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**“Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion”
Re-engaging in DKG**

By the time you read this message, many will have welcomed new and returning students to our schools and classrooms. **NYSO DKG members** represent some of the **true superheroes of our profession** who steadfastly strive amidst the challenges to prepare students to lead productive, fulfilling lives in the twenty-first century. Veteran members may have progressed to other stages of their lives, but often still serve the educational community in many ways. Please know, regardless of your career status **DKG thanks you** for your dedication to the field of education and **values** your membership in our organization.

“Moving forward with Purpose and Passion” challenges us to summon our **resilience** as educators, creating viable solutions to the ever-changing horizon. I encourage you to engage (or re-engage) with DKG by attending Chapter meetings this fall either virtually or in person. Through fellowship we build **collegial strength** that helps us endure the challenges in our personal and professional lives. **Chapter programs** increase our knowledge and understanding of various topics and **projects** provide services to local communities. This issue highlights articles and photos of members re-engaging in their Chapters. You may also wish to visit our new feature on the State website: **Chapter Spotlight**. When you scroll down the main page at dkgnystate.org, you will find the orange button that will lead you to a separate page where you can find links to see how **key women educators** are fulfilling the **DKG mission and purposes**.

At the State level we have several [Fall Area Conferences](#) that offer interesting topics for continued growth. Please look in this issue or open the link above to register for these events. The State Executive Committee is planning to have an in-person **Executive Board meeting on April 29-30, 2022 at the Sheraton, Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center**. In addition to our business meetings we will have workshops and enjoy networking with DKG members across the state.

Unlike many other professional organizations, DKG has many avenues of financial support as one benefit of membership. Many Chapters offer Grants and Scholarships to members, early career educators, or college students. At the State level **The Pi State Education Foundation** awards funding for literacy-based initiatives in classrooms and communities. We have many opportunities for members to access funding to support career goals (**Scholarships**), attendance at State and International DKG conferences (**Travel and Study Stipends**) and Chapter

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projects (**Bea Small Awards**). Our **Native American Grants-in-Aid** and contributions to **World Fellowship** are examples of how we extend our membership by giving to others.

The New York State Organization also presents several awards for outstanding contributions to education or service in DKG. The **Verna Mulholland Award** acknowledges distinguished service of a non-DKG member and the **Pi State Achievement Award** recognizes a DKG member for her prominent contributions to our organization. The **Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award** honors a member who exemplifies the best in our career field through her longitudinal service at the local, state, and possibly national levels of education.

However, the reality is that many of our Scholarships and Awards have not been presented in recent years because the committees have not received any applications.

As State President I know we have members who could benefit from our support and deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Please take some time to read through this issue and visit our website to learn more and know that your State Officers and Committee Chairs are eager to assist with the application process.

Until we have the opportunity to see each other in person, I wish you all good health!

Best,

Jennifer Lee-Alden

NYSO President

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ATTENTION: 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 under Chapters, "Chapter Websites."

Forms remain in effect until the member makes changes or withdraws permission.

Fall Area Conferences

North Central Area Conference



Pictured above is the very excited North Central Conference Planning Committee with "Harriet Tubman" in Auburn, NY. They had a fun morning checking out the museums, theater & meal for the upcoming "Auburn's Equal Rights Heritage" conference on October 23. If interested please email Terry Gerber (terrygerber58@gmail.com) for a registration form.

East Central Area Council VIRTUAL Conference

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

"Finding One Voice: Advocacy as Your Contribution to Equity in Education"

Dr. Marla Iverson - Executive Director of the 4 County School Boards Association in Western NY

This presentation will highlight the current attention paid to equity, share an overview of new initiatives such as DIRE (Dismantling Institutional Racism in Education) and emphasize how we can get things done, using one voice. We need all stakeholders, including retired teachers, to advocate for change in education

A Parliamentary Minute

Beginning with President Lee-Alden's biennium, I'm going to take a minute in each issue of *Pi Lights* to give you parliamentary tips to help your meetings run smoothly and easily. Over the years, members have told me they are nervous about running meetings and getting it correct. DO NOT fear, what you do is never wrong and many of Robert's Rules have been condensed. This column will be mainly for Chapter Officers and State Committee Chairs. This first column is for State Committee Chairs. Chapter Chairs will find this useful also.

State Committee Chairs:

- Do create an agenda
- Do appoint a Secretary
- Do adjourn the meeting (If it is a small committee, merely say, "This meeting is adjourned at...")

Karen P. Crumley, NYSO Parliamentarian, *Tau*

Policy for Submissions for State Website

All submissions for the NYSO Website should be sent as a **WORD** attachment to: NYSO President, Jennifer Lee-Alden, nysdkgps2123@gmail.com. Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to NYSO will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

Mary- Martha Harvey, NYSO Webmaster, *Omega*

Awards Committee

Thanks to you NYSO DKG sisters, the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership available to members and nonmembers continues to grow. Even though the past biennium was difficult, and we were not able to meet the same way as we have in the past, the sisters of DKG persevered and stepped up to support our members and non-members who applied for funding. I would like to encourage you to support the next benefit drawing, which is scheduled to take place at the Spring Executive Board Meeting / Seminar in Syracuse on April 29th and 30th, 2022.

