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**International Guest Speaker  
June Bowers**



**June Bowers**, a 44-year member of DKG and International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, believes that a member must share their time, talents, energy and resources with the Society in order to recognize and reap the benefits given by the Society.

Living her beliefs, June has participated at all levels of the Society, including International Member-at-Large, chair of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, Membership Committee, and the Arts & Humanities Jury. In addition, she has served as NW Regional Director, International Music Rep, and president of the Nebraska State Organization as well as numerous positions in her chapter.

Residing in Falls City, NE, June is an active member of Iota Chapter and an involved citizen of Falls City serving on the District 56 School Board, director of the Methodist Church Choir, treasurer for the SE Area Nebraska Retired School Personnel, and a substitute teacher. She loves to garden, fish, play the piano, and travel.

“I challenge each of you to be a part of building the sustainability and future of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International! DKG is moving forward while embracing our vision of being **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.**”



Sue Kenoyer  
NYSO President 2019 – 2021

*“Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge, and Growth”*

My snowbanks are 4-5 feet high and more snow is forecast, but I have had my first COVID shot and get the second on March 11 at the college, so I am hopeful for the future. As you know we had to change our Convention to a virtual format for the first time ever. Other states, like Alaska, have been doing this for several years. I will greatly miss seeing everyone in person in Lake Placid. It is such a beautiful location. I know many of you were very excited about returning there and planned to stay longer to experience the area's attractions.

As I created the schedule for the virtual Convention, I worked hard to keep the contents close to what would have happened in-person. Your Educational Excellence Committee did a fantastic job getting ten workshops lined up that should be of great interest to many. Registration materials went out to the chapter presidents on February 19, 2021 and should have been passed along to you. Registration for the event must be completed by April 3, 2021 to give us time to conduct the voting on issues before the Virtual Convention. Karen Crumley, our Acting Parliamentarian, is making sure that we follow all of our governing documents in holding this first-of-a-kind Convention. I am very happy to say I built some fellowship time into the meeting on Friday, April 30 at 6 pm. I look forward to seeing you at our event on April 30 to May 2, 2021 on Zoom.

Little about this biennium has gone as planned. We have learned new ways of communicating, celebrating milestones, and just living. I think we can take a lot of positives forward from the experiences of the last 13 months. Now that we know Zoom exists (and other formats like it) and we are familiar with it, we can hold all kinds of workshop sessions at any time. We can conduct virtual training sessions for chapter officers, membership chairs, treasurers, and other groups at little or no cost to the members or the organization. This can be a great advance for us as an organization as we strive to attract younger, working teachers. We know that they have experienced an increase in workload like at no other time, and the possibility of online workshops for CTLE credit would appeal to them. Our new collegiate membership level would certainly appreciate virtual meetings for monetary reasons as well as convenience. Let's embrace change and look forward to more opportunities with DKG than we have had in the past.

Stay healthy!

DKG International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Pi State website: [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)

CTAUN website: [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org)

## NYSO Nominations 2021-2023

### **President: Jennifer Lee-Alden**

Jennifer Lee Alden was initiated into Beta Omega, Capital Area, in May 2009, sponsored by Past NYSO DKG President, Joan Slagle. She earned her BS Music Education from SUNY at Fredonia, MS in Educational Psychology and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the College of St. Rose, Albany. She taught Music in the Shenendehowa Central School District for 26 years where she also served as Summer School Assistant Principal since 2016. In August, Jennifer began her career in Administration, accepting a position as Class Assistant Principal at Shenendehowa High School.

Jennifer has been involved at the local, regional and International levels. At her Chapter level, Jennifer served two biennium as President (2014-2018) and served as Corresponding Secretary (2012-2014). She was the Capital Area

Council Chair from 2014-16. She has also served effectively and capably on the Pi State Executive Committee as State Secretary, Second Vice President, and First Vice President beginning in 2015. Jennifer has presented workshops at the 2012 Fall Conference and the 2013 Spring Convention; was a member Educational Excellence Committee 2011-2013 and Chair 2013-2015; has performed music for Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars and Conventions; has attended Leadership Training working with Committees, presenters, State Officers, Chapter Presidents, the Webmaster and Pi Lights Editor. At the Regional level, Jennifer attended the 2011 NE Regional Conference in Hershey and the 2013 NE Regional Conference in Portland, Maine. At the International level, she attended and assisted at the 2012 International Convention in NYC and presented a workshop at the 2014 International DKG Convention in Indianapolis.

Jennifer was the recipient of the International Lucile Cornet Award which she used to attend and present at the National Association for Music Education Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN on October 27, 2014. She continues to add to her presentation experiences and contributes to her teaching profession on a regular basis at the local, state and national levels. She has been a contributing composer and/author for *Activate!*, a teaching magazine for K-6 music educators since 2011 and has co-authored a teaching resource book, *Mission Composition*, Lorenz Publishing Corp. (2015).

Her various community involvement activities include civic and service clubs, assisting with the local Boy Scouts and serving on two Ad Hoc Committees for the Galway Board of Education. Jennifer's special interests are gardening, reading, cooking, cross-stitching and activities for her family of 3 boys.

*(Thanks to Dr. Valerie Lagakis.)*



*Jennifer Lee-Alden*

### **First Vice President:**

Since no applications for the Office First Vice President were received by 15 November 2020, the First Vice President will be nominated at the 2021 New York State Convention at the Executive Board Meeting Saturday, May 1, 2021.

