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The 72nd NY State Convention April 26-28, 2019 "Connecting with the Finger Lakes"



The Ramada Geneva Lakefront Resort
 41 Lake Front Boulevard, Geneva, 14456
 (315) 789-0400

Hotel Information: Ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma room block.
 Block rate is \$129.00 (city view) (129+13.5% tax = \$146.42) or
 \$139.00 (lake view) (\$139 + 13.5% tax = \$157.77).

72nd NY State Convention Schedule-at-a-Glance April 26-28, 2019

Friday, April 26th

9:00am-1:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
 1:00-8:00pm Registration
 4:00-5:00pm Music Rehearsal
 5:00-8:00pm FDF Sales
 5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner
 6:30-7:15pm Workshop Session I
 7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session II
 8:20-9:15pm Welcome & Keynote
 9:15-10:15pm Dessert Reception
 10:15pm Set-up for Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, April 27th

6:45-8:00am Optional Breakfast
 8:00-9:30am & 1:30-4:30pm Registration
 8:15-9:15am Executive Board Meeting
 8:15-11:00am Set-up for Member's Showcase
 9:30-11:00am General Session
 11:00am-5:00pm Member's Showcase (4:00-5:00pm
 Author Autographs)
 11:30-1:30pm Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, April 27th continued...

1:30-5:00pm FDF Sales
 1:45-2:30pm Workshop Session III
 2:40-3:35pm Workshop Session IV
 3:35-4:20pm NBCT Process
 3:35-4:35pm Annual Meeting for Pi State Educational Foundation
 3:35-4:45pm Music Rehearsal
 5:45-6:15pm Social Time (Cash Bar)
 6:00-6:30pm Chapter Presidents Line-Up
 6:30-9:30pm Founders & President's Banquet &
 Installation of State Officers
 9:31-10:00pm Receiving Line
 10:00-10:30pm Hour of Remembrance Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28th

8:00-10:00am Registration
 9:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance
 10:30am-1:00pm Scholarship, Awards & Grant(s)-in-Aid Brunch
 1:15-1:45pm Transition Meeting of 2017-19 & 2019-20 Executive
 Committees
 2:00-3:00pm Meeting of 2019 Convention Steering Committee

CALL FOR CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL MEMBERS for the 2019 NYS Convention

Please contact NYS EEC Music Representative Vicky Stockton,
 7477 State Route 291, Stittville, NY 13469, 315-865-8285, vickystockton7477@gmail.com.

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"Opportunities to Connect"

Mary-Martha Harvey

Pi State President 2017 - 2019

I am looking forward to our **2019 New York State Organization 72nd Convention, "Connecting with the Finger Lakes,"** at the **Ramada Geneva Lakefront April 26-28** and especially seeing many of you, our honored members. Each Convention celebrates a biennium and all the members who have contributed to its success and have continued the rich history of our outstanding State Organization as well as conducting State business and electing the Officers that will lead us in our next biennium.

East Central Area is proud to welcome members to the April Convention.

Our East Central Chapters of *Alpha Theta, Alpha Tau, Beta Delta* and *Omega* and its members are pleased to be welcoming you to our scenic and historic Finger Lakes area.

As you know, our 2019 Steering Committee is working diligently with their individual Committees to plan our State Convention. I want to take this opportunity to *thank* these dedicated East Central Area members and their dedicated Convention Co-Chairs **Carol Lord** and **Jane Morehouse, Beta Delta**. Please share the **2019 Convention Invitation power point and script, "Connecting with the Finger Lakes,"** with your members individually, in small groups or in a Chapter meeting. The power point may be located on the State Website by clicking on the button on the Home Page.

The following forms and information are included in this issue, the winter issue of *Pi Lights* and on our State Website. **Early Convention Registrations for 3-Days and 1-Day are due March 11. Late Registrations will be accepted after March 11. The Registration for our first PRE-CONVENTION INSTITUTE (3 CTLE credits) is due April 12. Transportation Requests are due March 11. The Members' Showcase Registration is due March 20.**

Workshop Sessions are planned on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. The Opening Session will feature a welcome by the Geneva City Manager **Sage Gerling**, a DKG update by International Executive director **Nita Scott** and a Keynote by **Joyce Thompson-Hovey** on "*Women Trailblazers of New York State*" followed by our dessert reception. On Saturday, we will elect our new Officers for 2019-2021 and complete State Organization business and reports followed by our Birthday Luncheon, workshop sessions and our Member's Showcase. We'll recognize Chapter Women of Distinction, 25- and 50-year members, Inductees and newly certified National Board Teachers. We'll install our newly elected Officers at our President's Banquet as well as having our Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* and an Info Session on NBCT. On Sunday, we'll honor our deceased members and celebrate our awardees at the Awards Brunch.

To keep us all connected this biennium, our State Committees continue to provide new resources.

Each Convention attendee will receive a REB BOOK that contains the Biennial Reports of State Officers and Committees and includes Convention Rules, 2017 Convention Meeting Minutes and Budget.

Special thanks to our State Officers, Elected Personnel, Chairs and Committee members for their dedicated work on behalf of our State Organization this biennium.

Our Chapters ... Our Success ... Connecting

Technology gives us many avenues from phone calls to emails to texts to websites to meetings to online and print but it is the one-to-one connection with our members that truly means the most. I am grateful for our Chapter Presidents for sharing my *President's News & Notes* to keep each of you informed about our State Organization.

In our Chapters, *truly the heart of our Society*, we have many opportunities to involve, encourage, support, connect and collaborate with members, our key women educators. I want to *thank* our Chapters who have shared DKG with Inductees during this biennium and all our members for their involvement in Chapter activities, projects and meetings and sharing your ideas and accomplishments.

To further the business of our State Organization, it is vital that all our Chapter Presidents or their representatives attend the State Executive Board Meeting on Saturday.

See you all April 26-28 at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront!

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce two excellent candidates for NY State Offices to be elected at the State Convention in April. We received numerous letters of recommendation attesting to the strong leadership skills and accomplishments of both these women in DKG and professionally as educators. *Diane Battaglia*



President

Sue Kenoyer has been an active member of *Psi* Chapter since 1995. She has held many leadership positions in her Chapter and Area Council, including Chapter President (2008-2014) and North Area Council Chair (2011-2013). At the State level, Sue has served on many committees as Chair or Liaison. She was Chair of the Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award Committee (2015-2017) and the Membership Committee (2017-2019). She was Registrar for many State meetings. Sue was elected Second Vice President (2015-2017) and is currently serving as First Vice President. Sue has attended and participated in many Northeast Regional and International Conventions even organizing "New York Dines Out" at Nashville in 2016 and Windsor, ONT in 2017. Sue was an integral part of the development of the NYS Strategic Action Plan.

