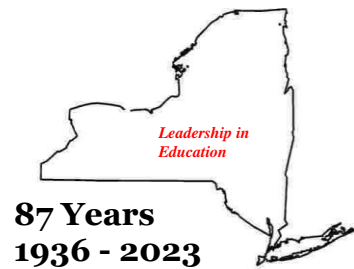




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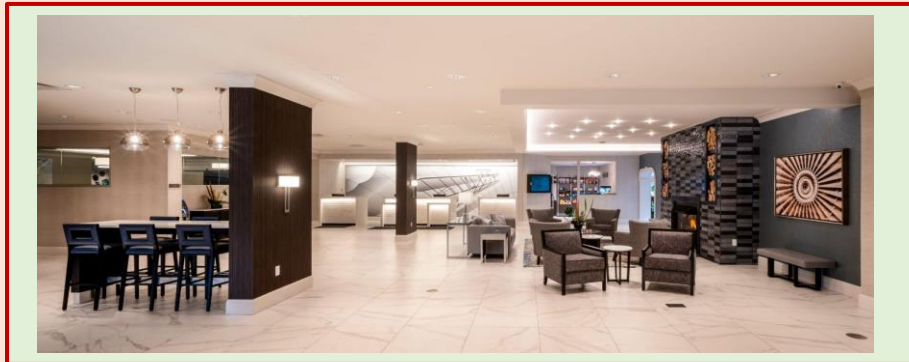
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NYSO 2023 Convention/ Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar April 28-30, 2023

At The Crowne Plaza Albany - Desmond Hotel

Shaker Road, Albany 12212



THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE 2023 NYSO DKG CONVENTION

Conveniently located off the Northway I-87 Exit 3, half a mile from the Albany International Airport and next door to the busy Wolf Road business district, the Crowne Plaza - Desmond is minutes from major attractions, like Colonie Center Mall, MVP Arena and downtown Albany, New York State government offices.

The hotel room block has sold out at the Desmond. Please see the **President's Message** on p. 2 for information on accommodations at the nearby Hampton Inn.

Please see the **Registration Form** on p. 3 & 4 of this issue or visit our Home Page on the NYSO Website.

Registration fee includes Friday's dessert reception. Early registration ends on **April 7, 2023**. Late and on-site registration is available.

Please note: There is change of venue for the President's Banquet on Saturday night, April 29th. This event will be held at Marriott Albany (3 minutes away). The Desmond Hotel will provide shuttle service.

The 2023 Convention will include a variety of interesting break-out sessions/Workshops. Time is also scheduled for social time and the **Pi State Educational Foundation** Annual Meeting on p.15.

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**President
Jennifer Lee-Alden**

Biennium 2021-2023

*“Moving Forward with
Purpose and Passion”*



The Capital Area Council Chapters - Pi, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Nu, Alpha Psi, and Beta Omega - look forward to welcoming NYSO members to the 2023 New York State Organization 74th Convention, “Capital-izing on the Benefits of DKG!”

Although the hotel room block at the Crowne Plaza - The Desmond sold out, accommodations are available at the **Hampton Inn Albany Wolf Road (Airport), 10 Ulenski Dr., Albany**. This hotel is just around the corner from the Desmond and will provide shuttle service to The Desmond.

Please use the blue link to make your reservation or call 518-438-2822.

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Please use Block Code: CHHDKG. The room rate is \$128 plus 14% tax= \$145.92 at the Hampton Inn and includes breakfast.

I hope you have made plans to join us!

Our Convention is the culminating event of a revitalizing biennium! The weekend schedule (see p.11) begins with workshop opportunities for personal and professional development on Friday evening. NYSO is delighted to welcome **International Guest and Past International President Cathy Daugherty** to share a Society update as part of our Opening Session, which will also include a Keynote presentation by renowned children’s author **Bruce Coville**. Fellowship will follow at a dessert reception with many opportunities to strengthen relationships and network with other *Key Women Educators*.