### **Second Vice President: Lisa Meade**

Lisa Meade is in her second biennium as Parliamentarian of *Beta Omega*, Capital Area. She received her B.A. in English from the College of New Rochelle and was certified in Elementary and Special Education. Her Master's thesis from Vermont College of Norwich University explored "Classroom Bias and Empowering Student Achievement." She completed her administrative studies in 2004 at SUNY Plattsburgh and MCLA. With more than 26 years of professional experience, she is currently the Jr. Sr. High School Principal in the Granville Central School District. She has held a number of different administrative positions in several districts in the North Country of New York State with duties ranging from



*Lisa Meade*

Director of Student Services to Assistant Superintendent. In 2015, while principal of Corinth Middle school, she received the NYS Middle School Principal of the Year Award for SAANYS and the national Middle School Principal of the Year Award for NASSP.

She has been a presenter at DKG conferences and is currently the Chair of the DKG NYS Leadership Development Committee. With a strong commitment to professional development, her presentations usually focus on supporting

women as educational leaders. She was the keynote speaker at the DKG NYS executive board meeting in 2018. She shares her experience with others in blog posts and written columns in SAANYS' Vanguard Magazine.

Lisa began her career as a special education teacher in 1992 and served in a variety of additional roles, including CSE Chair and Elementary Support Services Coordinator. In addition to DKG, she is also a member of School Administrators of New York State, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the New York State Middle Schools Association.

Lisa's special interests include being a mom, promoting women in leadership, educational technology, and blogging.

### **Secretary: Amy Zimmerman**

Amy Zimmerman was inducted into *Alpha Tau*, East Central Area, in 2014. She is the immediate past president of her chapter and is active in her Area Council. Active at the state level, she has been a regular attendee at State Board Meetings and Conventions. She chairs the DKG NYS Awards Committee and is a member and Secretary of the Executive Board of the Pi State Foundation. She has been active in a support capacity at Area Council, State and International meetings.

Amy received her Bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport and did graduate work at Nazareth College. She has been a kindergarten and first grade teacher in the Marcus

Whitman CSD for 25 years. She has also been a department chair, team leader and Association representative. Over the years, she has mentored new teachers and hosted student teachers.

As the mother of three sons, she is President of the Cross Country and Track Boosters in her district and has also supported youth hockey organizations. In her spare time, she loves to read and enjoy time with friends and family.



*Amy Zimmerman*

#### **Nominations for the Nominations Committee:**

**Seeta Ramprasad**, *Alpha Phi*, Southeastern

**Eline Callow**, *Gamma Alpha*, Southeastern

**Christine Bennett**, *Omega*, East Central

Northwestern – TBA

Southwestern – TBA

West Central – TBA

#### **Nominations for the Finance Committee:**

**Beryl Szwed**, *Beta Mu*, Northern Area

**Joan Slagle**, *Beta Omega*, Capital

**Mary Fran Seymour**, *Beta Chi*, South Central

North Central Area - TBA

**Mona Lee Bogan**, *Tau*, Eastern Area

Area Councils may present additional NOMINATIONS for the *State Finance Committee* and *State Nominations Committee* at the *2021 Convention Executive Board Meeting* on Saturday, May 1, 2021

*Submitted by Mary Kay Hickey & The NYSO Nominations Committee*



## REGISTRATION FORM

2021 NY State Convention ... April 30- May 2, 2021...Virtual

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if Chapter President

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

Check each event that that you plan on attending.

**Friday, April 30**

- \_\_\_ 6:00-7:00pm Fellowship Time on Zoom  
 \_\_\_ 7:00-8:00pm Welcome & Keynote  
 \_\_\_ 8:10-9:00pm Round Table Discussion with International Second Vice-President, June Bowers

**Saturday, May 1**

- \_\_\_ 9:00-10:15am Executive Board Meeting/General Session  
 \_\_\_ 10:30-11:00am Birthday Luncheon Program  
 \_\_\_ 11:10-12:00pm Founders & Presidents Banquet Program & Installation of State Officers  
**12:30-1:15pm Workshop Session I: Select 1**  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 1** *A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching Digital Literacy* with Eileen Venezia and Emilie Stris, *Gamma Alpha*  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 2** *Creating Successful Chapter Programs* with Barbara Bostwick Quinn, *Beta*

**1:30-2:15pm Workshop Session II: Select 1**

- \_\_\_ **Workshop 1** *Mindful Resilience* with Jenny Morrill of 3 Marigolds Mindful Wellness  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 2** *All Aboard...and see our Country!* With Ginny Dudko, *Tau*

**2:30-3:15pm Workshop Session III: Select 1**

- \_\_\_ **Workshop 1:** *Ten Strategies for Post-Covid* Presenter, June Bowers, International Second Vice-President  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 2** *"V" is not for Vacuum* with Lynn Morgan, Heather White, and Andy Burns, *Chi*

**3:30-4:15pm Workshop Session IV: Select One**

- \_\_\_ **Workshop 1** *Combine Travel and Study into One Great Experience* with Rosemary Van Wart and the Travel and Study Committee  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 2** *Growing Membership with "Commit-mint, Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint."* with Deborah Bedard and NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee

**Sunday, MAY 2**

- \_\_\_ 9:00-9:30am Hour of Remembrance  
 \_\_\_ 10:00-10:30am Scholarship, Awards, and Grant(s)-in-Aid Program

