



A Slice of Pi



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The Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will hold its biennial Red Rose Tea in September, 2012. During this traditional event, our group honors local businesses/ individuals that are "friends in education" for their community participation and accomplishments. Nominees were discussed at our recent area Winter Meetings in Ogdensburg and Gouverneur. Nominees that have been suggested to date are:

TAUNY— the organization that recognizes Traditional Arts in Upstate New York.

Robert (Bob) Porter, an active member of the Gouverneur Community.

Rayna Brien—an Ogdensburg resident who gives out books at Halloween time.

April Meeting at the TAUNY Facility in Canton



The April Meeting held at the TAUNY Facility on Main Street in Canton proved to be a very enjoyable evening. New member, Pam Neal was initiated in a lovely ceremony organized by our Ceremonies Committee Members. Our business meeting was followed with a presentation given by the TAUNY Center director, Jill Breit. Members learned the about the history, how the TAUNY group reaches out to local ar-

tisans and the mission of the organization. The meeting was held in the newly renovated TAUNY facility and catered by the Black Bird Café. The homemade jelly trio donated by Allison Wheeler was won by Sandy Plimpton. Raffle proceeds were donated to TAUNY.

Special thanks go out to the members involved in the organization of this highly enjoyable event!

Totebag Project Flourishing!



Gamma Epsilon's Tote Bag Project continues to bring our members together in creating memory bags for nursing home residents. The Gouverneur group is in the process of finishing their Farm & Family tote bag that represents many items past and present from farming

communities. This is sure to be a big hit with the clients in the participating nursing homes.

The 50's bags have been very well received in the Ogdensburg area and the Ogdensburg group has begun work on assembling a '70's bag. From here on

out, one bag will be created for a theme and will be shared among the nursing homes via the activities directors.

The evaluations have revealed that the Tote Bags are being widely used and are proving to be a wonderful conversation starter that fosters many interactive activities.

Gamma Epsilon Officer Nominations



Keeping our organization strong in membership & leadership!

It is again time to initiate officers for our upcoming biennium. Kristine Hurst has agreed to accept the position of 2nd Vice President, Nancy Love has accepted a nomination of secretary and Mary Dixon has graciously agreed to continue as treasurer of the organization. Charlotte Garofalo will move into the position of president and Cindy Wells will move into the post of past-president. Lisa Smithers will move up to the position of 1st Vice President. The position of corresponding secretary also needs to be filled, Anyone interested in helping out with this position, please contact Cindy Wells at dwells5@twcny.rr.com

Our organization also is seeking a historian—someone to take pictures at our events and contact local newspapers to publish our "news" with photos. Most organizations are "going digital" with organizing and preserving their photos. We also need a webmaster—someone to keep our web pages up to date... Please let Cindy or Charlotte know if you are interested in helping out with these positions.

Gamma Epsilon Supports State Awards

The Gamma Epsilon Chapter will be making a contribution of \$150.00 at the upcoming Pi State Leadership Meeting raffle. Many thanks to our members who contributed to this worthwhile cause. Our organization has reaped benefits from the Pi State Awards. Our most recent award was granted for our Tote Bag project.

The tickets and money will be delivered on May 4th to the Pi State Raffle Committee. There are many, wonderful raffle prizes to be won—hope we have some winners from our chapter! Charlotte, Barre and Cindy will be attending the meeting and will be happy to collect and bring your winnings home to you!



Thank You!



I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to everyone for all your help and support during my term as president of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of DKG. Our chapter has realized many accomplishments

over the past two years and I fully recognize that it was our dedicated members working together that made ideas become a reality. We can be very proud of our organization in so many ways!

Delta Kappa Gamma is a wonderful avenue to promote the ideals that we believe in as individuals and as a group — you, the members breathe life into efforts and activities.

Thank you—your dedication is what gives strength to this organization!!



You Are Invited

Gamma Epsilon Meeting

May 22, 2012

Mullin's Restaurant, Gouverneur, New York

Registration:	5:00 - 5:30
Dinner:	5:30 - 6:15
Scholarship Presentation:	6:15 - 6:30
Presentation by Carmen of Glow Spa	6:30 - 7:00
Initiation of Officers & Business Meeting:	7:00 - 7:30

Dinner Choices: (Prices Include Tax & Gratuity)

Char-broiled chicken breast Rice pilaf Steamed mixed vegetables Tossed salad \$20.00	Char-broiled Sirloin Filet and Scallops Choice of potato Vegetable Tossed salad \$23.00	Homemade Wheat Noodles w/ roasted red peppers & as- paragus Tossed Salad \$20.00
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All meals include choice of dessert: Fruit Pizza Squares or Fruit Parfait

Please RSVP to Charlotte Garofalo by May 17th

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Donations for the renewal house and book donations are welcome!



April 2, 2012 Gamma Epsilon Meeting

TAUNY, Canton, New York

Initiation of New Members

Arrival and Introduction – 14 Gamma Epsilon members and 1 initiate registered and toured the TAUNY facility on Main St., Canton, New York. Jill Breit, Executive Director, introduced herself and briefly shared the history of TAUNY.

Dinner – A delicious dinner was catered by Blackbird Café, Canton.

Business Meeting – Charlotte Garafalo, first Vice President, called the business meeting to order and introduced Membership Chair, Pat Washburn, who introduced Lisa Smithers, sponsor of new member, Pam Neal. A recommitment ceremony followed explanation of the meaning of our symbols.

A thank you was extended to our meeting hostesses, Allison Wheeler, Barre Hall and Patty Bell.

Minutes of our November 19, 2011 Holiday Brunch were distributed. Pat Washburn moved to accept the minutes and Joyce Yianoukos seconded the motion. Treasurer, Mary Dixon, presented her treasurer's report.

Old Business – The May meeting will be held at Mullin's Restaurant in Gouverneur, on May 22. Please note date change. Carmen Gendebien will speak on the new spa in Canton.

Lisa Smithers reported on the 70's bags, the latest addition to our Tote Bag Project. Gouverneur members proudly displayed one of their Farm Life bags.

Pi State Raffle tickets and Convention baskets were discussed. Our contribution to the Northern Area Council basket has been made.

Publicizing our scholarship to high school seniors wishing to apply for scholarship assistance was discussed. Presentation of scholarships at school awards assemblies was suggested.

Red Rose Tea recipient suggestions were sought. Please give your ideas to President, Cindy Wells.

New Business – Kris Hurst accepted nomination to the position of second Vice-President and Nancy Love has accepted the position of Secretary for our organization. Candidates for Corresponding Secretary were sought. Nancy Love moved to adjourn the meeting and Ann Groom seconded the motion.

Program – We enjoyed a Powerpoint Presentation on TAUNY which included its history and activities offered by the organization. A tour of the organization's website concluded Jill's presentation. Sandy Plimpton won the evening's raffle – a basket of jams and jellies contributed by hostess Allison Wheeler. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,

Barre Hall