Society business will be conducted on Saturday morning at **the Executive Board, General Session and Corporation Meetings**. At our **Birthday Luncheon**, we will again be hearing from International Guest, **Cathy Daugherty**, as she shares, “**Accessing the DKG Membership Benefits at the International Level.**” Convention registrants will then have opportunities to attend more workshops in the afternoon. The annual **Pi State Educational Foundation** meeting will also be held, allowing time for members to freshen up before attending the **President’s Banquet** at the **Marriott Albany** (three minutes away - *shuttle provided*).

On Sunday morning we begin by honoring members who have passed with our **Hour of Remembrance**. The Convention weekend will close with the **Awards Brunch** at 11am where we will announce recipients of our **Scholarships, Awards and Grants-in-Aid**.

I hope you will agree we have much to look forward to at this year’s Convention!

A multitude of *thanks* to the Chapters and individuals for their time and efforts in preparing for this year’s event.

I am eager to see you all soon!

“Capital”-izing on the Benefits of DKG
April 28-30, 2023, New York State DKG Convention
 Desmond/Crowne Plaza, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY

REGISTRATION FORM

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____

Name/Office requested for Badge _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____

Guest _____ Name(s) _____

Three-day Early Registration Fee (Due by April 7, 2023) - \$110

Total registration fee- _____

One day Early Registration Fee (Due by April 7, 2023)- \$75

Late Three-day Registration Fee (after April 8, 2023)- \$120

Late One day Registration Fee (after April 8, 2023)- \$85

Friday, April 28- Optional Dinner-Sandwich Buffet- Soup du Jour, Assorted sandwiches, pasta salad, tossed salad, half sour pickles, kettle potato chips, cookies and brownies, soda **\$41.00** _____

Friday, April 28 Dessert Reception - Included in Registration. Assortment of Italian cookies, dessert bars, brownies, regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea **Please check if you will attend** _____

Guest Charge \$21.00 _____

Saturday, April 29- Optional Breakfast- Morning Break - Freshly baked fruit breads, Petite Coffee Cakes, Coffee, Decaf and Tea **\$21.00** _____

Saturday, April 29- Birthday Luncheon -(Please Check your Luncheon Choice)

_____ **Shrimp Caesar:** Romaine, parmesan cheese, croutons, traditional dressing, shrimp

_____ **Apricot Chicken Salad Sandwich:** chicken salad with dried apricots, celery & pecans, New York cheddar cheese, ciabatta bread, with side pasta salad

_____ **Italian Hero:** Italian sliced deli meats, aged provolone, roasted peppers, mixed greens, zesty vinaigrette, grilled focaccia

(All luncheons served with fresh rolls, Birthday Cake, Coffee, Decaf and Tea.) **\$39.00** _____

Saturday, April 29 - President's Banquet ** Please note this will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Empire Room, 189 Wolf Road, Albany- Cash bar- 5:30-6:30 p.m., banquet- 6:30-10 p.m.

_____ **Roasted Stuffed Chicken-** Stuffed Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom, Caramelized Onion and Swiss Cheese served with a Fine Herb Au Jus **\$73.00** _____

_____ **Filet of Salmon-** Teriyaki Glazed Seared Fillet of Salmon, Jasmine Rice, Green Beans, Honey Blossom (GF) **\$84.00** _____

_____ **Eggplant Napoleon-** with Penne Pasta **\$65.00** _____

(All meals served with salad, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, decaf and tea.)

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CONVENTION Registration – concluded from p. 3**Sunday, April 30- Awards Brunch**

The Williamsburg- Scrambled eggs with chives ▶ Cinnamon French toast, with warm maple syrup ▶
 Hardwood smoked bacon ▶ O'Brien breakfast potatoes ▶ Chef's daily breakfast pastries* ▶ Orange juice ▶
 Freshly brewed coffee, decaf & tea **\$32.00** _____

List any dietary needs _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS \$ _____

Please make check/money order payable to *NYSO Delta Kappa Gamma*

Mail to: Judi Matthews, P.O. Box 33, Hunt Club Rd., Old Chatham, NY 12136

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Refunds and Cancellation Policies: Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before April 7, 2023. Cancellation and refund requests received after April 7, 2023 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after April 7, 2023. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can NY State issue refunds for no shows.