Please take time to review the NYSO DKG website (www.dkgnystate.org) for a list of awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership. There are many prestigious awards to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are taking on the challenge of becoming educators. We all know at least one person who would be worthy of an award offered by NYSO DKG, so take a moment to nominate them or share the information.

By purchasing benefit tickets, you help support these opportunities. NYSO DKG benefit tickets can be purchased at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership fund. We can all take advantage of "Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion" by supporting the NYSO DKG Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

****Please share electronically with those who are unable to attend in person meetings****

Dr. Renee L. Funke, Chair, *Kappa*

[Click Here for an editable file of 2022 Benefit Tickets](#)

Hello, From Your State BYLAWS and Rules Committee

Your 2021-2023 BYLAWS and Rules Committee is already hard at work. As the new Chair of the Committee I want to introduce you to the members: **Dr. Katherine Cho** (*Alpha Phi*), **Jamie Crewell** (*Alpha Psi*), and **Annmarie Santorelly** (*Zeta*). Our Ex Officio members from the Executive Committee are **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide** (Executive Secretary, *Alpha Nu*) and **Karen Crumley** (Parliamentarian, *Tau*). I look forward to working with this great group of women.

There were many proposed changes to our BYLAWS and Standing Rules last biennium published in the January 2021 Pi Lights issue. Because we could not meet in person the Executive Board could not vote on these changes. At this time, they will be sent back to the committee from which they came for review. The new committee will decide if they want to bring the changes to a vote at Convention in April of 2023. Any proposed changes will be published in the January 2023 Pi Lights issue.

We looked at the Committee's goals for the biennium and you can read those new goals by going to the website and looking at our committee page. We are fortunate to have Karen Crumley guiding us on the proper parliamentary procedure.

Please feel free to contact any committee member to discuss BYLAWS and Rules issues.

Sue Kenoyer, Chair, Psi

The **Educational Excellence Committee** is excited to get started on providing you with workshops for both personal growth and for those that can count for professional development or CTLE (Continuing Teacher and Learning Education) credit. The committee consisting of **Rosemary Van Wart**, Chair, **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, **Susan Butler**, **Karen Butters**, **Joanne Carroll**, **Karen Jones**, **Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar**, **Lucy Smassanow** and **Eileen Venezia**, has many ideas of our own, and we ask you to provide us with your ideas and suggestions for programs you would like to see presented at a state meeting or convention. We know that our NYSO sisters are a very talented group with lots to share and many connections that could lead to a variety of offerings. Do you know someone who could present a workshop? Would you like be one of our workshop presenters? The workshop submission form can be found on our NYSO DKG website on the Home page. Please contact Rosemary Van Wart at rvw20@optonline.net with ideas, suggestions and any questions.

The deadline for proposals is November 1, so please send in your ideas now in order that we may consider all possibilities this fall in preparation for our Spring 2022 meeting. While we continue to deal with the many concerns that COVID has brought to all of us, let's find and share ways we can "Move forward with Purpose and Passion".

Rosemary Van Wart, Chair, *Alpha Pi*

SHORTCUT to Finding Your Item on the NYSO Website

Look at the bottom of the HOME PAGE to the right of the Compliance Seal and below the "Thanks for Stopping By" statement for the SEARCH box. Type in what you are looking for and hit enter. You will see a page with options for your search. Select the one you want and hit enter. You will be taken to the item on the website that matches your search

NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee

The members of your State Membership and Expansion Committee are here to assist members and chapters throughout the state. We hope our efforts will assist NY State members as we work together to re-commit and re-energize our efforts in DKG “*Moving forward with purpose and passion*”.

There are many ways we can help and support your local chapter:

- We are available to answer questions involving membership classifications, election and induction, transfer, reinstatement, and termination.
- Upon receipt of your *NYSO Form 6*. (This form can be located on the NYO website under Member Resources. Please **do not** submit the International Form 6,) we continue to honor members who have passed on.
- We strive to support your chapter’s efforts to attract new members using the International Plan.
- We provide resources and support to chapters who wish to re-energize, strengthen and retain members.
- We meet with Area Council Chairs to support the membership needs of their Councils.
- We meet with Chapter Membership and Necrology Chairs to provide a forum to share membership concerns.