If elected, she plans to continue implementation of those recommendations for the future of NY State and its members. Sue continues working as an Adjunct Instructor in the Math Department at SUNY Plattsburgh where she has taught since 2008. She retired in 2014 after thirty years as a teacher at Northern Adirondack Central School.



First Vice President

Jennifer Lee Alden, a member of *Beta Omega* Chapter since 2009, has served as Chapter President (2014-2018) and Capital Area Council Chair (2015-2016). At the State level, she has been Educational Excellence Committee Chair, NY State Secretary (2015-2017) and is currently serving as Second Vice President. Jennifer has performed music and conducted workshops at many State meetings. She has attended many Northeast and International Conventions. Jennifer has been a Music Teacher at Shenendehowa Central School since 1994, where she is a leader in Music Curriculum and Assessment. She also teaches General Music and Instrumental lessons. Recently she has served her district as Summer School Assistant Principal.

Nominations for Finance & Nominations Committees

Since no Area Council Nominee was received, Area Councils need to meet to nominate a representative prior to the State 2019 Convention. Nominees from the floor will be accepted for vote by Area Council members in attendance.

Area Council Nominees for Finance Committee:

East Central Area - **Carol Lord**, *Beta Delta*
Northwestern Area - **Barbara Filipiak**, *Alpha Theta*
Southwestern Area - TBA
Southeastern Area - TBA
West Central Area - TBA

Area Council Nominees for Nominations Committee:

Northern Area - TBA
Capital Area - **Anne Marie Bonafide**, *Alpha Nu*
South Central Area - TBA
North Central Area - **Mary Kay Hickey**, *Beta*
Eastern Area - **Barbara Keis**, *Phi*

The Nominations Committee received no nominations for NYS Second Vice President or Secretary

These are important positions necessary to complete the slate of officers for the new biennium 2019-2021. We are asking all members to encourage leaders within your chapters to consider becoming a State Officer. Information about each State Office is found on the state website along with applications/ nominations forms. Please contact any of the Nominations Committee members with your ideas or suggestions. Applications should be mailed to **Diane Battaglia, 255 Park Street, Arcade, NY 14009** or emailed to dianebattaglia@roadrunner.com. We look forward to your input as we complete preparations for the election at the NYS Convention in April. *Diane Battaglia*

REGISTRATION FORM

2019 NY State Convention ... April 26-28, 2019 ... Ramada Geneva Lakefront, Geneva 14456

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____ Position _____

Guest Name(s) for Badges _____

3-Day Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception and meeting materials.

Early 3-Day Registration Fee (Due by March 11th) \$80.00 _____

Late 3-Day Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 11th) \$90.00 _____

One-Day Registration (Due by March 11th) \$40.00 _____

Late One-Day Registration (Postmarked after March 11th) \$45.00 _____

Friday, April 26 \$33.00 _____

Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm All dinners include mixed garden green salad, freshly baked rolls, Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Tea

Select One:

____ Vegetable Wellington: Vegetable & Parmesan Risotto, Roasted Eggplant Wrapped in Puff Pastry with Alfredo Sauce

____ Chicken Marsala: Lightly breaded Chicken Breast with Mushroom Marsala Pan Sauce, Sautéed Vegetable Medley

Dessert Stations Reception 9:15-10:15pm

Included in 3-Day Registration

Assortment: Miniature Cheesecakes, Cannolis, Cream Puffs, Eclairs, Dessert Bars, Brownies; Gluten-free choices; Gourmet Coffee, Decaf, Tea

Guest Charge \$16.00 _____

Saturday, April 27

Optional Breakfast Buffet 6:45-8:00am \$17.00 _____

Assorted Breakfast pastries, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Assorted Cold Cereals with Milk, Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Bacon & Sausage Links, Homestyle Potatoes; Orange, Apple & Cranberry Juices; Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Tea Selections

Celebration Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm

\$22.00 _____

All lunches served with Minestrone Soup, Rolls & Butter, Berry Shortcake, Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Tea Selections

Select One:

____ Cold Plate Trio: Homemade Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad and Fruit Salad

____ Pasta Primavera: Penne Pasta tossed with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables in Garlic Wine Sauce with Shaved Parmesan

____ Chicken Caesar: Grilled Chicken Breast, Romaine Hearts, Garlic Croutons, Shaved Parmesan Cheese, Creamy Caesar Dressing

President's Banquet 6:30-9:30pm

All dinners served with Grilled Vegetable Salad on Kale & Spinach Base with Myer Lemon Vinaigrette and Feta on the Side, Rolls & Butter, Decadent Volcano Chocolate Cake with Whipped Cream and Red Raspberries, Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Tea Selections

Select One:

____ Filet Mignon with Port Wine Demi Glaze on the side, Herb Roasted Potatoes and Sautéed Vegetable Medley \$46.00 _____

____ Vegetable Lasagna Roll: Shredded Zucchini, Roasted Garlic, 3-Cheese Ricotta Stuffed Lasagna Rolls with Marinara \$30.00 _____

____ Roasted Atlantic Salmon: Ginger Soy Glaze with Mango Chutney, Wild Rice Pilaf and Sautéed Vegetable Medley \$36.00 _____

Sunday, April 28

Awards Brunch 10:30am-1:00pm \$22.00 _____

All Brunches served with Juices, Minestrone soup, Pastries, Side House Salad, Fruit Cup, NY Cheesecake, Gourmet Coffee, Decaf and Tea

Select One:

____ Daily Made Quiche: Vegetable with Zucchini, Mushroom and Onion

____ Daily Made Quiche: Western with Ham, Mushroom & Broccoli

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS \$ _____

List any dietary needs _____

Please make check/money order payable to DKG New York State.

Mail to: Betty Pilato, Registrar, 2499 Sanitarium Rd., Clifton Springs 14432-9740

e-mail: bpilato@hotmail.com phone: (315)945-2298

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Photo Release: By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Refund and Cancellation policies: Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 11, 2019. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 11, 2019 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 11, 2019. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can NY State issue refunds for no shows.

Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with Ramada Geneva Lakefront, (315)789-0400. Mention DKG to receive room block rate. _____ Check here if you would like a roommate and have not registered with someone.

PRE-CONVENTION INSTITUTE Registration Form

NYS 2019 Convention

CTLE Credit: 3 hours

“Next Gen Standards: Designing Learning Targets at Multiple Thinking Levels”

Presenters: Karen Jones, Beta Omega

Dr. Lucille Smassanow, Tau

Friday, April 26, 2019 ... 9:00am-Noon ... Ramada Geneva Lakefront, Geneva 14456

Deadline for Registration: April 12, 2019

Institute Fee: \$50.00

Send Registration Form and fee to:

Karen Jones, 8 Holly Lane, Latham, NY 12110

phone: (518)429-4125 email: kjdbg72@gmail.com

Please note: Applications will not be accepted after the due date.