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

INTERNATIONAL GUEST**Cathy Daugherty**

Cathy Daugherty, the 2023 International Representative to NYS Organization, served DKG as its 2018-2020 International President and as a Director on the Society's Foundation from 2014-2016 and from 2018-2022.

Daugherty has been a member of *Alpha Alpha* Chapter in Virginia since 1988 and was the 2016 recipient of the International Achievement Award, the Society's highest honor. At the International level, Daugherty chaired the Constitution, Educational Excellence and Professional Affairs Committees and served as SE Regional Director and International First Vice President. She was point-person for the Schools for Africa project from its official adoption at the 2010 International Convention through July 2014.

Daugherty retired in 2016 following a 35-year public school career and a nine-year position as a Latin Instructor, Foreign Language Specialist and Supervisor of Latin student teachers at Randolph-Macon College. She currently chairs the Virginia State Organization Rules Committee and her chapter's membership committee. You will find her reading to a kindergarten student most Tuesdays in the role that makes her the happiest, "*Lunch Buddy*."



Cathy Daugherty

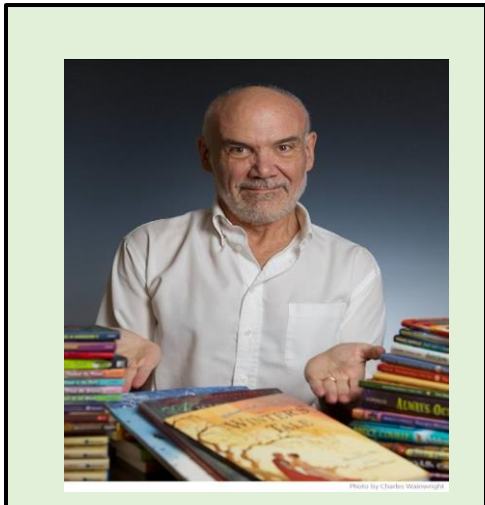
We are so proud to be welcoming Cathy to our 2023 NYSO Convention.

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**Workshop Schedule and Descriptions
For Convention 2023
Crowne Plaza at the Desmond
Albany, NY**

Date/Time	Workshop Title and Description	Location
Session I Friday, April 28 6:00 - 6:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">"Finding life-Balance in Retirement" Jacinda Lisanto, <i>Beta Theta</i></p> <p>Whether thinking of retiring or already retired, participants will explore and share ideas for achieving a mindful balance in how they spend their time. Presenter will share research, suggestions and resources for enhancing health, fun/social life, helpfulness/volunteering, family time/home-life and brain stimulation. Adopting even one new idea might put you in a bright place!</p>	Suite 120
	<p style="text-align: center;">"Strategies for Engaging and Encouraging Membership" Deborah Bedard, <i>Alpha Epsilon</i> and Membership and Expansion Committee</p> <p>Attracting and retaining members is vital to the long-term viability of NYSO Chapters. Learn simple common sense strategies your Chapter can employ to impact the membership of your Chapter.</p>	Suite 156
	<p style="text-align: center;">"Leadership Lessons" Ellen E. Grant, PhD., LCSW-R, Honorary member of <i>Alpha Lambda</i></p> <p>Dr. Grant will share leadership lessons from her book <u>The Female Worker's Fourteen Commandments for Powering Up Your Career</u> based upon her own leadership journey.</p>	22 High Street
Session II Friday, April 28 7:00 - 7:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">"Your True Colors" Kim Goldhirsch, <i>Alpha Zeta</i></p> <p>Using the research of Taylor Hartman, the workshop will explore what motivates the decisions we make each day. Understanding ourselves and others is useful for personal growth and professional relationships.</p>	Suite 120
	<p style="text-align: center;">"Understanding the Proposed Amendments to NYSO BYLAWS and Standing Rules " Sue Kenoyer, IPP and Standing Rules and BYLAWS Chair, <i>Psi</i></p> <p>An opportunity before voting on Saturday for questions and answers regarding the proposed changes to our BYLAWS and Standing Rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>WORKSHOPS continued & concluded on p. 6</i></p>	22 High Street