Deborah Bedard, Chair, *Alpha Epsilon*

<p>Deborah Bedard, <i>Membership and Expansion Chair</i>, has been a member of DKG since 1998. She has served and continues to serve in many leadership roles for <i>Alpha Epsilon</i> Chapter and Capital Area Council. Deborah served as NYSO Secretary, First Vice-President, and President. She considers it an honor to continue to serve the members of NY State in this important role.</p>	
<p>Anne L'Hommedieu, currently the President of the <i>Beta Theta</i> Chapter, has been a member of DKG since 1987 This is her first time in a statewide position. Anne is a retired school librarian, having worked at all levels K-12 in various districts, and having been a School Library System Director for the Genesee-Wyoming BOCES in the 1980s and 1990s.</p>	
<p>Dr. Doreen Baldino Croyle is the current president of <i>Zeta</i> Chapter and has been a member of DKG since 2002. She has participated in the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN). Doreen began her teaching career in NYC before moving to the Mid-Hudson Valley where she has spent most of her career. She has taught in both the private and public sector in education, in grades K through 8, and in all content areas.</p>	
<p>Kayla Fraser has been an active member of the Beta Omega chapter since 2018. She is passionate about bringing women into the organization and is looking to connect with young women in teacher training programs. Kayla is beginning her sixth year as a music educator in the capital region, currently teaching elementary general music in the Greater Amsterdam School District.</p>	
<p>Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, current NYSO Executive Secretary, has been a member of DKG since 2003 and is Past President of <i>Alpha Nu</i> Chapter. Anna Marie is a retired secondary ELA teacher from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District and currently is an adjunct lecturer at the University at Albany and with NYSUT ELT.</p>	
<p>Suzanne Patrick has been a member of <i>Rho</i> Chapter since 1993. She has served as President, Vice President and Secretary at her chapter level. Suzanne has been the NYSO DKG treasurer since October of 2007. She is an ad hoc member of several state committees. Suzanne served as co-chair of the 2017 NYSO DKG Convention in Cooperstown</p>	

NYSO DKG Nominations Committee

The *NYSO DKG* Nominations Committee screens and reviews all candidate nominations/applications, including credentials and letters of support, and recommends a slate of NYSO DKG Officers to the NYSO DKG Executive Board for action at the NYSO DKG Convention. The Committee is also responsible to recommend nominees for Area Council representatives to the NYSO DKG Nominations and Finance Committees to the NYSO DKG Executive Board for action based on a rotation schedule.

We had our first committee meeting via Zoom on August 30th at 7:00 pm. We started the meeting with a Padlet Icebreaker Activity where committee members shared two truths and a lie. This activity engaged the members to learn a bit about each other. The members reviewed the Webpage, discussed the Goals of the committee, and shared information about the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The closing activity had each member sharing something good they were celebrating. This was a wonderful way to get to know more about our individual lives.

Committee Members

Dee Hushmندی-Chair (*Alpha Nu-C*)

Mary Kay Hickey (*2-Beta NC*)

Barbara Keis (*21-Phi E*)

Carol Lamb (*60-Beta Mu N*)

Erin Merrill (*70 – Beta Chi SC*)

Christine Bennett (*24-Omega EC*)

Elaine Callow (*73-Gamma Alpha SE*)

Ruth Ann Fultz (*51-Beta Gamma WC*)

Cindy Reger (*61-Beta Nu SW*)

Julia Schrader (*35-Alpha Lambda NW*)

~ **Dee Hushmندی**, Chair, *Alpha Nu*

Personnel

NY State's Got Talent... And the **Personnel Committee** is ready to find it!

It is the task of the Personnel Committee to screen candidate applications and letters of recommendation for Elected State Personnel. **Two positions – NY State Editor and NY State Treasurer - will be open for four-year terms, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2026.**

Interested? Read on...

Just what does the NY State Editor do? She is an "intrepid reporter," searching for items from many sources to include in four editions of *Pi Lights* each year. She also edits the articles for concerns of space and correctness of content. She must attend Conferences, Conventions and certain Committee meetings in addition to other duties.

And does the NY State Treasurer really count money? She is responsible for receiving and paying out monies, keeping accurate accounts and files and presenting reports at State meetings. She must have an up-to-date knowledge of tax laws and be prepared for an annual audit in addition to other duties.

There is an honorarium for each of these positions. A working knowledge of the computer and good standing as a Chapter member are also a must.

So, do you have the talent (and the time and the patience)? **Are you who we're looking for?** If so, request a complete job description and then get an Application Form on the NY State website. The deadline for the application and all supporting documents is **November 15, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at melevy@hvc.rr.com.

Mary Ellyn Levy, Chair, *Tau*

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS MONEY AND WANTS TO SUPPORT YOU!

Sisters, you are members of DKG because you have already accomplished much and have made significant contributions to your students' learning and your institutions' successes.

You are ready to “*move forward with purpose and passion*,” fulfilling Jen’s theme for the 2021-2023 biennium. We have money and want to support your career goals, whether those are to work toward an advanced degree, earn a coveted new state or national certification, or engage in further study to improve or expand your ability to perform distinctive service in your field of expertise.

Scholarships, in amounts up to \$3000 per person, are available for members in good standing who have held membership for at least two years. Scholarships are competitive and your Scholarship Committee is eager to award funds for qualified applicants. Applications will be due February 15, 2022, and the links for the on-line application and more information about qualifications are available on our State website at dkgstate.org. Under the **New York State** tab, click **Applications...**

Begin now to think about your goals and how NYSO Scholarship funding can help you reach those goals. Reach out to committee members if you have questions or just want to run an idea by us to see if it might qualify for scholarship funds.

The Scholarship Committee members are the following:

Dr. Beverly Burnell (Chair)

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Mary Ann Baldari

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Debra Hutchinson

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Dr. Margaret Leone

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Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott

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Erica Schoff

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We look forward to receiving many applications and, I repeat, we want to give you money!