You will receive a confirmation email with further Institute information and directions for registering on Frontline/MLP for CTLE credits.

Next Generation Standards provide the framework for learning for teachers, parents and students. It is the responsibility of educators to develop a curriculum based on the standards. To meet the needs of diverse learners, educators can develop learning targets at multiple levels of thinking, allowing all students to work toward the grade-level standards. In this hands-on, interactive workshop, educators will learn to analyze standards and write learning targets in student-friendly language.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

School District: _____

Title and Grade/Subject: _____

I have enclosed a check for the \$50 Institute Fee, payable to DKG NYS: _____

For Office Use Only – Received Date: _____

PRE-CONVENTION INSTITUTE Leaders

Karen Jones

Karen Jones is an adjunct faculty member for Empire State College, Mercy College, Adelphi University and College of Saint Rose.

Karen taught for forty years, thirty-four of those years working at Corinth Central Schools. In her career she has taught elementary classroom, middle school and high school reading and GED. In addition, she served as the K-3 Literacy Coach for six years and the 4-12 Literacy Coach for two years. She also chaired CSE and Preschool CSE meetings. She served as a curriculum development facilitator and provided after school professional development opportunities for teachers. Furthermore, Karen served as the district-wide AIS Coordinator and the District Reading Coordinator. She also served for over twenty years as Commencement Coordinator and Senior Awards Coordinator.

Karen received her B.S. in Elementary Education from New York State University College at Plattsburgh and her M.S. in Reading from University at Albany, NY. She has earned over 120 graduate credits. In addition to her N-K and Grades 1-6 and Reading Certifications, Karen is certified in Wilson Language Program Level I and Level II Upper Steps. She has served as President of and on the Board of Directors for Iroquois Reading Council. Furthermore, she is a member of *Beta Omega* Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and currently serves as chapter president. In addition, Karen is the Educational Excellence chair for the New York State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is a member of NYS Reading Association, International Literacy Association, ASCD, and Phi Delta Kappa. She has presented workshops locally and statewide.

In 2004, Karen was named District Teacher of the Year. She has also been recognized for perfect attendance for eighteen years. Students recognized her work by giving her the Yearbook Dedication two times and Yearbook Appreciation eleven years. Karen also received the National Honor Society School Service Award three times and has been named to *Who's Who among America's Teachers* thirteen times.



Dr. Lucille Smassanow

Dr. Lucille (Lucy) Smassanow specializes in all areas of literacy instruction, Early childhood development, educating diverse leaders (including students with learning and/or behavioral needs), co-teaching and teaching English to New Learners (ENL). In addition, she scores written New York and Ohio teacher Literacy certification, School District Administration, and a variety of other teaching certification examinations for Pearson Publishing.

Lucy teaches both graduate courses and seminars for New York State United Teachers Education Learning Trust (NYSUT ELT). In addition, she has taught for the Graduate Literacy and English as New Learners Department at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York. She is a retired part-time Professor of Elementary Education, Literacy and Clinical Supervision at the State University of New York at New Paltz in the Hudson Valley. She has taught for the College of New Rochelle, Touro College of Literacy, PACE

University as a Clinical Supervisor, and Sullivan County Community College in Early Childhood Development. Lucy's educational credentials include a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies and Education with an emphasis in Literacy and educating diverse learners, M.A. in Cultural Studies and Policy with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, and a B.A. in English Literature and Education with a minor in Art. She is permanently certified in English 7-12, Literacy 1-6, Elementary Education N-6, and School District Administration PK-12. She has taught and served on all levels in college, pre-kindergarten through senior high and adult education, and in both building and central office administration.

Lucy has written three books, one for teachers: *Think, Link and Learn for Literacy*, and two for children: *Grandma Goes Green* and *On the Way to Freedom*. Recently, as a visiting author, she was invited by Macy's Department Store, Reading Circle, Herald Square, NYC to read and discuss her book *Grandma Goes Green*.

Known for pioneering professional development workshops and seminars, Lucy has presented her original research on kinesthetic brain ignition teaching strategies for English Language Learners at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Sign-up to sing with the NY State Choir! Instrumentalists, too!

Are you planning to attend the NY State 2019 Convention April 26-28 in Geneva?

Rehearsals will take place on Friday, April 26th 4:00-5:00pm and Saturday, April 27th 3:35-4:45pm.

Please contact Music Rep. to *Educational Excellence Committee*, **Victoria Stockton**, 315.865.8285,

vickystockton7477@gmail.com if you are able to sing or play or for further information.

TITLES	2019 Convention Workshops Program Descriptions	Presenter(s)
Psi Chapter's Fundraiser: A Tea with Famous Women	Many members have asked us to give a workshop on our annual <i>Tea with Famous Women</i> . It is our fundraiser to fund our grant(s)-in-aid. We will illustrate the whole process and share materials.	Psi Chapter Members
A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words: Caldecott Books in the Classroom	This workshop offers ideas for using Caldecott Award winning books to teach story analysis, writing, and visual literacy.	Sue Norris <i>Beta Mu</i> Eligible for CTLE Credit
CPR <i>Requires 2 workshop sessions</i>	Come learn or refresh your CPR skills. Course includes CPR for adult, child, and infant; use of AED, and choking. <i>A \$5 fee for CPR card will need to be paid to presenter at time of workshop.</i>	Lisa Huyck, Rho State Secretary and Suzanne Patrick, Rho State Treasurer
How and Why You Should Be Teaching and Grading Based on the Standards <i>Requires 2 workshop sessions</i>	What are your standards? Why should you be teaching and grading based on the standards? You will learn how to teach, assess and grade to the NYS Learning Standards/NYS Next Generation Learning Standards.	Kimberly Gordon <i>Beta Omega</i> Eligible for CTLE Credit
Land, Water, You & Me: Climate Change – Impact, Adaptation, and Vulnerability	We will address the vulnerable populations facing sea level rise as a result of climate change, the effect it will have on migration of displaced communities, and current risks for food security.	Eileen Venezia <i>Alpha Gamma</i> DKG International UN-NGO Rep
Wait...I Get All These Resources for FREE?!?!?!?	As NY residents, you and your students have access to NOVELNY's Online Virtual Electronic Library. This includes the Health Reference Center Academic and Business Insights databases; school-oriented resources like Opposing Viewpoints in Context and Kids InfoBits; peer-reviewed journals like Knowledge Quest and Science and Children; The New York Times and the NYS Historical Newspapers collection and Housekeeping, Spirituality & Health, Mother Earth News, Field & Stream, Phi Delta Kappan. Expand your classroom resources and learn how to save time and money by using these NYS Library-funded gems.	Teresa Keyes <i>Alpha Tau</i>
Proposed Changes to NYS BYLAWS & Standing Rules	An open forum for members to ask questions and have an understanding of the Proposed Changes to the State BYLAWS & Standing Rules to be presented Saturday morning at the Executive Board and General Session meetings.	Donna Yerdon, Rho Chair State BYLAWS & Rules Committee
New Dues Process Exploration and Explanation (for Chapter Treasurers)	Explore the new dues process for 2019-2020 during a preview of the new process and a session for questions immediately following. Information handouts will be available.	Nita Scott, DKG International Executive Director
Chapter Presidents' RoundTable	Join the International Executive Director for an open discussion about the challenges of today and the possibilities for the future. Bring your questions, concerns and successes to share.	Nita Scott, DKG International Executive Director
Leadership Development Continued...	The Leadership Development Committee will lead follow-up discussions with Chapter Presidents and interested members. Program ideas will be shared.	Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau and Dr. Margie Lovett- Scott, Alpha Alpha Co-Chairs State Leadership Development Committee