**10:45-11:30 Workshop Session V: Select 1**

- \_\_\_ **Workshop 1:** *Every Teacher a Teller: How to Find the Storyteller in You* with Karen Glass, *Beta Mu*  
 \_\_\_ **Workshop 2:** *Vaccines: History, Strategies, and COVID 19* with Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, *Psi*

- \_\_\_ 11:40-12:40pm Annual Meeting of the Pi State Educational Foundation

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\*\*\*\*\* April 3, 2021 is the last day to register for the Virtual Convention\*\*\*\*\*

**73<sup>rd</sup> NY State Convention**  
**TENTATIVE Schedule-at-a-Glance for Virtual Meeting**  
**April 30 – May 2, 2021**  
**ZOOM**

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00-9:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:00-6:45pm Kick-off with fellowship time on Zoom ([Link for the evening provided with registration](#))  
 Sign in to just talk with your DKG sisters

7:00-8:00pm Welcome: Sue Kenoyer, NYSO President, 2019-2021  
 Keynote: “Pathways to the Future” with June Bowers, International Second Vice President

8:10-9:00pm Round Table Discussion with June Bowers, International Second Vice-President

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00-10:15am Executive Board Meeting ([link provided with registration](#)): Sue Kenoyer, President  
 General Session ([Reports will be contained in the Redbook and not presented live](#))  
 Announcements by Executive Secretary and Chairs of Finance, Nominations, Audit, and BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committees

10:30-11:00am Birthday Luncheon Program ([link provided with registration](#)): Jennifer Lee-Alden, First Vice-President

11:10-12:00pm Founder’s & President’s Banquet Program & Installation of State Officers ([link provided with registration](#)): Sue Kenoyer, President, and June Bowers, International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

**12:30-1:15pm Workshop Session I:** ([link provided with registration](#))

1. **A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching Digital Literacy with Eileen Venezia and Emilie Striss, *Gamma Alpha***
2. **Creating Successful Chapter Programs with Barbara Bostwick Quinn, *Beta***

**1:30-2:15pm Workshop Session II:** ([link provided with registration](#))

1. **Mindful Resilience with Jenny Morrill of 3 Marigolds Mindful Wellness**
2. **All Aboard...and see our Country! With Ginny Dudko, *Tau***

**2:30-3:15pm Workshop Session III:** ([link provided with registration](#))

1. **Ten Strategies for Post-COVID for DKG with June Bowers, International**
2. **“V” is not for Vacuum with Lynn Morgan, Heather White, and Andy Burns, *Chi***

**3:30-4:15pm Workshop Session IV** ([link provided with registration](#))

1. **Combine Travel and Study into One Great Experience with Rosemary Van Wart and the Travel and Study Committee**
2. **Growing Membership with “Commit-mint, Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint.” with Deborah Bedard and NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee**

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00-9:30am Hour of Remembrance ([link provided with registration](#)): Deborah Bedard and Membership Committee

10:00-10:30am Scholarship, Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid Program ([link provided with registration](#)):  
 Renee Funke, Second Vice President

**10:45-11:30am Workshop Session V:** ([link provided with registration](#))

1. **Every Teacher a Teller: How to Find the Storyteller in You with Karen Glass, *Beta Mu***
2. **Vaccines: History, Strategies, and COVID 19 with Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, *Psi***

11:40-12:40pm Annual Meeting for Pi State Educational Foundation ([link provided with registration](#)):  
 Ginny Dudko, *Tau*

<b>Titles</b>	<b>Workshop Program Descriptions</b> <b>Virtual State Convention, Spring 2021</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12:30 – 1:15</b>
<b>A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching Digital Literacy</b>	In this age of COVID -19, the rapid spread of misinformation may be as dangerous as the virus itself. We will examine why people believe and spread misinformation, and what educators and students can do to slow this. We will offer techniques and resources that help us recognize “red flags” of misinformation (“fake news”). We will direct special attention to Social Media.	<b>Eileen Venezia and Emilie Stris, <i>Gamma Alpha</i></b>
<b>Creating Successful Chapter Programs</b>	Educational Excellence Committee Members Barbara Bostwick Quinn, <i>Beta</i> , Alison Brown, <i>Psi</i> , Jo Salo, <i>Rho</i> , and Pat Turner, <i>Alpha Theta</i> , share Chapter programs, ideas, and tips that make an impact.	<b>Barbara Bostwick Quinn, <i>Beta</i></b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1:30 – 2:15</b>
<b>All Aboard... and see our Country!</b>	Consider the train for a different vacation! You will learn about some of the advantages of rail travel, as well as finding out about a few places rail vacations are offered. Travel with the presenter to some of our National Parks!	<b>Ginny Dudko, <i>Tau</i></b>
<b>Mindful Resilience</b>	During this time, attendees will learn a brief overview of how simple mindful steps can enhance the resilient heart, body, and mind. Mindfulness is accessible to all and requires nothing more than curiosity. Leave with science-based mindful strategies to implement in moments of struggle and/or joy so to relate to experiences with more resilience all the while priming the mind for more presence, courage, and grace.	<b>Jenny Morrill- of 3 Marigolds Mindful Wellness</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2:30 – 3:15</b>
<b>Ten Strategies for Post COVID</b>	DKG’s June Bowers, International Second VP, will present a workshop on Ten Strategies for Post COVID for DKG and suggestions for your chapters.	<b>June Bowers, International Second VP</b>
<b>“V” is not for Vacuum</b>	Chi Chapter works with Malawi Early Learning Team to provide books and teacher training in the northern area of Malawi, Africa. A three-minute video sets the stage for the story. You will experience this past year, as they move from the tragedy of a fire, to triumph. We will share stories of building relationships that have been critical to our success. Yes, we will answer “V” is not for vacuum!	<b>Lynn Morgan, Heather White, and Andy Burns, <i>Chi Chapter</i></b>