Dr. Beverly Burnell, Chair, *Psi*

Travel and Study Committee

The Travel and Stipend Committee covers the cost of attending DKG conferences, which is one of the greatest ways to grow and learn through membership! Due to pandemic restrictions on travel and in-person events, we did not have any applicants last year. As we work our way through these difficult times, keep us in mind! We'd like to cover your costs for attending events. Take a trip, meet your DKG sisters from other states and nations...open your eyes to the amazing connections with women across the globe! We will keep you posted on opportunities to apply in 2022

Kate Elder, Chair, *Alpha Psi*

Greetings from the World Fellowship Committee

Our Committee is about to begin the new biennium with the purpose and passion that Jennifer Lee-Alden, NYSO DKG President, encourages all of our membership and leadership to strive for whether on a State, Regional or Chapter level. As *Chair*, **Sue Genthner**, (*Alpha Alpha WC*), I am pleased to be working with **Barb Bostwick Quinn**, *State 1st VP*, **Cathy Patterson**, (*Gamma Zeta SC*), **Annu Subramanian** (*Alpha Kappa C*), and **Joyce Tang** (*Alpha Phi SE*). One of our main goals will be to continue to develop communication and understanding with the World Fellowship recipients who bring insights and cultural perspectives to our midst. New York State will welcome four students : **Monika M.** from R.N. Macedonia (Syracuse University), **Thuong Bui** from Vietnam (Univ. of Rochester) and extended study given to Sol Magali L.C. (SUNY Buffalo) and **Mila J.C.** (Cornell University) both from Argentina. More detailed information is available with member sign-in at www.dkg.org.

The Fall is an excellent time to raise funds from your Chapter to support the World Fellowship Fund. Chapter

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Treasurers, please send your donations to the DKG International Education Foundation earmarked for the WF Fund . For your information, The Educators Foundation (DKGEF) began a new phase in 2020 by incorporating itself now as the DKG International Fund (DKGIEF) that supports ten funds, of which we are included. We hope you will share with our committee, and chapters in your Area Councils, the innovative ways that each chapter has raised funds.

For further information, please contact Chair, **Sue Genthner**, Alpha Alpha susangenthner@gmail.com

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee completed two successful seminars in August. On August 6th the members of the LDC met with the members of the NYSO Executive Committee in Clifton Park, New York. Members discussed the leadership roles of the state officers and ways to achieve the theme of this biennium, “Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion.”

On Thursday August 19th, 2021, the LDC held a Zoom Conference for the new State Committee Chairs. This “nuts and bolts” workshop included information about general communication of the committees along with specific tasks for Committee Chairs.

The LDC appreciates the efforts of more than fifteen chairs and the State Executive Committee for their active participation leading us toward a productive biennium.

Be sure to check the State website which includes information about each committee.



Jeanne Schenk, Chair, Alpha Tau



The Bea Small Award

Applications Due: February 15, 2022

Attention: All State Chapters!

The Top 5 Reasons Your Chapter Should Apply for The Bea Small Award:

1. Your Chapter has had an ongoing project for the past two years.
2. Your project meets the needs of a specific population in your Chapter's geographic area.
3. A Chapter may receive this award twice for the same project.
4. Application forms and more information are available on the NYSO website.
5. The Award provides funding for your project so that it may continue.

Apply! Apply! Apply!

Mary-Martha Harvey, Chair, Omega

The **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award** is given to an active (not reserve) member of the NYS Organization who has held membership for a minimum of five years. She can be an active or former member of the teaching profession who has exemplified the best in education. Her contributions to education and other related fields in New York, and possibly the national level, should be varied, widely known, and well-documented over a period of five years. It should demonstrate the nominee's commitment to education locally, statewide and/or nationally.

The Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award was established in 1988 from a bequest of Past NYSO President Frederica Hollister. She was a member of the Beta Rho Chapter. Along with honoring the recipient of this award, it also honors the memory of Frederica Hollister's exceptional contributions to education and women educators.

An application is part of the selection process for this award. All sections of the completed application must be submitted online with a submission date no later than February 15 to be considered. The nominator must include her letters of support and all requested documentation.



Lisa Meade

Please type the following BLUE link into your web browser to access an application for the Frederica Hollister Award: <https://bit.ly/3yp5E2L> . If you prefer, you can email the Chairperson to have the link sent to you.

For further information, please contact the Chair, **Lisa Meade**, *Beta Omega* at lmeade@granvillecsd.org.

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid (NAG) is one of many ways that DKG New York State supports women.

This was established in 1967 by Past New York State President **Frederica Hollister**, and was originally called the Indian Affairs Committee. The purpose was to help Native American Women in New York State who hoped to enter education related professions. NAG continues to support young Native American Women who are progressing through higher education. Current awards give as much as \$1000 per academic year. Preparation for a teaching related degree is preferred but the scope of related service fields has been broadened over the years to encourage more applicants.

We encourage New York State members to recommend Native American women who may be eligible for this award, so we can make a personal connection. We want these future leaders to be connected to our chapters and we encourage the recipients to reapply each year.

The committee members are:

Patricia Turner-Chair-Alpha Theta

Bridget Bishop-Alpha Alpha

Kathleen Bishop-NU

Rise Messmer-NU

Patricia Thompson-Beta Omicron

Christina Unger-Alpha Theta

It is our HONOR to support these deserving women!