2019 Convention Workshops		
NBCT Info. Session	<p>You are an amazing teacher! Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) is a pathway to reaching the highest levels of professionalism through design and intention. Find out more about this journey and process. National Board Certification is a symbol of excellence that will empower you and impact your classroom.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See article on page 9</i></p>	<p>Sue Norris, <i>Beta Mu</i> NBCT And Catherine Olinger, <i>Beta</i> <i>Psi</i> DKG NYS Past President</p>

New York Welcomes INTERNATIONAL GUEST

Nita R. Scott

DKG International Executive Director



Nita R. Scott

On Friday evening April 26th, DKG Executive Director **Nita R. Scott** will share an update on the Society. During the Convention, she will present two workshops – the new dues collection process and a round table for Chapter Presidents. She will also install our new State Officers for the 2019-2021 biennium.

Nita R. Scott joined Society Headquarters in August of 2011 – serving first as Membership Services Administrator and now as Executive Director. Nita, an experienced educator, taught secondary mathematics and business in Tennessee and Arkansas before moving to Texas to work with DKG.

Initiated in 2005, Nita has served her Tennessee Chapter as President and as the Strategic Action Committee Chair. At the State Organization level in Tennessee, she was a member of the Membership Committee and served as Financial Advisor to the Convention Steering Committee. During her membership, she has conducted workshops at State Organization, Regional and International Conventions. As a member in Texas, she has served on the State Organization Leadership Seminar and Membership Committees.

With a Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing and Management) and a Master of Science in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership, Nita uses data as a tool to enable Society leadership in marketing the Society and building membership. As a Certified Association Executive, she provides Society leaders with insight regarding best practices for non-profit association governance. As Corporate Secretary-Treasurer, Nita is a member of the International Administrative Board, DKG Supporting Corporation Board, and the DKG Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. She also serves as Liaison for the Editorial Board as well as the International Leadership Development, Constitution and Holden Fund Committees.

Nita and her husband, James, live in the countryside outside of Austin with six horses, three dogs, and a small herd of cattle.

We Want Your Comments for Convention Read On!!!

Our NY State Convention is coming soon, and your NY State Membership and Expansion Committee wants to *celebrate* our members and wants to know why you *connected* to DKG and decided to become a member.

We are asking every member to write down their comments on what you expected to get from your DKG membership when you joined. Please include your Chapter name and your name is optional. If you are going to Convention there will be index cards available so that you can write down your comments and post them on the trifold display that will be available by the Registration table. If you are not coming to Convention, you can give your own index card to someone from your Chapter who is attending and let them post your comments. Another option is to send your comments to Committee Chair Sue Kenoyer at: suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com. She will make your index card and post it.

Comments will be published in the summer issue of Pi Lights. Help us make the display something that members talk about for years to come. Revisit your thoughts and feelings about why you joined DKG in the first place. Be sure to look for the trifold display when you are at Convention!

Sue Kenoyer

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Joyce Thompson-Hovey*“Women Trailblazers of New York State”***Joyce Thompson-Hovey**

New York women throughout history have been trailblazers in their chosen fields and the world benefited from their expertise. Lucky for us and the nation they did not adhere to the Victorian customs of the day that said a women's place was in the home. You will be amazed and proud to be a New York State woman. In this presentation on Friday evening April 26th, Joyce will share historical stories about women in many different fields who are from all over our great State.

Joyce Thompson-Hovey graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego with a BS in Secondary Education in Social Studies and a received a BS in Elementary Degree from the State University of New York at Brockport. She did her graduate work at both colleges. Her teaching career included Junior-Senior High Social Studies, Middle School Remedial Reading and 5th & 6th Grade Classroom Teacher for a total of 40 years. She has always had a love of learning, especially history.

Since retiring she has been researching and doing PowerPoint presentations on such topics as: The Civil War, Famous Women in American History, the American Revolution and Genealogy. She has also become a Civil War Reenactor and an avid Genealogist.

Joyce has been active in her local Chapter, *Gamma Gamma*, for almost 25 years. She has served as Chapter Historian. In the past few years she has served on the State Communications & Marketing Committee. She has presented at many Chapter meetings and State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars and Conventions, and most recently set-up our new closed group on *Facebook* to expand communications between Chapter Presidents, State Executive Committee and State Committees.

Being the Best You Are: **National Board Certified Teachers**

You are already an amazing, passionate teacher. In your heart you know this. But you want to be even better because you love your students, being in the classroom and knowing you are changing lives. Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) is a way to delve into your teaching strategies, philosophies and implementations. It's a challenging journey as you examine the lessons you are teaching: *Am I reaching my students? Am I staying focused to achieve my goals for my students? How can I better manage and monitor my students learning?*

The four tasks of the portfolio take you through videotaping yourself as you teach, writing reflectively, and assessing your understanding of the five core propositions of accomplished teaching. ***The five core propositions are:***

1. Teachers are committed to students and their learning.
2. Teachers know the subjects they teach and how to teach those subjects to students.
3. Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.
4. Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.
5. Teachers are members of learning communities.

While it was one of the most demanding work I've ever done, it was also the most rewarding and valuable professional development I've ever completed.

There are about 118,000 Board Certified Teachers in the United States. It is a symbol of excellence that empowers us to be the best teacher/educator we can be as well as opening doors to more professional opportunities.