	<p align="center">"Drab to Fab! How to Put Life Back in Your Book Club" Andrea Windus, <i>Alpha Tau</i></p> <p>Want to recharge your book club? This workshop will offer ideas for themes, meeting locations, discussion activities, games, food and decor that can refresh and breathe new life into your book club.</p>	Suite 156
<p>Session III Saturday, April 29 1:45 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p align="center">"How Grading for Equity Made Me a Better Teacher" Tracy Smith, <i>Alpha Psi</i></p> <p>This workshop will introduce the principles of Grading for Equity based on the book by Joe Feldman. The presenter will share how implementing some of the principles has transformed her high school math class.</p>	Suite 120
	<p align="center">"Celebrating Leadership for Chapter Presidents and Officers" Jeanne Schenk, <i>Alpha Tau</i> and Leadership Development Committee and Members' Roundtable with Cathy Daugherty, Past International President</p> <p>An opportunity to collaborate with the Leadership Development Committee and a Past President of DKG International to celebrate and encourage leadership.</p>	22 High Street
	<p align="center">"Ready for Kindergarten- the R4K Program" Susan Butler, <i>Alpha Chi</i></p> <p>Learn about the R4K initiative, a multi-faceted program to help our State's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students be successful. An update on new State legislation to improve early education will be shared.</p>	Suite 156
<p>Session IV Saturday, April 29 2:45 - 3:30 PM</p>	<p align="center">"Children's Literature for Hot Topics" Amber Gladle, <i>Gamma Epsilon</i></p> <p>Delve into book titles that can help teach the hot topics of today such as environment, diversity, equity and inclusion in ways that help all students feel they are seen.</p>	Suite 120
	<p align="center">"Put Your Own Parachute on First!" Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, <i>Beta</i> and Sue Norris, <i>Beta Mu</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide hands-on activities that members can do to reduce stress in the classroom and workplace while informing DKG members about and promoting the US Forum Educators Mental Health Initiative</p>	Shaker Room
	<p align="center">"Designing Effective Peer Helping Programs in Schools" Roselind Gullo Bogner, PhD., LMHC, <i>Alpha Lambda</i></p> <p>Educators and students working together can develop and maintain helping programs which enhance academic, career and social/emotional development in grades 5-12. Peer helpers obtain knowledge and develop skills to help their peers improve academically and socially.</p>	22 High Street



Convention Keynote Speaker
Bruce Coville
Friday Evening, April 28, 2023

“Ripples” will be the title of the presentation by children’s literature author, Bruce Coville of Syracuse, the Keynote Speaker on Friday, April 28 at the 2023 NYSO DKG Convention ***“Capitalizing on the Benefits of DKG”***.

His speech will focus on *“how we as people who work with children affect the future in ways that it is impossible to predict, but that can be extraordinarily profound.”*

Coville was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1950. He grew up (*supposedly*) about twenty miles north of the city, around the corner from his grandparents’ dairy farm, where he spent a great deal of time dodging cows and chores. As a young reader he loved Mary Poppins and Dr. Dolittle, and still has fond memories of rising ahead of the rest of his family so he could huddle in a chair and read. He consumed lots of things that people consider junk (Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Tom Swift, and zillions of comic books) but seems to have survived undamaged. His only real regret is the time he spent watching television, when he could have been reading instead. (A mind is a terrible thing to waste!)

His first book, **THE FOOLISH GIANT**, was published in 1978. It was illustrated by his wife, Katherine, whom he had married in 1969. This was followed in 1979 by **SARAH’S UNICORN**, also illustrated by Katherine. After a long period of working separately, the Covilles began collaborating again with **SPACE BRAT** and **GOBLINS IN THE CASTLE**, both published in 1992.