Please contact **Patricia Turner**, Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair, at 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport, NY 14094, tunes14@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Patricia Turner, Chair, *Alpha Theta*

Pi State Achievement Award Committee (2021-2023)

Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Chair (26-Alpha Beta SE)

Anne-Marie Carlson (21-Phi E)

Jean Sekel (16-Pi C)

Dr. Margarethe McCurry (29-Alpha Epsilon C)

The *Pi State Achievement Award* Committee and I look forward to encouraging Chapter Presidents and members to nominate a deserving Delta Kappa Gamma active member of five years who has made outstanding contributions to education and to the NYSO DKG Society. The nominee should have attended NYS Organization DKG, Regional and International meetings, served on Committees and actively participated in Delta Kappa Gamma affairs in NYS Organization DKG.

This is a most prestigious award, which is kept secretive to the nominee, and is an exciting event when awarded at the Executive Board Meeting/Spring Conference or NYS Organization DKG Convention.

To become more familiar with the description and criteria for the Award, please refer to the NYSO Website, www.dkgnystate.org, for the *Pi State Achievement Award* Nomination Form, https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_ps_achievement_award.pdf.

More information about the Committee may be found on the NYSO Website:

- In NEW YORK STATE menu, *Applications for New York State Awards, Scholarships & Grants-in-Aid ... Pi State Achievement Award*
- In COMMITTEES menu, *Society Mission and Purpose Committees ... Pi State Achievement Award Committee (Criteria and Goals)*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance at: Morrispianoforte@gmail.com

Let us fulfill NYSO President's Theme, "Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion" by nominating a DKG member for the Pi State Achievement Award.

Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Chair, *Alpha Beta*

The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Nominations Due by February 15, 2022

In 1983, the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award was established in honor of Verna Mulholland, elected *Pi* State President in 1981, and serving until her untimely death in 1982. The award was in response to her interest in recognizing non-educators' influence on education. A stipulation of the award is to honor a New York State woman, ineligible for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, who has been a positive influence on education. The recipient must be a woman outside the profession who has worked significantly toward improving the educational opportunities of others and who has given outstanding service to promote quality education.

Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award and to send the nomination application to the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair by **February 15, 2022**. The Nomination Application Form is on the website. For further information contact the Chair of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees Lisa Huyck, farming@citlink.net. The funds for this Award are dependent on voluntary contributions. To make it possible to continue presenting the award for many more years, you are encouraged to make donations to the NYSO Fund. Contribution forms are on the website.

Lisa Huyck, Chair, *Rho*

NYSO DKG Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2022

Refer to the NY State website www.dkgnystate.org for applications and further information.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	<p>Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in <i>NY State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i>: "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years."</p> <p><i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th NY State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.</p>	<p>Lisa Meade 10H Deer Run Drive Hudson Falls 12839 lmeade@granvillecsd.org</p>
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	<p>This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.</p>	<p>Lisa Huyck 69 Miller Road Treadwell 13846 farming@citlink.net</p>
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	<p>Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.</p>	<p>Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 tunes14@yahoo.com</p>
Pi State Achievement Award	<p>The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.</p>	<p>Dr. Andréa Morris 105 Ashland Place Apt. 4D Brooklyn 11201-3957 morrisspianoforte@gmail.com</p>
Bea Small Award	<p>Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i>, the Award is presented to a NY State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.</p>	<p>Mary-Martha Harvey 185 Park Street Canandaigua 14424 mharvey@frontiernet.net</p>
Travel & Study Stipend	<p>Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>NY State Standing Rules</i>. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>NY State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a NY State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at DKG International and NY State Events, Meetings, Conventions, Regionals and CTAUN.</p>	<p>Kate Elder 144 Settles Mountain Road Cobleskill, 12043 kateyvnellder@yahoo.com</p>
Scholarship	<p>NY State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$3000 maximum.</p> <p>International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org</p>	<p>Dr. Beverly Burnell 89 Trudo Road Altona 12910-2636 bevburnelldkg@gmail.com</p>

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

As indicated in the last newsletter the Foundation did not receive any grant applications for the May 2021 grand funding round. The next deadline for grant applications is **November 1st**. If you have a special literacy and learning project that needs funding, we are encouraging Foundation members to apply for a grant. Application forms can be found on the Pi State Educational Foundation section of the state website. Please note that all checks for chapter and individual grants will be issued to the recipient's chapter. In turn the chapter will release the funds to the grant recipient.

More great news from the Foundation...we are now accepting applications for The Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship which is intended to further the recipient's knowledge and understanding of literacy and learning. This can be accomplished, for example, by taking college courses or attending workshops. Since education is a life-long process we are encouraging BOTH active and retired members of the teaching profession to apply. The application, which is due **February 15, 2022**, and more information on the scholarship can be found on the state website.

Also noted in the last newsletter is that the Foundation treasury has been suffering for more than a year. The cost to become a lifetime member is only \$25 so please consider joining this very special part of DKG. If you are a current member, please continue to encourage your chapter members to join the Foundation and/or make a donation. The forms can once again be found on the state website.

The Educational Foundation will be in need of a new director in July 2022. Ginny Dudko, immediate past president and long-time advocate for the Foundation, will be leaving the board according to the bylaws. We would like to thank Ginny for all her hard work and dedication! With that being said please consider becoming part of the Foundation board of directors. Any lifetime member may send a letter of interest to me at summy1@frontier.com. The election for director will take place at the spring convention.