We would like to recognize educators in NYS that have received their NBCT certification during this biennium at the NYS 2019 Convention. If you have received or will receive your NBCT certification from July 1, 2017 to April 1, 2019, please send your name, certification, current district and teaching assignment to State President Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net by April 1st.

A workshop will be offered at the 2019 New York State Convention with details about the process. DKG NYS currently encourages and supports NBCT certification. Our Pi State Scholarships may be used to offset some of the expenses incurred in the pursuit of NBCT certification. *Join us to find out about this journey of a lifetime.*

Susan Norris

CALL for Member's Showcase Displays

NYS 2019 Convention

April 27, 2019 ... Ramada Geneva Lakefront, Geneva 14456

Deadline for Proposals: March 20, 2019

Send Application Form to:

Della Ludwig, 3093 Greig Street, Box 296, Port Gibson, NY 14537phone: (315)597-3494 email: revdlludwig@gmail.com*Please note: Applications will not be accepted after the due date.***The 2019 Convention Steering Committee is seeking Showcase proposals that highlight the unique skills or accomplishments of NY State members.**

Have you, or do you know a member who, published a book, is a gifted artist or potter, is a quilter, a poet, or any other special talent or innovative expression that can be highlighted in displays at the 2019 Convention? Highlighting members by celebrating their creative or innovative talents beyond education will be an exciting addition to our Convention. **Displays must be delivered to Showcase Committee for set-up in Ramada's Atrium on Saturday, April 27th at 8:15am. The Member's Showcase will be open for attendees from 1:30-5:00pm with Author Autographs from 4:00-5:00pm. All author's books will be available for purchase from FDF Sales on Friday, April 26th from 5:00-8:00pm and Saturday, April 27th from 1:30-5:00pm.**

Artist/Author Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Showcase Title: _____

Media: _____

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Description of work for the Showcase (150 words or less):

Space is limited – You are asked to bring 1 medium or 1 large item (*example: painting, quilt*) or one set of small items (*example: books authored or jewelry*) to display. Check one of following to indicate amount of space needed. *Artists will supply their own easels if possible. If not, please contact the Showcase Chair.*

_____ Table space: please specify size (no more than ½ a table)

_____ Other: Please be specific (*example: space for your own artist easel or quilt rack*)Attachment(s) (*example: pictures or other information*) _____Web link (*if available*): _____

For Office Use Only - Received Date: _____

City of Geneva Manager to Welcome NYS Organization



Sage Gerling

Sage Gerling, the City Manager for the City of Geneva, will be the opening speaker on Friday evening, April 26, 2019 at the DKG NYS 2019 Convention.

As City Manager, Sage is charged with overseeing city departments and engaging community partners to collectively reach the City's Comprehensive Plan's Vision of a *Beautiful, Prosperous, Equitable, Connected and Sustainable Geneva*.

Sage manages the city's operations through the lens of the city's commitment to be a Triple Bottom Line organization, which focuses on *being socially equitable, fiscally responsible, and environmentally sustainable*. Prior to this appointment, Sage was the Director of Neighborhood Initiatives for the city for six years overseeing community engagement, planning, neighborhood initiatives and community development.

An Austin, TX native, Sage found the Finger Lakes when she attended Cornell University for her graduate degrees in regional Planning and Landscape Architecture.

Sage works, lives, and plays in Geneva with her husband and two children. They love biking around the neighborhoods, being at the lake and enjoying life in the Finger Lakes.

Lynda John

NY State Organization Area Council Conferences 2019-2020

Saturday, September 28, 2019 ... West Central Area Conference, "Beyond Susan B. Anthony," LeRoy CC, LeRoy ... Claudia Cerasani, cacerasani@aol.com

Saturday, October 5, 2019 ... North Central Area Conference, "What's That, You Say? – A Day about Deafness," NYS School for Deaf, Rome ... Vicky Stockton, vickystockton7477@gmail.com

Thursday, October 17, 2019 ... East Central Area Conference, Speakers from Rochester Holocaust Survival Organization, Geneva CC, Geneva ... Jacinda Lisanto, cindalisanto@gmail.com

Thursday, August 8, 2019 ... Capital Area Conference, Frank J. Blasbe Library/ Waterfront Grille, Title TBA, Herkimer ... Deborah Bedard, dmbedard29@yahoo.com and Sharon Patrick, slp12@aol.com

Saturday, May 2, 2020 ... Eastern Area Conference, Title TBA, Midtown Public Library, Manhattan and MOMA ... Joan Goldstein, joantess@rcn.com

Is Your Chapter Using the Updated Membership Plan?

If you haven't looked at the International Website recently for membership materials, then it is time you did! The newest plan provides videos, description of a proven plan for finding, inducting, engaging and keeping new members. Be sure to watch the webinar "*Pride in the Big Picture*" and the other four webinars on "*Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*." These are great to show at one of your Chapter meetings. Use them to kick off a big drive for new members or just to check on your Chapter's overall health.

Our own New York website has a lot of helpful resources, links to the International website, and a map of where to find membership resources on the International website. The New York Membership and Expansion Committee has been adding new resources during this whole biennium.

Remember that your Chapter can induct new members at any time throughout the year. The process to nominate and approve membership has been shortened and is much easier to navigate. There is even a new shorter version of the Induction Ceremony itself!

Your New York Membership and Expansion Committee is here to help you. You can contact **Sue Kenoyer**, the Chair of the Committee, with any questions you may have at suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com.

Sue Kenoyer

A Letter from State Award Chair Erin Merrill

Dear NY State Sisters,

With your help, NY State raised \$6,001 in Awards, Scholarship and Grant(s)-in-Aid Benefit Tickets, with drawings held at the NY State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Latham in April 2018! 73% of our Chapters participated in the Benefit Drawing. *Congratulations* to the recipients and **THANKS** to our participants!

Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey's Biennium theme is "**Opportunities to Connect.**" One important opportunity to connect for DKG membership is our own NY State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid. There are many opportunities available to members and friends of education.

"How can I help achieve the goal?" you ask? Here are two ways...

1. **Check out the NY State website www.dkgnystate.org** for webpages describing each available award, scholarship and grant(s)-in-aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories. Please make sure they are identified and honored with a NY State Award.
2. **Purchase NY State Benefit Tickets** at your Chapter meetings and Area Council Meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid fund.

2019 NY State Awards Benefit Ticket for Awards, Scholarships, Grants-in-Aid

Name _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

Drawing at NY State 2019 Convention
Geneva, April 26-28, 2019
Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

A Note for Area Councils: Please email **Erin Merrill, erinmerrilldkg@gmail.com**, the title of your Area Council's basket and description for recognition at the 2019 Convention and for publication in the summer *Pi Lights*.