Session 4	Saturday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:30 – 4:15
<b>Growing Membership with “Commit-mint, Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint.”</b>	Healthy chapters are committed to attracting, retaining, and reinstating members. Join us as we explore how you can help your chapter’s member grow.	<b>Deb Bedard and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee</b>
<b>Combine Travel and Study into one Great Experience!</b>	This workshop will present an overview of the purpose of the Travel and Study Stipend, review the application process, and have a panel of previous recipients who will share their first-hand experiences of how they used the stipend.	<b>Rosemary Van Wart with Travel and Study Committee</b>
Session 5	Sunday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:45 – 11:30
<b>Every Teacher a Teller: How to Find the Storyteller in You</b>	In this highly interactive workshop, participants will explore resources from many countries and cultures finding folktales, learn to tell the story from images and coach each other on achieving a strong performance. The session will end with an optional mini-story performance by participants, time permitting.	<b>Karen Glass, Beta Mu</b>
<b>Vaccines: History, Strategies, and COVID 19</b>	People have known for a long time that if you get an infection, and don’t die, you will not get it again. The difficult part of it –if you don’t die-- has been effectively controlled with vaccines. Strategies for developing a vaccine started with the battle against smallpox, then to rabies with the work of Louis Pasteur. Early strategies in vaccine development are in widespread use, but we are seeing success against Covid-19 with both traditional approaches and the new technology of mRNA vaccines. What are the pros and cons of different vaccine strategies? What happens in your body when you get a vaccine? Why is a second shot needed with some vaccines and not others? How long does immunity last? Learn about these topics and more, and get your questions answered.	<b>Kathleen Lavoie, PhD, Psi</b>





### **A Call for Interested NY State Committee Members for 2021-2023**

If you are interested in serving on one of the New York State Committees for 2021-2023 biennium, please complete this form by Sunday, **May 2, 2021** and email or give to:

Sue Kenoyer  
NYSO DKG President  
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Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
[SueKenoyerDKG@gmail.com](mailto:SueKenoyerDKG@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### ***WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!***

**For the first time our NYSO Convention  
will be totally on Zoom**

- Fellowship time
- International Guest: June Bowers from Nebraska
- Most reports that are normally given will be in the Redbook only
- Keynote Address "Pathway to the Future"
- Round table discussion with June Bowers, International 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Reports on the ballots conducted prior to the meetings
- Birthday program
- Banquet program
- Hour of Remembrance
- Awards Program
- Ten workshops to choose from

***All of this from the comfort of your own living room! If you always wanted to attend a Convention, now you can. You choose the events of interest to you. Register today! All materials can be found in this issue.***

For More Information, contact: Dr. Debbie LeBlanc at: [dleblancedd@gmail.com](mailto:dleblancedd@gmail.com)  
or Candi Martin at: [going2bigflat@yahoo.com](mailto:going2bigflat@yahoo.com)

DKG: “Opportunities, Contributions, Impact.” The theme of this year’s Conference in San Antonio, July 22-24, encourages us to take advantage of the many *opportunities* to make *contributions* and have a positive *impact* on our society. Join us for this Conference in a perfect place for a reunion with our DKG sisters - after some very challenging times. This beautiful city is a destination for so many with its famous Riverwalk and charming sites. We’re always told that everything is bigger in Texas, and this conference is no exception!

You can register right now by going to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and clicking on Events and then on San Antonio. Don’t forget to make your room reservations at the beautiful San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. That link is also on the Delta Kappa Gamma website.

Keynote speakers will include: Becky Sadowski, Diane Phillips, Eva-Marie Kangro, and Wendy Gates Corbett.

A preconference workshop sponsored by the Foundation will be held on Thursday, July 22. You will “Experience Historical San Antonio.” The kick-off welcome reception will be held that same evening with yummy desserts and a chance to reunite with our sisters. Friday and Saturday will provide full days of sessions, keynotes, and more.

And don’t miss out on these additional opportunities:

Be a vendor in the Marketplace. Contact Belinda Clift at [belindaclift@mail.com](mailto:belindaclift@mail.com) or Tracey Crawford at [randytracey@bellsouth.net](mailto:randytracey@bellsouth.net)

Be a sponsor or having an advertisement in the program book. Contact Dr. Debbie LeBlanc at [dleblancedd@gmail.com](mailto:dleblancedd@gmail.com) or Candi Martin at [going2bigflat@yahoo.com](mailto:going2bigflat@yahoo.com)

Be a volunteer. Contact Kay Stuart at: [dkg.stuart@gmail.com](mailto:dkg.stuart@gmail.com)

Be in the chorus on Saturday night. Sign up online at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



Imagine a new member walking alone into a room for her first DKG chapter meeting. First impressions will determine how that new member feels. How quickly you show hospitality when she arrives at the meeting shows her the focus of the group. Are you so involved with catching up with old friends that you do not even notice her? Do you stop to introduce yourself, encourage the new member to come sit with your group, and

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involve her in the conversation? Little acts of kindness can put her at ease and make her feel a part of the group. This is one small way to mentor.