Before getting published, Bruce worked as a gravedigger, a toymaker, a cookware salesman, and as an elementary school teacher (second and fourth grades). He left teaching in 1981 to devote himself to becoming a full-time writer – though it took another five years to achieve that goal!

He has now published over a hundred books, which have sold more than eighteen million copies and won Children’s Choice Awards in over a dozen states. Among his most popular titles are **MY TEACHER IS AN ALIEN**, **INTO THE LAND OF THE UNICORNS**, and **JEREMY THATCHER, DRAGON HATCHER**.

In 2001 he founded Full Cast Audio, an audiobook company dedicated to creating unabridged, full cast recordings of the best in children’s and young adult literature. He has produced more than 100 audiobooks, working with authors such as Tamora Pierce, James Howe, and Shannon Hale.

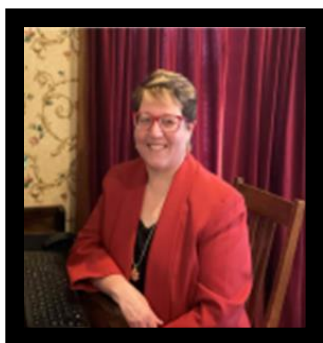
He now resides in Syracuse, where he lives with his wife, his daughter, and his granddaughter. And he continues to write.

Article and Photo Courtesy of Bruce Coville

Join your DKG sisters on Friday, April 28 to hear this enlightening speaker!

NYSO Nominations Committee Nominations 2023-2025

The NYSO Nominations Committee held its virtual Zoom meeting on Friday, November 18, 2022. The committee's major order of business was to approve a slate of officers for NYSO DKG for the 2023-2025 biennium, to be voted on by members at the Executive Board Meeting on April 29, 2023. The committee reviewed all submitted materials and deliberated about each candidate before agreeing unanimously on the following Officers:



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 B.S. in Music Education from SUNY at Fredonia, M.S. 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. Presently, Jennifer is the Class Assistant Principal at Shenendehowa High School since 2020.

Jennifer has been involved at the local, regional, and International levels. At her Chapter level, Jennifer served two biennia as President (2014-2018) and served as Corresponding Secretary (2012-2014). She was the Capital Area Council Chair from 2014 -16. She has served effectively and capably on the Pi State Executive Committee as State Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and President since 2021. 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 regularly contributes to her local, state, and the national teaching profession. She has been a contributing composer and author for *Activate! Magazine*, a teaching magazine for K-6 music educators since 2011, has co-authored a teaching resource book, *Mission Composition*, Lorenz Publishing Corp. (2015). She has been a member of the district-level Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) team since 2021, in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the district-level Board of Education Policy Review Committee since 2020. 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 she loves spending time with her husband Greg, and her three wonderful sons.

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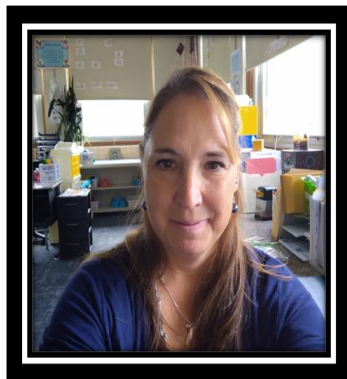
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First Vice President: Anna Marie Bonafide

Anna Marie Bonafide was initiated into *Alpha Nu*, Capital Area, in May 2003, sponsored by the late Marie Muller, a long-time member of the chapter and Anna Marie's former math teacher. She earned her B.A. in English from the University at Albany in 1980 and her M.S.Ed. in Secondary Education from the College of Saint Rose in 1995. Prior to beginning her teaching career in 1993, she was an editor and journalist for a community newspaper for 12 years. In 2006, Anna Marie received National Board Certification in ELA- Adolescence and Young Adult and her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University at Albany in 2011. For over 28 years until her retirement in 2021, Anna Marie was an ELA teacher at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, serving as the