Policy for Submissions for State Website

All submissions for the new NY State Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to:

NY State President, Mary-Martha Harvey
mharvey@frontiernet.net

Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to NY State will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

Chapter Webmasters

Website & Print Information Release Forms must be completed and signed by each Chapter member.

Forms should be kept on file by the Chapter Webmaster.

Access form at www.dkgnystate.org





**Join us at the
20th CTAUN Conference at the United Nations:
Friday 5 April 2019**

"Our Planet - Our Crisis - What's Next?"



We have stellar presenters to inform and inspire:

Experts from the UN Environment Program; Civil Society advocates; "Climate Ambassadors" from Peace Boat; young NYC students who participated in the recent UN Climate Change conference in Poland; and Fabien Cousteau, Founder and President of Ocean Learning Center.

Registration deadline is 22 March;

We encourage you to

[register](#) well before the deadline as no late registrations can be accommodated.

If you already registered, you should have received your confirmation email.

Details on the conference, including program, registration and special hotel rates for out-of-town conference participants, are posted on the CTAUN website: www.teachun.org



Visit www.dkg.org to find out more!

Potential Topics include:

- Celebrating Diversity
- Responsible Schools and World Citizens
- Caring for Our Planet
- Human Rights

International Conference: Arts & Humanities Asheville, NC June 27-29, 2019

Asheville earns three A's as the best place for an international Arts & Humanities Conference. A for the allure of breathtaking mountain scenery and cool summer climate. A for adventure opportunities such as hiking or exploring area attractions. A for art that thrives in downtown studios and galleries. All of these combine for a unique conference experience where there is something for everyone.

The Arts & Humanities Conference kicks off on June 27 with artisan demonstrations and games on the lawn. Opening night festivities on Thursday evening will also include the first general session and North Carolina Night – an event not to be missed. Throughout the conference a great variety of workshops will be offered from line dancing, basket-making, and quilting, to creative writing, bookmaking, children's literature and oh, so many more! It will be very difficult to choose which one to attend! Friday, June 28 is filled with workshops, vendors in the Marketplace offering unique and unusual items for shoppers, the US Forum presentation, and the Arts & Humanities Luncheon featuring keynote speaker Kevan Frasier, noted historian of the Asheville area, professor at Western Carolina University, and owner of Asheville by Foot.

The conference continues on Saturday, June 29 with a general session, more workshops, shopping in the Marketplace, and "Showcasing the Arts" Banquet. Sheila Kay Adams, a native North Carolinian and internationally known storyteller, musician and author, is the keynote speaker for the banquet. Sheila will provide an evening of entertainment as she shares her stories, music, and talent.

Come to Asheville a day early to take advantage of one of the four preconference tours being offered. You can enjoy a day at the Biltmore Estate, a beautiful ride down the Blue Ridge Parkway with several stops, a tour of the downtown Asheville River Arts District, or a behind the scenes tour of the Omni Grove Park Inn with a visit to workshops of noted artisans. Each tour is all-inclusive with lunch at a noted restaurant in the area.

Conference registration, hotel registration, and information are available on the DKG website. You may also sign up for the pre-conference tours on the Asheville Conference page as well. Reserve the dates of June 27-29, 2019 for the Arts & Humanities Conference at the Crowne Plaza Golf & Tennis Resort in Asheville, NC. Meet us in Asheville to enjoy the allure, experience the adventure, and examine the abundance of art in this beautiful and historic city nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains!

U.S. Forum Newsletter

This free newsletter is sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information presented is up to you.

See page 16 for the February newsletter.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>



Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to the **Editor Angela O. Bedenbaugh at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com**. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

PROTECTING THE VOTE

The very first act introduced in this session of Congress is For the People Act of 2019 (H.R.1). With 236 cosponsors it should pass the House in some form. The act sets forth actions which would protect the right to vote. The act has three categories 1) voting, 2) campaign finance and 3) ethics. It has been referred to several committees.

GREEN NEW DEAL

Legislation introduced in early February proposes a "Green New Deal." (H.Res.109 and S.Res.59) Within two weeks of its introduction the bills had 89 cosponsors in the House and 11 cosponsors in the Senate. The legislation apparently meets the approval of Senate Majority Leader McConnell who introduced S.J.Res 8 within a week of the introductions thus tying the two bills together. This joint resolution declares that the government has a duty to create a Green New Deal with the goals of:

- achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions;
- establishing millions of high-wage jobs and ensuring economic security for all;
- investing in infrastructure and industry;
- securing clean air and water, climate and community resiliency, healthy food, access to nature, and a sustainable environment for all; and
- promoting justice and equality.

The joint resolution calls for accomplishment of these goals through a 10-year national mobilization effort. The resolution also enumerates the goals and projects of the mobilization effort, including:

- building smart power grids (i.e., power grids that enable customers to reduce their power use during peak demand periods);
- upgrading all existing buildings and constructing new buildings to achieve maximum energy and water efficiency;
- removing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation and agricultural sectors;
- cleaning up existing hazardous waste and abandoned sites;
- ensuring businesspersons are free from unfair competition; and
- providing higher education, high-quality health care, and affordable, safe, and adequate housing to all.

Notice the addition of "providing higher education." Although this bill doesn't mandate any action, it could be the basis for future legislation and/or suggestions such as replacing old school buildings or adding insulation, plumbing upgrades on older buildings. This legislation gives a look into how some members of Congress are working together. It also provides civics educators a way to explore the legislative process and look at the difference between a bill and a resolution. Even with the number of climate change deniers the resolution stands a good chance of passing; however, neither resolution sets forth a method for attaining the goals of the idea. Actually attaining the goals of the Green New Deal are not spelled out and will be difficult to achieve specific actions to attain these goals. Note that it does not make suggestions for action and does not provide any finding for making changes. That would have to come later and would be difficult to get done.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

There are currently three bills which relate to reauthorizing the Violence Against Act (VAWA). The Violence Against Women Health Act of 2019 (H.R.973) which deals with domestic violence and dating violence. The other two pieces of legislation are related to the Violence Against Women Act which expired in December 2018. H.R.1239 reauthorizes the Department of Justice programs which combat violence against women, and H.R.1310 would amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to include the rural development voucher program. All three of these bills have been referred to committee, and none has been reported out of committee.

RECOMMENDED WATCHING

On the Basis of Sex, a movie about the life of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg (RBG) is being aired Sunday night at 8 p.m. cst on MSNBC. I think you would find it interesting. Not only does it document her life prior to being appointed to the Supreme Court, it shows her trials and tribulations in her early career and how she was helped and encouraged by her husband.

The Pi State Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by NY State members and Chapters.

