristics of plants and their life cycle through directly working with their classroom hydroponics system. This project will introduce students to new produce that will be utilized in the school lunch program as well a farmer’s market programs where produce grown on campus will be taken to the local farmers market. Among other produce, students will grow pickling cucumbers and dill so that students and teachers can then make pickles. These pickles will be canned and sold at the farmer’s market. The funds raised through the farmer’s market will then be put back into the project to buy more supplies. We see a great value in getting our students involved in hands on agriculture and truly engaged in the learning process. The fund received from this grant will be instrumental in purchasing necessary supplies to grow produce, introduce students to produce they may not have tried, market the produce and can produce which can then be sold at our local farmer’s market.

Success will be measured by students’ test scores in relation to the Pre-K guidelines. It will also be measured by the ability to grow produce to be utilized on the campus for the school lunch program as well as the ability to grow produce to make pickles to be sold at the farmer’s market. A successful project will be self-sustaining as funds generated will be put back into the project to keep it going!

Congratulations to both of these winners – their students will be the true winners this year!

Keep Reading!!



STAR³ 2023!

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!

REGISTRATION



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ 1903 Church Street ~ Galveston

8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

(Space is limited to the first 40 who register)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Chapter _____ Area _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Guest ____Y ____N

Please complete the above information and mail this form along with a check for **\$30** made payable to **Theta Sigma**. Please write STAR3 in the memo line. No Refunds after March 5.

Mail both to:

Barbara Coon

10918 Sageburrow Drive

Houston, TX 77089

Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided along all supplies for the projects. Just bring your scissors and we will take care of the rest. Hope to see you April 1, No Fooling!

For information contact Barbara Derrick at BLSDerrick@aol.com