



“ A Slice of Pi”

Gamma Epsilon Presents Tote Bags

Members of Delta Kappa Gamma gathered at the Dobisky Community Center in Ogdensburg to formally present the Tote Bags. The area nursing homes that have collaborated with this project are Kinney Nursing Home in Gouverneur, River-Ledge Healthcare Center (formerly United Helper’s Nursing Home) and St. Joseph’s Nursing Home in Ogdensburg.



Activity directors from each of the facilities were on hand to accept the Tote Bags and discuss how they would be put to use with their clients.

This presentation represented the culmination of a project that has taken over a year and was heartwarming in many ways. New York State Senator, Patty Ritchie was present to recognize our dedication and efforts and also made a personal connection to how she would be able to use the bag with a family member that is infirmed in one of the nursing home residences.



Sincere thanks go out to all members for helping this project come to fruition. Through dues, brainstorming and hands-on efforts we have created a resource that will benefit community members for years to come.

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- 2011 - 2012 Events**
- *November 19, 2011: Silent Auction and Brunch at the GranView in Ogdensburg*
 - *Winter Meetings: TBA*
 - *April 2, 2012: TAUNY Site in Canton, NY*
 - *May 15, 2012: Mullin’s in Gouverneur, Carmen Gendebien from Glow Spa in Canton, NY*

Special Thanks to Lisa Smithers and Pat Washburn



Delta Kappa Gamma was pleased to have several “workers” that participated in meetings to help organize and develop the notebooks for the Tote Bags and shop for items to be included—sincere thanks go out to all of these people who served for many hours in this effort.

However, we all recognize that the guidance and hours of extra service put in by member Lisa Smithers should not go without recognition. Lisa was the “glue” that kept the project moving forward to completion. She made contacts with various nursing home activity directors, traveled to Gouverneur to work with the group there, arranged to have Patty Ritchie attend the dedication meeting and performed numerous other tasks that allowed the project move from the seed of an idea presented at a state meeting to a final product that we all can be proud of. *THANK YOU, LISA!*

Gamma Epsilon member Pat Washburn also made a significant contribution toward the project in writing a grant to Pi State for funds to help defray costs such as the purchase of the bags. Her skills in presenting our project in writing paid off as we were awarded the funds requested. Pi State has an Education Fund that is used to fund these grants and we encourage members to consider donating to this fund. The one-time fee is \$25.00 and many benefit from your contribution. Our chapter has been awarded two grants from this fund to date. The form to donate to this fund is on page 4.



Pictured is the Tote Bag for the Ogdensburg Nursing Homes. Members chose the theme “The Fifties” and had great fun revisiting this era in which many of us grew up in! Lisa, being the younger member of the group, learned a lot about the way of life during that time in our American culture ☺ The Gouverneur area members decided to develop a Farm and Family theme for their Tote Bags and are continuing to develop their bags. We hope to feature their completed bag in an upcoming newsletter. When people ask “What is it that Delta Kappa Gamma represents?” we can proudly reply that projects such as this bring many rewards to both the constituencies involved and our members who develop camaraderie within the organization and a personal sense of satisfaction!

Gamma Epsilon Annual Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction

A special invitation is extended to all members to attend the Annual Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction at the GranView Restaurant on November 19th. This event is our primary event to fund our annual scholarship. We take pride in being able to offer a

*Silent
Auction*

\$500.00 scholarship to a high school senior who is pursuing a degree in education in our chapter area. Without the success of our Silent Auction, we would not be able to support

this important effort. It is always fun to see who ends up with your donated auction item(s) and purchase items that you might use as gifts or for your own enjoyment! If you are looking for something to round out your day, the Annual BOCES Craft Fair will be going on at Kennedy School with many area crafters displaying their wares!

We also hope you will remember to bring your book donation for contribution to a local organization. Some of the organizations we have donated to in the past include daycare facilities, libraries, The Renewal House, nursery schools, etc. We also will be collecting toiletries for The Renewal House.

Details for the Silent Auction and Brunch are included in the attached flyer on page 5 of this publication - we hope to see you there!

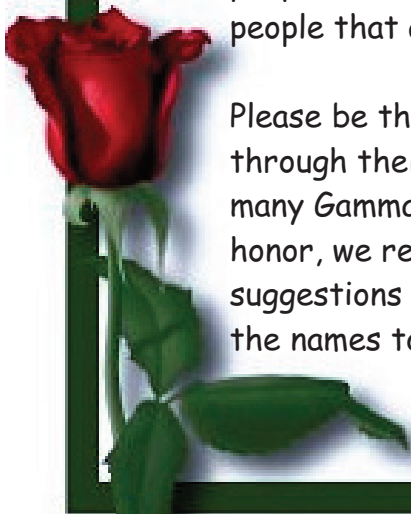


Red Rose Recipient Nominees

It is again time to put discussion of possible Red Rose Recipient Nominees on your agenda for the area winter meetings. Gamma Epsilon honors local people for their community contributions biennially. We will be honoring the people that are selected by our chapter at the September, 2012 meeting.