Department's Curriculum Content Specialist for 14 years. Since 2008 she has been an adjunct lecturer in the Educational Theory and Practice Department at the University at Albany, NY, she is presently an adjunct with NYSUT Education and Learning Trust. In 2021, Anna Marie was appointed Executive Secretary for NYSO DKG. She was elected to the Nominations Committee, Capital Area Council in 2019, serving until her Executive Secretary appointment. At the state level, she was a member of the Communications and Publicity Committee and was Chair from 2019-2021. At the Capital Area Council level, she has served as a member at large from *Alpha Nu* and as Chair. Anna Marie was *Alpha Nu* Chapter President from 2012-2014, and prior to that time was First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Chair of the Publicity Committee. From 2014-2016 she was *Alpha Nu* Secretary and in 2015 named Woman of Distinction from the *Alpha Nu* Chapter. She has served as Project Chair and is presently Literacy Committee Chair. In 2012, Anna Marie represented *Alpha Nu* at the DKG International Conference in New York City and was also recognized at that time for obtaining her doctorate. In 2007, she was recognized as a Pi State and International Scholarship recipient. In 2006, she received the Lucile Cornetet Scholarship for her National Board work. In 2022, Anna Marie represented NYSO DKG at the International DKG Convention in New Orleans as NYSO Executive Secretary. Prior to her retirement, Anna Marie was also involved in several professional organizations including the New York State English Council, the National Council of Teachers of English, the International Literacy Association, and Kappa Delta Pi, presenting at several international and state conferences from 2007-2019. Her research, "The Construction of Reading Identity in Struggling Middle School Readers" was published in SAGE Research Methods Cases in 2014 and she was a member of the panel publishing "Position Statement and Research Brief: Engagement and Adolescent Literacy" in 2019 with the International Literacy Association. When her children were young, Anna Marie was involved in many community organizations including St. Patrick's Church, Ravena, RCS Community Library, Ravena-Coeymans Cub Scouts, and several extra-curricular programs at RCS. She also served as Village of Ravena Trustee from 2001-2006. In her leisure time, Anna Marie enjoys traveling, reading, attending theater productions, and spending time with her family, her husband, John, and her adult children, Jason and Lucy.



Second Vice President: Amy Zimmerman

Amy Zimmerman was initiated into *Alpha Tau*, East Central Area, in 2014. She was her chapter Co-President from 2016-2020. 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 was elected to NYSO DKG Secretary in 2021 and has served in that position since then. She has been active in a support capacity at Area Council, State, and International meetings. Amy received her Bachelor's degree in Education from SUNY Brockport, NY, in

1993, and her Master's degree in Special Education from Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, in 1996. She has been a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at Marcus Whitman CSD for 26 years.

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She has also been a department chair, team leader, and association representative. Over the years, she has mentored new teachers and hosted student teachers. She is a Girls Scout Counselor, President of Cross Country/Track Boosters, Hockey Boosters, member of the association negotiations team, department chair, and member of the PBIS team. As a mother of three sons, she is always busy attending all their sports events and other academic activities. She loves to read, hike, and enjoy time with friends and family in her spare time.



Secretary: Susan Norris

Susan Norris was initiated into *Beta Mu*, Northern Area in 2004. She became Chapter President, from 2016-2020, and is the Chapter Vice President from 2020 – to present. She earned her B.A. in Arts and Education from the University of Toledo, Ohio, in 1976 and her M.A. in Reading from SUNY Cortland in 1995. At the Sagamore Institute, Raquette Lake, NY, she had positions from intern to Acting Executive Director from 1979 – 1991. At Raquette Lake School District, NY, she taught grades 4-6 from 1995 – 2005. At Indian Lake Central School District, she taught grade 3 from 2005- 2016. At St. William’s on Long Point, Raquette Lake, she served as a Director of a not-for-profit historic church and conference center from 1992-2000, the 2019-present. In 2010, Susan became