For this issue we are highlighting the inspirational remarks shared at our 15th Anniversary Celebration by our founding director and first Foundation president, **Agnes Becker**. We had asked Agnes to share with us her vision for the future, where she thought we might need to go in the future. While those of us in attendance were privileged to hear what she had to say, it's easy to forget the message. ALSO, there are hundreds across the State who were not in attendance to share Agnes' inspiring remarks. So, with her permission, here is what she had to say:

"The beginnings of the Foundation were slow and shaky. There were times when we didn't think it would survive. There were critics who said, "You will never make it with a one-time membership fee of \$25." The Board did all they could to encourage members to join and the numbers increased slowly.

Who would have imagined that since those beginning days, we would already have awarded \$28,340.66 in grants? Who would have imagined that because of grants we have awarded, hundreds of students have backpacks and hundreds of new parents have books for their babies with information about reading to them. Not to mention the creative music and math projects we have supported.

Two criteria for evaluating a Foundation are: Is the Foundation beneficial? Is the Foundation relevant? If, as the objectives state, the Foundation is to provide a tax-exempt means of making a charitable contribution and the Foundation will award grants to members and Chapters for projects that support literacy, I think we can say we have a successful, well-supported Foundation!

Looking to the future is never easy. Fifteen years ago, we were just hoping to survive. In the next 15 years, with the continued leadership and support, I think we have a good chance of flourishing. There will be challenges to face and opportunities to take advantage of. Some that I imagine are:

** How do you measure the Foundation's impact on literacy? We depend on the teachers who are writing the grant applications and the Board members who are evaluating the potential of the grants. Having been a Board member, I know that members do their best evaluating proposals. The application asks questions that help to predict success. There have been times when the Board has not awarded proposals because they did not see how literacy was promoted.*

** How can the Foundation fit into the STEM efforts? How can we encourage more upper level educators to apply for grants? How do we help teachers of ELL?*

** Our BYLAWS state that the Foundation could award scholarships. Is there an area or level of education lacking a possible DKG scholarship?*

** Would it be possible to begin automatic donation deductions? Churches, radio and television stations and charities seem to have much success doing just that. You may not think to write a \$10 check every month but you may not miss \$10 a month from your checking account or added to your credit card balance. In the age of cut backs and failed budgets, DKG members should look to the Foundation to help finance those projects that they often support themselves. The Foundation was established for its members.*

With the leadership that the Pi State Educational Foundation has now, the future looks very bright. I thank Ginny for her outstanding leadership and Jane, Grace, Jean and Sheila for the time and effort they give to the Foundation. Thank you, members, for supporting the Foundation."

~ Agnes Becker

15th Anniversary Celebration, Pi State Educational Foundation

Let's take to heart what Agnes shared and, as members of our wonderful Foundation, do all we can to keep the Foundation going and growing!

Ginny Dudko

Remember that lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is \$25.00 and entitles you to apply for a literacy grant.

Important Information

Directory Supplement for 2019-2020

Chapter Presidents...Please be looking for the **Directory Supplement Form** that will be emailed to you by May 1, 2019. The following information will be included in the Supplement.

- List of the Chapters with President's information
- Chapter Programs for 2019-2020
- New Chapter Inductees with their address, phone number, email and school/grade level
- All new State Information with new State Officers, Committee Chairs and members of State Committees

Important: The Supplements will be sent in PDF format by mid-September. The supplement will not be available to purchase.

This information is **due July 1, 2019** to the NY State Executive Secretary.

Karen P. Crumley

A Call for Interested NY State Committee Members for 2019-2021

If you are interested in serving on one of the New York State Committees for 2019-2021 biennium, please complete this form by **April 20, 2019** and mail or email to:

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DKG NYS President
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 Canandaigua, NY 14424
mharvey@frontiernet.net

Name _____

Committee _____

Chapter _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Special Thank You to Our East Central Area 2019 Steering Committee

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Assistants to the Co-Chairs: Diane Cappellino &

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Alpha Tau

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Flowers Co-Chairs: Sharyn Powell & Laura Hill, *Omega*

Member's Showcase Chair: Della Ludwig, *Omega*

AND ALL THEIR COMMITTEE MEMBERS...

NY State Visitations 2017-2019

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Spring 2017	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 4	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Chi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	June 6	<i>Omega</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2017	September 13	<i>Beta Theta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 18	<i>Beta Chi</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 23	<i>North Central Area Conference: "Safe Passage to Oswego"</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 28	<i>Beta Nu and Beta Gamma</i>	Ellie Robinson
	October 5	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 19	<i>East Central Area Conference "Women's Night Out"</i>	Joan Slagle
	October 25	<i>Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	Spring 2018	March 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>
April 11		<i>Beta Psi</i>	Deborah Bedard
April 18		<i>Beta Omicron</i>	Lisa Huyck
May 2		<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Karen Crumley
May 7		<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson Mary-Martha Harvey
May 11		<i>Rho</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
May 16		<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
May 17		<i>Gamma Gamma</i>	Ellie Robinson Mary-Martha Harvey
May 21		<i>Beta</i>	Ellie Robinson Mary-Martha Harvey
June 7		<i>Alpha Lambda</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Summer 2018		July 17	<i>Northern Area Conference</i>
	August 21	<i>Beta Omega</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2018	September 22	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	September 24	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 29	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Spring 2019	April 8	<i>Alpha Eta</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 15	<i>Alpha Nu 60th Anniversary</i>	Sue Kenoyer
Fall 2019	May 20	<i>Chi</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 28	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey Jennifer Lee-Alden Sue Kenoyer



A DKG Key Woman Educator is...

A potential leader
Able to bring out the best in others
Authentic
Motivated to make a difference

Responsive to feedback
Results oriented
Adaptable
A conceptual thinker



*Photo Credit: Marcia Waterman
Beta Theta Communications Chair*

Beta Theta, November 2018 Induction

Pictured from left to right: Beta Theta President- Jacinda Lisanto. Inductees: Barbara Weeks-Wilkins, retired teacher at Lyons CSD; Amy Marie Plowe Suss, Special Ed. teacher at North Rose-Wolcott CSD; Sarah Patterson, First Grade teacher at North Rose-Wolcott CSD; Sarah Oeschger, Fifth Grade teacher at North Rose-Wolcott CSD; Julie Norris, Second Grade teacher at North Rose-Wolcott CSD; Courtney Marr, Library Specialist at Clyde-Savannah CSD; Kristin DeFeo, WFL BOCES MTSS Coordinator; Diane Rice, Beta Theta Ceremonies Committee

The *Beta Theta* Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International initiated new members at their November 2018 meeting. *Beta Theta* is a group of dedicated women educators serving students in eastern and central Wayne County. Welcomed to *Beta Theta* were: **Barbara Weeks-Wilkins**, retired teacher at Lyons CSD; **Julie Norris**, **Sarah Oeschger**, **Sarah Patterson**, **Amy Marie Plowe Suss**, all teachers at North Rose-Wolcott CSD; **Courtney Marr**, Library Specialist at Clyde Savannah CSD; and **Kristin DeFeo**, WFL BOCES MSS Coordinator.