On a personal note the Foundation has been very special to me since I have been honored with receiving two grants in the past. With the funding from the Foundation I have been able to make a lasting impact on the local community where I teach. I am personally encouraging Foundation members to apply for project grants.

Thank you for all your continued support of the Educational Foundation.

Sue Summerfield, Chair, Pi



**CALENDAR OF NY STATE IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES
2021-2023**

August 2021- March 26, 2022	Room Block for the Sheraton Syracuse University, Open, 2022 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. Call 888-627-7097. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$136.00 + 15% tax (\$156.40).
September 25, 2021	NW and SW Area Conference, "Knowing Your Carbon Footprint". Michael's Catering & Banquets, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY, Conference Chairs-Cindy Reger, Beta Nu (#61), crtr219@roadrunner.com , Dr. Renee Funke, <i>Kappa (#10)</i> , ReneeFunkeDKG@gmail.com
September 27, 2021	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
October 12, 2021	Virtual East Central Area Conference, "Finding Your Voice: Advocacy as your Contribution to Equity in Education", Conference Chair- Denise Clark, hdc3306@gmail.com
October 23, 2021	North Central Area Conference, "Auburn's Equal Rights Heritage" Auburn Public Theater, 108 Genesee St. Auburn, NY, Conference Chair-Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com
November 1, 2021	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due- Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)
November 15, 2021	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
November 15, 2021	DEADLINE for Chapter Treasurers to file IRS Form 990: A copy must go to NY State Treasurer, Suzanne Patrick
November 15, 2021	NY State <i>Standing Rules</i> recommendations for changes due to NY State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair, Sue Kenoyer
November 15, 2021	Workshop Proposals for NY State 2022 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar due to: NY State EEC Chair, Rosemary Van Wart
November 15, 2021	Applications for Elected Personnel of State Treasurer (2022-2026 and State Editor (2022-2026) due to NY State Chair Personnel Committee, Ellyn Levy
December 1, 2021	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Winter issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsch (Mailed issue)
January 17, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
February 1, 2022	International Scholarship applications due- Applications (dkg.org)
February 1, 2022	Chapter Annual Necrology Report (Form 2) due to State Membership & Expansion Chair, Deb Bedard
February 15, 2022	DEADLINE: https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY State Scholarships • Travel and Study Stipends • Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid • The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award • Pi State Achievement Award • The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award • The Bea Small Award
March 1, 2022	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Spring issue information to NY State Editor (Online issue)
March 6-8, 2022	National Legislative Seminar, Holiday Inn-National Airport, Crystal City, Arlington, VA
March 21, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
March 26, 2022	DEADLINE: Room Block Closes for the Sheraton Syracuse University, Syracuse for the NY Spring 2020 Seminar/Executive Board Meeting.
April 4, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
April 29-30, 2022	NY State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar: Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse
April 29, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., working lunch, Sheraton Syracuse
May 2022 or Fall 2022	Tentative Conference dates- South Central Area-, Sue Lemak, Conference Chair, Beta Phi, myzjlk10@aol.com ; slgruber82@yahoo.com
May 1, 2022	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due- Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)
May 15, 2022	New Chapter Officers Form 110 due to International and NY State President, Jennifer Lee-Alden
June 1, 2022	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsch (Online issue)
July 12-16, 2022	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, LA

August 18, 2022	Capital Area Council Conference, Shaker Heritage Society-Kristine Mackowski, Conference Chair, Alpha Nu- kristine2199@yahoo.com
October 13-16, 2022	Fall Executive Meeting, Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica
April 28-30, 2023	Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair, Deb Bedard ASAP

Pride of NYSO

Rochester's School #3 Renamed in Honor of Alice Young



Dr. Alice Young

The Rochester City School District has renamed School #3 in honor of Dr. Alice Holloway Young nearly 70 years after she began her career as a teacher in the district. Alice became the district's first Black principal in 1962 when she was appointed to lead School 24. She later was named the district's first Title I director. While serving as a Rochester administrator, Alice was one of the planners and organizers of Monroe County's Urban-Suburban School Transfer Program, a program which today places and supports Rochester students in all Monroe County suburban districts. She retired from RCSD in 1985. Meanwhile, in 1961, Alice was a founding trustee of Monroe Community College. She served as an MCC trustee for 40 years, and as President of its Board of Trustees for two consecutive decades (1978-1998). She also served as the 1974-1976 president of Alpha Alpha Chapter. Dr. Young received the NYSO DKG Frederica Hollister Friend of Education Award in 2019.



Sue Kenoyer pinning Jennifer Lee-Alden with the state president pin



Ann Marie Clark and Cara Talmadge were inducted to Beta Omega. Cara is the Principal at Granville Elementary school and Ann Marie is the PPS Director at Granville.

Beta Omega Has Much to Celebrate!