All members can be mentors through actions and deeds. This is why it is important that everyone is willing to invest time and energy in the new member and take a strong interest in the success of the chapter/Society. As the new member shares her interests and passions through conversation, the chapter president can begin to involve her in committee work and chapter projects to help her have a sense of belonging and purpose in the chapter. Recognizing the leadership potential of new members gets them involved and keeps them active plus gives them value in the Society.

Mentors can also assist by sharing information about the chapter, state organization, and international levels. The Society encompasses a wide range, and even though orientation is provided for new members, it takes time to learn about DKG. In this role it is important that mentors determine the best way to communicate--text, email, or phone call--so members can build a relationship and a mentor can remind the new member of the next meeting or project coming up. Learn about their educational role, family, pets, and interests to become friends. Listening to what they care about builds trust. Sharing in new members' lives allows members to provide professional support and encouragement, and thus be a good mentor.

Determine your DKG legacy by mentoring leaders where everyone is accepted for their strengths, their unique individuality, and their culture by modeling acceptance. How will you impact the lives of the members in your chapter?

**\*\* Thank you to the International Membership Committee for this article\*\***

## Visitations

Year	Date	Chapter(s)/ Area	State Representative
2019	8/10/19	Capital AC	Karen Crumley Lisa Huyck Suzanne Patrick
2019	9/28/19	West Central AC	Mary-Martha Harvey Sue Kenoyer Dr. Renee Funke
2019	10/5/19	North Central AC	Sue Kenoyer Mary-Martha Harvey Jennifer Lee-Alden
2019	10/16/19	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Sue Kenoyer
2019	10/17/19	East Central AC	Sue Kenoyer Mary-Martha Harvey
2019	10/22/19	<i>Tau</i>	Lochie Musso
2020	5/5/20	<i>Omega</i> postponed	Suzanne Patrick
2020	5/7/20	<i>Alpha Alpha</i> postponed	Mary-Martha Harvey
2020	5/11/20	<i>Alpha Iota</i> postponed	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	5/13/20	<i>Alpha Chi</i> postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/15/20	<i>Rho</i> postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/28/20	<i>Beta Nu</i> postponed	Ellie Robinson
2020	6/3/20	<i>Alpha Lambda</i> postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	6/4/20	<i>Beta Gamma</i> postponed	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	6/6/20	Southeastern AC	Deborah Bedard
2020	6/8/20	<i>Alpha Theta</i> postponed	Dr. Renee Funke
2020	10/3/20	Eastern AC	Deborah Bedard
2021	5/19/21	<i>Chi</i>	Sue Kenoyer

The **Communications and Publicity Committee** recently met via Zoom to review its activities during the 2019-2021 Biennium.

During the past year (because of the Pandemic), the importance of virtual meetings at the National, State and Chapter level have become increasingly important. We urge Chapters to use digital tools and to continue to incorporate Zoom even after our lives become “normal” again. This provides an opportunity for those who are unable to attend a meeting because of transportation or childcare issues to be active with the Chapters.

Also, please follow our DKG NYSO Facebook page!

If any chapters would like any additional assistance relating to Communications and Publicity, chapter membership materials or the use of digital tools to enhance their program, please contact Chair Anna Marie Bonafide at [ajjirav@msn.com](mailto:ajjirav@msn.com).

**Anna Marie Bonafide**

Chair, Communications and Publicity

*In Loving Memory of.....*

May 29, 2019	<b>Helen Buckley</b>	<i>Alpha Beta</i>
April 15, 2020	<b>Elizabeth Pappas</b>	<i>Beta Epsilon</i>
July 19, 2020	<b>Pasty Robertson</b>	<i>Beta Eta</i>
October 1, 2020	<b>Christine Welch</b>	<i>Beta Epsilon</i>
October 8, 2020	<b>Esther Gros</b>	<i>Beta</i>
October 15, 2020	<b>Beverly Engles</b>	<i>Alpha Beta</i>
November 22, 2020	<b>Jill Virts</b>	<i>Beta Theta</i>
November 1, 2020	<b>Betsy Balzano</b>	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>
January 13, 2021	<b>Linda DeLorenzo</b>	<i>Beta</i>
January 19, 2021	<b>Margaret Hunt</b>	<i>Alpha Zeta</i>

*Deborah M. Bedard, NYSO Membership and Expansion Chair*





### **Membership Spotlight: Maintaining Membership Amid COVID**

Everyone can certainly agree that the last year has brought many unexpected challenges to our DKG organization on the International, State and Local level. Our chapters have adjusted with amazing and creative ways to continue their work. Zoom is now our newest vocabulary word.

As we enter the end of our membership year, it is time to renew and collect dues. With no in-person meetings, there is a real risk that several of our chapter members will not renew their membership. It is important that each chapter carefully review their procedures to collect dues and find ways to engage your members and let them know their membership is still valued. It is vital that you reach out quickly to members who do not, for whatever reason, renew their membership. This can be done by email, snail mail, or the best option: **a personal phone call**. Do not forget that the one true strength of our membership in DKG is our personal connections to our colleagues and fellow sisters.

For those chapters looking for an easier way to collect dues: Consider setting up an electronic format such as Pay Pal or Venmo. Zeta Chapter has embraced this method for all our tech savvy, younger members who no longer know what it is to have a checkbook!

It is imperative that dues be collected on time and sent in so that membership is maintained. Dues need to be paid by July 1<sup>st</sup> so that members are not dropped by International.