Please be thinking of those people who make significant contributions through their volunteerism to the community in which you live. We have many Gamma Epsilon members who also serve our communities, but for this honor, we reach out to recognize people from outside our group. If you have suggestions for Red Rose Nominees that come to mind now, please forward the names to: dwells5@twcny.rr.com and they will be passed along to

Charlotte Garofalo who will be moving into the role of Gamma Epsilon Chapter president for 2012 - 2014.



The Pi State Educational Foundation

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

(Make checks payable to: The Pi State Educational Foundation)

Mail to: Agnes Becker, 3448 East River Road, Grand Island, NY 14072

Name: _____ Date: _____

Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Membership contribution: \$25.00

Additional contribution: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY.Gammaepsilon/>



**Gamma Epsilon's
Annual Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction**

Saturday, November 19, 2011

**GranView Restaurant
Ogdensburg, N.Y.**

9:30 a.m.

Breakfast Brunch: Fresh fruit bowl, Assorted Danish, Muffins, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast, English Muffins.

Assorted juices: Orange, Apple, Cranberry and Coffee or Tea

Cost: \$20.00 which includes tax and gratuity

R.S.V.P. by November 14, 2011

Pat Washburn:

578-2882

pwashburn2010@hotmail.com

Sandy Plimpton

393-2574

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Please remember to bring:

Items for the Silent Auction

A children's book

Personal items for Renewal House

September 18, 2011
Gamma Epsilon Meeting
Dobisky Community Center, Ogdensburg, New York
Nursing Home Tote Bag Presentation with Patty Ritchie

Nursing Home Presentations – The representatives of these nursing home are extremely grateful for the projects that will be placed and used in their facilities:

- Kinney Nursing Home – Gouverneur (Renee Smith)
- St. Joseph's Nursing Home – Ogdensburg (Sara Mathews)
- RiverLedge Healthcare Center – Ogdensburg (Larry Worden)

Tote Bag Presentation: Patty Ritchie – Ms. Ritchie thinks that the tote bags will engage family members even more with their visits to loved ones.

Business Meeting

- 1) **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** – Minutes were presented to the group. A **MOTION to approve the minutes as presented** was made by Sandy Plimpton and seconded by Pat Washburn. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2) **Presentation of Treasurer's Report** – It was reported that, as of September 18, 2011, Gamma Epsilon has a checking account balance of \$1,577.59 and a savings account balance of \$229.35. President Wells accepted the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Gamma Epsilon.
- 3) **Announcements:**
 - Flooding cancels 2011 Fall Officers Meeting!! – Due to the massive flooding in Binghamton, the 2011 Fall Officers meeting was cancelled.
 - October 1 area meeting in Plattsburgh – Also cancelled, due to low registration
 - Other announcements:
 - i. Grant money was received for the Tote Bag project. \$560 in total was received, thanks to Pat Washburn.
 - ii. Garage sale this summer was successful.
- 4) **Committee Reports:**
 - Professional Growth and Services –
 - i. School supplies were taken to the Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center; the Center was very appreciative of our donation.
 - Books are needed; please bring children's books to the Nov. 19th Gamma Epsilon Holiday Brunch.
 - Membership – 35 Active Members, 1 Reserve Member, 1 Chapter Honorary
 - Others – Roxann Finley reported that the financial audit was completed; everything is in order.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - Chapter Historian -- We are still looking for someone to fill this position.
 - Chapter Arts Committee Chair – Cindy Wilson has requested that we look for another chair for this committee. Nancy Siegel has offered to take the position – **THANK YOU, Nancy!**
- 6) **New Business:**
 - 2011 – 2012 Fund Raisers – The summer garage sale netted \$338.17.
 - 2011 – 2012 Meetings/Hostesses are posted on the Gamma Epsilon website
 - Start thinking about officers for 2012 – 2014 biennium – Members are encouraged to get involved in Gamma Epsilon as an officer.
 - November 19 – Silent Auction Meeting – This is our next meeting; details TBA.
 - April – This meeting will be held at TAUNY, Main St. Canton, details TBA.
 - May 15 – This will be held at Mullins' Restaurant, Gouverneur. Carmen Gendebien from Glow Spa in Canton will be the presenter.
- 7) **Motion to adjourn** – A **MOTION to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.** was made by Nancy Love, seconded by Ann Groome. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Wheeler, Recording Secretary
(with assistance from Diane Dailey and Cindy Wells)
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