A meeting of celebrations and new beginnings for Beta Omega. The first in-person meeting of the year was held at Cock 'n Bull in Galway, with Outgoing NYS President Sue Kenoyer as our guest. The evening began with a social, followed by the induction of 2 new members, Ann Marie Clark and Cara Talmadge. Both new members were sponsored by their colleague, Lisa Meade. Also, membership recognitions were presented to: Joanne Peck-Donnan, Marguerite Niforos, and Patricia Siano for 15 years; Melanie McDonald for 25 years; and, Carol Vieira for 35 years. The evening continued with numerous recognitions. Maureen Kuntz was recognized, with her certificate and pin, as Beta Omega Woman of Distinction. Dr. Brita Donovan, Beta Omega 1st Vice President, was recognized for the completion of her Doctoral Degree in December 2020. Lisa Meade, Beta Omega Parliamentarian, was recognized for her election as NYSO 2nd Vice-President. Flowers also were presented to Jennifer Lee-Alden, Beta Omega Immediate Past President, who was elected to the position of NYSO President for 2021-2023. Beta Omega also recognized outgoing NYSO President (2019-2021), Sue Kenoyer, for her years of service during a very difficult time. The evening concluded with dinner and socialization. It was wonderful to meet in person.

Thank you to Joan Slagle, Lisa Meade and Kathy Hoeltzel, and Karen Jones



Standing from left to right: Tina Grigsby, Kaylin Morran, Gina Matisse, Veronica Kaleta, Cathy Gardner, and Maryann McInerney

Zeta Chapter inducted six new members into DKG on June 17th, 2021 (seen right). It was the first time that we were able to get together since the pandemic. Jessica Szeli, our chapter's secretary, located a restaurant (Nu-Cavu in Wallkill, NY) with an outdoor pavilion overlooking a private airstrip. It was exciting to see the planes land! Fun, food, and friends created an enjoyable evening for all. Many members stayed and chatted even when our Induction concluded.

One of Zeta's goals was to have members bring pre-owned handbags filled with essential items to donate to the Union Church's (Newburgh, NY) food pantry. Although we had about 25 members at our Induction dinner, we collected almost forty handbags! The partnership with the Union Church was an enormous success

Photo by Doreen Croyle



What better way to remain a lifelong learner than to attend a lesson all about chocolate from Chef Dan Budd. The members of Alpha Zeta were tempted by delicious tastes from a variety of chocolates, both local and international.

Photo Credit: Jen Melitski

Alpha Kappa says Welcome

Alpha Kappa Chapter proudly inducted Janet Aitchison as its newest member. Janet joined TRAILS in West Virginia, a new program implemented by the state. TRAILS is a traveling resource program for home child-care providers, Child Care Centers, Head Starts, and Pre- K teachers. She was responsible for teaching classes, providing support, mentoring and loaning toys and classroom supplies in eight counties while driving a Chevy Express van packed with toys, books, and countless other treasures.



Janet Aitchison



Members from Alpha Epsilon Chapter celebrate their 65th Anniversary in August. (left to right: Deborah Bedard, Darlene Urbonowicz, Jillian Urbonowicz, Tracy Watson, Dottie Osterhout, Diane LaPan, NYSO Second Vice-President Lisa Meade.

Photo submitted by Deborah Bedard

Rho Chapter Celebrates 70 years!

Rho Chapter met at the home of Suzanne Patrick on Saturday, August 21 to celebrate the chapter's 70th birthday. They also welcomed new member Leanne Nydam. Those present also put together 177 new teacher bags for the 17 school districts in our area. This get-together included nine of our twenty one members. Those in attendance were Leanne Nydam, Karen Barkman, Esther Hutchinson, Suzanne Patrick, Jo Ann Salo, Phebe Slattery, Joan Ackerman, Fran Bliven and Noreen LeCann.



Congratulations Rho Chapter on your 70th birthday!



Suzanne Patrick

Article and photos submitted by Suzanne Patrick

Psi Chapter



Psi Chapter held a picnic this summer and presented Arlene Sanger with her 50 year pin and certificate which was issued in 2020.



Sue Kenoyer (L) with Arlene Sanger

Omega Chapter Grieves the Loss of Three Special Members



Omega Chapter was saddened to lose three Past Presidents this past year: Elizabeth Mussack (1982-1984), June Renner (1992-1994), and Deborah Trombino (2004-2006). A Ceremony of Remembrance was held at the May meeting to honor their memories and dedication and years of service to the Chapter.

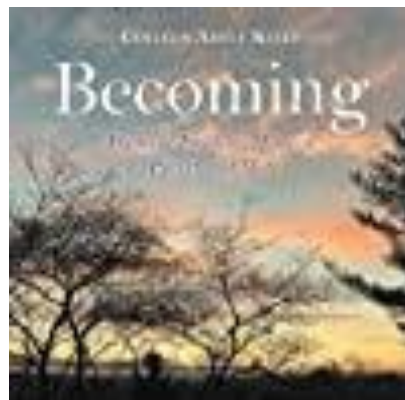
Pictured L to R: Janalee Weaver, Co-President Denise Clark, Gail Rumsey, Co-President Dawn Scales, Mary King and Lois Ludwig.