For those chapters who have not used the Zoom platform to meet, please know that your Membership and Executive Committees are here to help. You can use the NYISO Zoom account to help you set up meetings. Even as we get back to in-person meetings, Zoom can remain a great way for all of us to maintain contact more often especially during those times, like the winter months, when the weather makes meetings difficult or for committees to meet. If you have questions regarding using Zoom, just contact Sue Kenoyer.

Recruiting, retaining and reinstating our membership is vital. Please do your best to ensure that losing members is not one more victim of COVID.

Respectfully submitted,

Annamarie Santorelly

## 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.

I hope that everyone is doing well during the pandemic. COVID has certainly curtailed the work of the Foundation. We only added nine new members during this past year—compare that, for example, to the 69 members we gained two years ago! I believe part of that is due to the fact that we always gain a number of people when we have in-person state meetings which we, sadly have not been able to have in over a year. Also, our donations are down significantly, which I think is due to the same reason. Many people make donations at in-person state and chapter meetings.

We remain hopeful that things will be opening up soon and that our grant recipients will be able to move forward with their projects that were funded over the past two years. We remind all directors that post-project paperwork must be filed upon completion of their activities. The deadline for new project applications is May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please send your donations to the Foundation as our treasury continues to suffer. Donation and membership forms are on the Foundation section of the state *Delta Kappa Gamma* website. Thank you for your support.

**Ginny Dudko**

### NYSO Awards Benefit Patrons

#### A correction from the Winter Edition, 2021

(A column of patrons was inadvertently left out of the printed Winter edition, page 22)

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# GetConnected!

## Conference Options

**In Person event** is any event that brings people together to a physical location.

[What is an 'in person' meeting?](#)

**Hybrid Event** is any event that combines a "live" in person event at a physical location with a "virtual" component for remote attendees.

[What is a hybrid event?](#)

**A Virtual Event** is any event that brings people together at the same time digitally.

[What is a virtual event?](#)

## Conference Options Pros/Cons

**In Person Event -**

[Pros and cons of in person events](#)

**Hybrid Event -**

[Hybrid-Meetings: The Pros and Cons](#)

**Virtual Event –**

[Pros and cons of virtual events](#)

## Marketing the 'Unknown'

### 2021 & Beyond – Transforming DKG Events

Planning events, like conferences and conventions, is quite complicated. While many aspects of the process can only be explained with more words than allowed in this space, DKG International leaders provide as many details as possible in as many ways as possible to increase member understanding of the "how," "when," and "why" of decisions surrounding conference and convention planning.

**Due to the uncertain nature of in-person events in a pandemic world, the 2021 conferences in July are being planned as in-person events with a virtual layer – or what is called a "hybrid" event.** Such an event provides members with the option to attend in-person, if possible or preferable, or to attend virtually, if necessary or preferred. Because registration fees for DKG events cover the cost of providing a venue, speakers, and any audio-visual (AV) necessary for production, both layers will require registration and payment of a fee. For an in-person event, the venue is the hotel and AV is relatively uncomplicated. For the virtual layer, the "venue" includes the platform and equipment needed to stream the event – a much more complicated and costly technology than the usual AV. Both layers will share the same keynote speakers. While expenses were absorbed by the Society in 2020, broadening future events will require registration fees.

**Of course, it is possible that international leadership may determine at its May meeting that it is in the best interests of members to cancel the in-person layer and move to a completely virtual event.** If so, any person who has registered for the in-person event may transfer registration to the virtual event and receive a refund for any ticketed events purchased with registration. Virtual registrants will automatically be registered for the new virtual event. It is advisable to delay making flight arrangements until plans are certain or to arrange for no risk cancellations or flight changes.

**So, member feedback is critical! How will your voice be heard?** Feel free to reserve a hotel room if you plan to attend in person. Register, at no risk, to attend the conferences either in-person or virtually. Registration numbers will not only indicate interest but also allow us to commit to a platform because without registrations for the virtual layer, we cannot move forward with planning. Respond to surveys at every opportunity. You and your thoughts are critical to a successful 2021 and will shape the look and feel of DKG events in the future!

### Important Dates!

**April 12, 2021:** NYSO Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

**April 30 – May 2, 2021:** NYSO Convention

**May 1, 2021:** Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant Applications due

**Week of May 1, 2021: IMPORTANT** – Chapter Presidents will receive the form to fill out for the chapter information for the NY State Supplement to the 2-year Directory

**June 1, 2021:** Pi Lights Summer issue information due to NYSO Editor

**June 1, 2021: DEADLINE** – All Chapter members' dues sent to chapter treasurers

**June 30, 2021:** Chapter Standing Rules are due to NYSO President, NY State Chair of BYLAWS & Rules committee, and NY State Parliamentarian

**July 1, 2021: DEADLINE** – Chapter Dues sent to International and NY State Treasurer

**July 1, 2021: DEADLINE** – Supplement Updates for the 2-Year Directory (2021-2022) due to the NY State Executive Secretary

**July 15, 2021: DEADLINE** – Chapter Treasurers submit Form 15 to NY State Treasurer

**July 7-10, 2021:** Regional Conference: Portland, Oregon

**July 21-24, 2021:** Regional Conference: San Antonio, Texas

**July 28-31, 2021:** Regional Conference: Tampere, Finland (Possible reschedule to 2023)

**August, 2021:** TBA: LDS for Incoming State Chairs for 2021-2023

**September 1, 2021:** Pi Lights Fall issue information due to NYSO Editor

**REMINDER:** Death of a member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair ASAP

### Beloved Patricia McDonald

Our memories of you beloved Pat will be held very dear

And the picture of you is still very clear

Always deeply involved with the children in your care

You're a shining example no one can compare

Eternally enthusiastic with temperament so steady,

How lucky were the students who've had you through the years

You taught them so much, allayed all their fears

You cared for the whole child, your skills refined to an art

Always having room for each youngster in your very big heart

For your colleagues and friends you were there solid, strong as a rock

You worked harder than most educators, never watching the clock

Now you have left us

To your Eternal Home you'll go

Sharing all your treasures with others you'll know

We will miss you so much and although God made us part

Know our admiration and love for you stays,

Locked deeply in our hearts.