Beta Theta supports annually a variety of non-profit groups in service to children and families, such as Food Link, Pines of Peace, Literacy Center, and Victim Resource Center. *Beta Theta* also offers annually a \$1,000 Putnam Recruitment Grant to a boy or girl entering the field of education and attends one of our *Beta Theta* Chapter schools of Clyde-Savannah, Lyons, Newark, North Rose-Wolcott, Red Creek, Sodus, or Williamson.

Beta Theta welcomes these new members.



Photo Credit: Maureen Nicolo, Alpha Rho

Alpha Rho

Alpha Rho's Annual Scholarship Brunch took place on December 1, 2018. The 2018 Inductees are (l. to r.):

Missey Church, Kindergarten teacher, Elmira City School District,
Maureen McCawley, Kindergarten teacher, Elmira City School District, and
Lisa Rustici, Adjunct Professor, Corning Community College and Certified Private Life Coach.



Call for Submission of Chapter Initiates and Photos

Please continue to send photos of your Chapter Initiates to **State Editor Kim Goldhirsch** (teachingmom1988@gmail.com) and **President Mary-Martha Harvey** (mharvey@frontiernet.net). Be sure to include Initiate names, area/grade/subject that they teach and district. Photos should be sent in jpg format.

Alpha Zeta



2018 *Alpha Zeta* Scholarship Winner **Allison Budd** reported back to the Chapter that college is going well. Allison is shown with Past President of *Alpha Zeta*, currently Treasurer, **Martha Strever**.
Keep up the great work Allison!

Alpha Lambda Education Project



Eleven *Alpha Lambda* members gathered at the Child & Family Services Site in Buffalo, NY to assemble “*Mom and Tot Bags*” for Haven House residents. The bags contain educational and useful materials young mothers may need while traveling to various appointments. Two Child & Family Services Staff greeted members and expressed delight with the project.

Alpha Rho



Pictured are (left to right) **Julie L'Amoreaux**, Co-President and **Harriet Sweet**, who is celebrating her 30th year in *Alpha Rho*.
Not pictured are **Ellen Hicks** and **Phyllis Shore**, who are also celebrating their 30th year in our Chapter.

A Grand Night for Singing!

Alpha Lambda chorus members, under the direction of **Vivian Johnston**, serenaded AL Past Presidents and special guests for their 60th Birthday Gala at the Fox Valley Country Club



Front row members L-R: **Diane Buyer**, **Julie McNamara**, **Hettie Domino**, **Michele Pagliaroli** **Carol Engle**. Back row: **Theresa DeLuca** (C&FS), members L-R: **GINNA O'Leary**, **Janice Juliano**, **Fran Romeo**, **Diane Andriaccio**, **Vivian Johnston**, **Jill Barrile**, **Stephanie Mc**

Panel Focuses on a Teaching Dilemma

On January 26, *Alpha Alpha* and *Beta Eta* Chapters convened a discussion of the current need for teachers and ways to recruit and retain them. **Sherry Johnson**, *Alpha Alpha*, Executive Director Monroe County School Boards Association, moderated the panel discussion that included:

- * An overview of the growing need for teachers by **Dr. Mike Wischnowski**, Professor and Dean, School of Education, St. John Fisher College;

- * A description of the “*Teacher Immersion Fellows Program*” that places college students as substitute teachers in area school districts by **Shannon Alvarado**, Human Resources Supervisor, Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES, and **David Leahy**, Human Resources Director, Honeoye Falls-Lima CSD; and

- * An introduction to NYSUT’s “*Take A Look at Teaching*” initiative by **Greg McCrea**, Research and Education Director, NYS United Teachers.



Panelists and Moderator: Greg McCrea, Sherry Johnson (Alpha Alpha), David Leahy, Dr. Michael Wischnowski, and Shannon Alvarado

Photo and article Courtesy of Judy Wadsworth

Omega Chapter's newest member



Inducted fall 2018: **Deanna Massucco** teaches high school English in the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District

Courtesy of Gail Burr

**“Opportunities to Connect”
Biennium Theme 2017-2019**

Alpha Kappa

Annu Subramanian, *Alpha Kappa*'s newest member, author, and human rights advocate, presented the idea to sponsor “*Annu's Purse.*” At *Alpha Kappa*'s annual Winter Party, members donated their gently used purses crammed full of toiletries, winter hats and scarves. The donations went to Wellspring in Saratoga, a non-profit which assists victims of both domestic and sexual abuse.



Members front row, Left to right: **Linda Seymour, Arlene Ida, Diane Davison**
Back row: **Sharon Patrick, Donna Langley-Peck, Maxine Terpening, Nancy Siegel, Wynne Wright, Kathy Town, Susan Chura.**

Photo Credit: Annu Subramanian

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NY State website: www.dkgstate.org

CTAUN website: www.teachun.org

US Forum website: www.usforum.dkg.org

NY State Due Dates 2019

March 15 – Committee Chair Reports for Convention Redbook due to State Executive Secretary

May 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant application due

June 1 - Submissions for Summer 2019 Issue of *Pi Lights* due

June 30 – Chapter Standing Rules due to State President, Parliamentarian and Chair BYLAWS & Rules

July 1 – Chapter dues for 2019-2020 due to International

July 1 – NYS Directory Supplement Information Form due to Executive Secretary

July 30- August 1 – *International Conference: Global Awareness* at Foxwoods Resort & Casino, Mashantucket, Connecticut... Refer to International & State websites

August 16-17 – *NY State Leadership Development Seminar for New State Chairs* at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse... Refer to mailing to new State Chairs and State website

August 17 – *Leadership Development Seminar for New & Returning State Finance Committee* members at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse ... Refer to mailing

September 1 - Submissions for Fall 2019 Issue of *Pi Lights* due

November 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due

November 15 – Applications for State Webmaster 2020-2024 due

November 15 – Workshop Proposals for Spring 2020 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar due to EEC Chair

December 1 – Submissions for Winter 2020 issue of *Pi Lights* due

Information for Summer Issue of Pi Lights (online)

Due June 1, 2019

E-mail articles, photographs, Chapter Initiates, member accomplishments, Chapter service projects, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to:

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June 1, 2019 ... September 1, 2019...December 1, 2019