Photo and submission by Gail Frances Burr

Becoming: Poems of Pandemic, Protest, Prayer, and More

*Colleen A. Kelly, a longtime member of Gamma Alpha Chapter, NYSO, recently published her sixth book of poetry. It is entitled **Becoming: Poems of Pandemic, Protest, Prayer and More**. Published by Archway, a subsidiary of Simon and Schuster, it represents the journaling of a pandemic year. Archway, Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others carry the full color book both in hard and soft cover. It is also available in a Kindle version.*

*Since retiring as a social studies teacher in Fairfield, Connecticut in 2006, Colleen has continued a lifelong pastime of writing poetry. She also maintains a poetry blog at colleenakelly.com that includes commentary on writing as well as new poems. She is currently working on a new volume, tentatively called **Rejoice**. As a member of NYSO's World Fellowship Committee she contributed a poem to the website.*



Beta Mu Has Had a Busy Summer!



Beta Mu members Beryl Szwed, Carol Lamb, Sue Norris, and Laurie Rosborough participated in a pop-up presentation on August 19th by author and expert Marilyn Burns. You never know who loves to vacation in the Adirondack Mountains!



Beryl Schwed presenting Anne Cooney with her certificate for reaching the 25-year milestone of membership in DKG. Her service to the chapter has been on-going and her mentorship of new members has set the bar for our chapter!



(Second from left) RoseAnn Hickey, Hallie Bond, Mary Michelfelder, and Sue Norris preparing to take a hike through one of the many trails of the Paul Smiths VIC (Visitors' Interpretive Center). The hike followed a presentation by the Director of the VIC.

Beta Theta Announces Grant Recipients

The Beta Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International announced that Faith Woodcock, a 2020 graduate of Sodus CSD and Alandra Kunz, a 2021 graduate of Williamson SCD, were selected as the Mary Putnam Recruitment Grant recipients for the years of 2020 and 2021 respectively. We were delighted that both were accompanied by their parents and shared some of their plans for pursuing a career in teaching.

The Mary Putnam Recruitment Grant is offered each year in honor of Mary Putnam who was a Charter member of the Beta Theta Chapter when it was formed in 1969. She served children in several capacities in the Sodus CSD. She then went on to Pi State (currently NYSO DKG) to fill several leadership positions, before joining the Administrative Board of Delta Kappa Gamma International as a member-at-large, later serving as International First Vice President. The Beta Theta Mary Putnam Recruitment Grant was established in 1981 in her honor.



L to R: Sharon Coleman, Chair, Professional Affairs, Alandra Kunz, Faith Woodcock, Kristin DeFeo, Professional Affairs Committee member

Submitted by Marcia Waterman

Alpha Chapter Serves the Community

Alpha Chapter has been supplying backpacks and supplies to Union Church Food Pantry in Newburgh, NY, for the past ten years. When the pandemic hit in 2020, monetary donations were collected to cover the cost of back packs and supplies, since the group was not meeting in person.

The first picture below is from 2018, before the pandemic. This shows some of our members and the usual fall collection of bags. The second picture is of co-executive director of the Union Food Pantry, and member, Deborah Hill, receiving some of this year's backpacks from Alpha President Jeanne Roper.

The constancy of our program has insured that each year, many students are ready to begin another school year! They have fully supplied back packs, just like others in their classes.

Eastern Area DKG has held their meetings at our church for the past several years. When they have met, they have donated various items needed, such as diapers, baby clothing, and backpack supplies. This past July, Doreen Croyle, president of Zeta Chapter, presented the Clothes Closet with 40 new handbags, filled with essential items. Alpha Chapter continues to donate baby clothing and supplies. We are most grateful to our Delta Kappa Gamma!



Left to right Alpha members President Jeanne Roper, Kay Lamb, Mary Grace McCue, Allison Roper, and Deborah Wood. Excited to get the bags into the hands of our students!



Left to right, Deborah Hill Co-executive Director of Union Food Pantry, Alpha President Jeanne Roper



The volunteers from Union Church Food Pantry looking over the handbags filled with essential items donated by Zeta Chapter DKG. President Doreen Croyle is second from left.

Omega Gets Social

In an effort to stay connected with sisters over the summer months, Omega held its annual "Omega Gets Social" picnic in July. Members were asked to bring a dish to pass and a "treasure" they could part with. Everyone attending delighted in the tasty food, lively conversation, and the opportunity to get caught up with sisters' lives. The bonus was that all attending left with a new "treasure" to enjoy!



L to R: Helene Goodberlet, Denise Clark (Co-President), Sharry Cirulli, Janalee Weaver, Alice Looney, Linda Upchurch, Phyllis Frantel, Dawn Scales and Jan Astles

Submitted by Gail Frances Burr

Be sure to check out the Chapter Spotlight on the NYSO DKG Website!

[Click here to view the Chapter Spotlight](#)

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Information for the Winter Issue of Pi Lights

Due December 1, 2021

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

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Reminder: Submissions are subject to editorial changes by the State Editor and Proofers due to space limitations and for clarity.

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2021-2022

March 1, 2022...June 1, 2022... September 1, 2022

Does DKG International have your updated information?

If you haven't looked at your "My DKG" account at www.dkg.org recently, then do so to check that your address, phone number, email and other important information are up to date. Your username is your 6-digit member number. If you haven't yet set up your own password, then contact your Chapter President or State Officer to get the original password needed. Once you log on initially, you can set your own personal password to access the International website.