With Love,

Your DKG (*Epsilon Chapter*) Friends & Colleagues



## Top Ten things to Know About NY's Honorary Member Ruth Colvin

According to our constitution, an honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. On October 1, 1990, New York bestowed honorary membership on Ruth Colvin, known as the mother of adult literacy.

You ask, just who is Ruth Colvin? What are her accomplishments? With an apology to David Letterman, here is a top ten list of things you should know about our sister Ruth.

10. In 1961 in her home's basement, Ruth Colvin and some neighbors founded Literacy Volunteers of America. She had read something disturbing in The Syracuse Post-Standard - the results of the 1960 U.S. Census. In Syracuse, there were 11,000 people who were functionally illiterate. (Literacy Volunteers of America merged with Laubach Literacy International in 2002. The new organization was dubbed ProLiteracy which served more than 245,000 people last year.)
9. Literacy Volunteers of Greater Syracuse (now LiteracyCNY) began in 1962. Ruth used the Laubach method "Each One - Teach One" at Syracuse's Dunbar Center. Unfortunately, this non-profit is owed so much money by New York State and it will be closing as of November 15, 2020. Ruth, who serves on the board, abstained from voting on shutting LiteracyCNY down. She said that she couldn't vote to close the doors on her life's work. ProLiteracy which is also headquartered in Syracuse is not affected by the closing of LiteracyCNY.
8. Ruth has served as a tutor in the United States and abroad. She started literacy programs in Madagascar and Papua, New Guinea and has taught there and in other developing countries such as Zambia, Guatemala, Pakistan, Somalia and China.
7. In May 2018, Colvin gave the commencement address at Le Moyne College in Syracuse and was awarded an honorary doctorate. It is thought that she may be the oldest individual, at 101, ever to have addressed a graduation ceremony in the United States. I was fortunate to hear her give Onondaga Community College's commencement address in 1986
6. Ruth's twelfth book "My Travels Through Life, Love and Literacy: A Journey Over 100 Years in the Making" was released in 2020.
5. Ruth was a friend of literacy advocate Barbara Bush. Because she has dedicated her life toward educating others around the world, she has been named "the mother of the adult literacy movement" and a teacher of not just words, but the stories that words can tell.
4. She received the President's Volunteer Action Award in 1987 from President Ronald Reagan.
3. In 1993, Ruth was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.
2. "Ruth Colvin is a person of intelligence and vision and heart. And she has earned the gratitude of many, and the admiration of us all." President George W. Bush said these words when he presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in a ceremony at the White House in December 2006.
1. Ruth is a very young 103 with her 104th birthday on December 16. She recently was interviewed on television at the golf course.

"I may be 103, but age is just a number. What you do with your number is what is important," Colvin says in her book. "As I shared my life experiences, I learned that seeds were planted all my life that made me the person I am. I learned from my mistakes—as well as from my successes—and some disasters were blessings in disguise. Look to your own early years, and you'll learn more about yourself as I did about myself."

Information for this article was obtained from these sources:

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September 13, 2020 Syracuse Post-Standard Empire Magazine, The Mother of Adult Literacy Tells Her Own Story.

<https://www.syracuse.com/living/2020/09/full-of-life-at-103-cny-literacy-pioneer-ruth-colvin-pens-her-12th-book.html>

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<https://www.literacycny.org/timeline/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruth\\_Johnson\\_Colvin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruth_Johnson_Colvin)

### World Education

Iceland, Ireland, South Sudan,  
 Nepal, Japan, name every state  
 Scan and span the globe  
 For the best young women  
 We can find to pursue studies in our lands  
 When they return, scholars minted,  
 To share a perception of life where  
 We seek to spread democracy  
 Imperfectly at times it's true  
 But even then,  
 Educate women, open doors  
 —Teach a woman, the family learns—  
 Yearns to spread her expertise  
 In every field, fellowship across the world  
 No matter where.  
 Our mission spreads far and wide  
 Open our hearts, minds and purses  
 Support agents of growth and change  
 Women of distinction in every land;  
 World Fellowship, our gift to  
 Outstanding young women, our pride.



**Nyuon Suzie Sabat Williams**

### About the Author

**Colleen Adele Kelly, Ph.D.** (*Gamma Alpha Chapter*) is a retired teacher of Asian, International Studies and Comparative Education, who taught in Fairfield, Connecticut. She was also an adjunct professor at Central Connecticut State University. Dr. Kelly received two Fulbright grants to India and was a Pier Fellow at Yale University in both Asian and International Studies. She also worked on several projects with the Asia Society. Colleen has lectured widely on India, China, Russia and the Middle East. She is an active member of Sacred Heart Church in Southbury, Connecticut.

Colleen is the author of an intellectual biography of Welthy Honsinger Fisher and with M. Foster Farley *Indian Summer*. Since retiring she has published five volumes of poetry; *As I Was Saying, I've Been Thinking, Observations, Dancing for Joy and Sing a New Song* (2020). Her latest collection of poems is *Becoming, Poems of Pandemic, Protest, Prayer and More* (2021). She lives in Southbury, Connecticut and is an active member of *Gamma Alpha, NYSO*.

## Interview with Janet Antonucci

Interviewers - Charlene Pasquale, Joanne Carroll, and Rosey Van Wart

Submitted by Charlene Pasquale, *Alpha Pi Chapter*

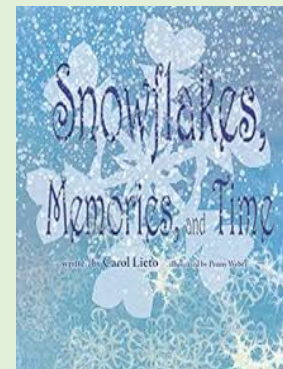
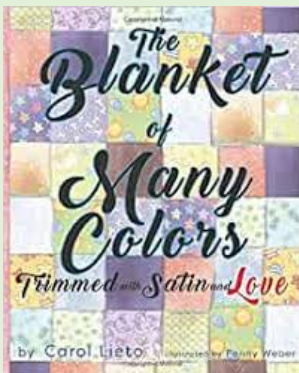
- **What inspired you and Gail to write this book?** Gail and I wanted to present current issues: experiencing the pandemic, working together, appreciating the environment, and the value of spending time outside. *Sticks in a Bundle* takes place at our local nature preserve, Anglefly, in Somers, New York.
- **Your illustrations are interesting. How did you and Gail handle that?** Some of the illustrations were photographs. The illustrator is Dan Simpson, who combined graphics to make figures. In addition, an artist drew some of the characters.
- **What is your message to your readers?** The message is to Inspire kids to spend time outdoors, to use coping tools for the pandemic and to work together to solve problems.
- **The characters' first names are interesting. How did you choose the names?** Gussy is Dan Simpson's mom and Violet is a flower.
- **For students, what is the appropriate grade level of *Sticks in a Bundle*?** The appropriate grade level is grades 4 - 7.
- **Do you have a study guide for teachers to purchase?** Gail and I have attempted to publish a study guide for *Sticks in a Bundle*. Currently, we are republishing the book and adding the study guide in the back of the book.
- **What is your favorite part of the book?** I don't want to give away the ending, but I will say it is moving.
- **Are you and Gail thinking of writing another book which would continue Violet's adventures?** We are almost finished with the sequel - *All Connected*.
- **Was Mrs. Lavoy based on a real person that either Jan or Gail knew?** *Sticks in a Bundle* is based on a beloved sixth grade teacher.

*Sticks in a Bundle* by  
Jan  
Antonucci  
and Gail  
Simpson



**Interview with Carol Lieto, Alpha Pi Chapter  
Interviewers- Charlene Pasquale**

- **What inspired you to write this book?** I was inspired by the real-life event. I wrote this book several years ago when the spark of an idea arrived while playing with the dolls on a snowy day with my niece. I was inspired to publish my books recently when spending time with an amazing former Somers High School student who is a motivational speaker, Sammi Reyes, and her mentor, my friend and former colleague, Melissa Pynch.
- **Your books just flow, and the language is perfect for many age groups. How did you make that happen?** It was and is very important to me to write books that flow and contain a mantra. I worked diligently on the words and the poetic nature of this book, but for the most part, the words came to me easily.
- **What is your message to your readers?** I want my readers to walk away from my books feeling transformed. I hope there is an epiphany that occurs after reading. As we age, we tend to spend a great deal of time focused on the negatives associated with aging, but there are so many positives that I wanted to stress them. With age comes wisdom and new souls; whether they are grandchildren or friends, we must be willing to embrace the miracles that come our way.
- **How did you choose the characters' first names?** The characters were named after my daughters and my niece. All names in both my books are the actual names of my family members. I love their names, each and every one of them.
- **For students, what is the appropriate grade level of *snow*?** The appropriate grade level for my book(s) seems to be from around kindergarten to adult. I wanted to write books that would be appropriate for adults. My best friend from high school and I would often search for books that we could give to our adult children. There are so many wonderful children's books filled with important life messages. I wanted my books to be in that category.
- **How did you determine what you wanted to write about?** My books are about real-life events that I encountered. The ideas came to me when I was most open to receiving them. A blanket and a group of dolls became the catalyst for imparting important life lessons about love and hope for the future.
- **What is your favorite part of the book?** I like the mantra, especially in the first book I love the poetic words in *Snowflakes, Memories, and Time*. The words are beautiful, and they conjure up beautiful images and thoughtful meanderings. I am also quite fond of the mantra in my first book – *The Blanket of Many Colors Trimmed with Satin and Love*: “Be my arms when I can’t hold her. Give her warmth when the world turns cold. Bring comfort in the darkness. Be my love when I grow old.”
- **Will you write a third book?** I am hoping to write a few more books for my grandchildren. I have eight grandchildren, and I would pair them for the books. I have a title for one of my future books: Mila and Margo and their Melodious Adventures.



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### *Information for the Summer Issue of Pi Lights*

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### **Pi Lights Deadlines for 2021**

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