National Board Certified Teacher. Her Delta Kappa Gamma experience (Chapter, Area, State, Regional, and International): Educational Excellence Committee Chair from 2019 – 2021, Educational Excellence Committee Co-Chair from 2015 – 2017. She presented workshops at Executive Board Meetings/ Seminars and at State Conventions: *Teaching Reading through Caldecott Books; Traveling with DKG – Getting to Baltimore Regional through Travel and Study Stipend*. She attended the International Conventions in Nashville, TN, and Austin, TX, attended the Regional Convention in Baltimore, MD, and Mashantucket, CT, and the CTAUN workshops at the United Nations and via webinars. Susan spends most of her time in community or organizational service (church, civic, service clubs)-Nicolls Presbyterian Church – Youth Group Leader, which included taking weeklong trips with youth from 2000-2010, PMC, Presbyterian Ministerial Committee from 2015-2017. Girl Scouts – Leader of Junior and Cadette troops in Ohio and Indian Lake, NY. She traveled with senior troops on Wider Opportunity trips to Wyoming. She served as PTF Parent, Teachers, and Friends Organization, Raquette Lake from 1981 - 2005. Susan is very interested in education, empowering teachers, opportunities for children, refinishing furniture, quilting, kayaking, hiking, and backpacking.

**Nominations for the
Nominations Committee:**

Karen Butters, *Beta Mu*, Northern
Annamarie Santorelly, *Zeta*, Eastern
Dee Hushmendy, *Alpha Nu*, Capital Area
 North Central-TBA
 South Central-TBA

**Nominations for the
Finance Committee:**

Marie Scoles, *Beta Delta*, East Central
 West Central -TBA
 Southwestern -TBA
 Southeastern -TBA
 Northwestern –TBA

Area Councils may present additional NOMINATIONS for the *State Finance Committee* and *State Nominations Committee* at the 2023 Convention Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

Submitted by Dr. Dee Hushmendy, Chair, NYSO Nominations Committee

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Friday, April 28th -Desmond Hotel

11:00am-1:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
 1:00–8:00pm Registration
 4:00-5:00pm Music Rehearsal
 5:00-8:00pm FDF Sales
 5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner
 6:30-7:15pm Workshop Session I
 7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session II
 8:20-9:15pm Welcome & Keynote
 9:15-10:15pm Dessert Reception
 10:15pm Set-up for Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, April 29th- Desmond Hotel

6:45-8:00am Optional Breakfast
 8:00-9:30am & 1:30-4:30pm Registration
 8:00- 8:15 am Executive Board Sign-in
 8:15-9:15am Executive Board Meeting
 9:30-11:00am General Session
 11:30am-1:15pm Celebration Luncheon
 1:30-4:00pm FDF Sales

*Continued***Saturday, April 29th- Desmond Hotel***Concluded*

1:30-4:00pm FDF Sales
 1:30-2:15pm Workshop Session III
 2:30-3:15pm Workshop Session IV
 3:30-4:30pm Music Rehearsal
 3:30-4:30pm Pi State Educational Foundation

Saturday Evening, April 29th - Marriott Hotel

5:30-6:15pm Social Time
 6:00-6:30pm President's Line-Up
 6:30-9:30pm President's Banquet

Sunday, April 30th - Desmond Hotel

8:00-10:00am Registration
 8:00-8:30am Hour of Remembrance Rehearsal
 9:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance
 10:30am-12:00pm Awards Brunch

Wishing everyone safe travels home.

~The Capital Area Council

Directories Available for Purchase

The new **2022-2023 New York State DKG Directory** is hot off the presses! Copies will be available at the 2023 Convention but are also available now for \$25.00 plus \$3.65 mailing cost.

If you are interested in having a copy mailed to you, send check to Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, NYSO DKG Executive Secretary, 26 Horseshoe Drive, Selkirk, NY 12148. Checks should be payable to NYSO DKG.

The Directories are spiral bound and have all information for Chapters in the State, as well as contact information for NYSO DKG Executive Committee, NYSO DKG Committees, Past Presidents and other useful details. Revisions/corrections made after printing are also included.

Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide

CALENDAR OF NYSO DKG IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES: March 2023- 2024

March 28, 2023	Officer and Committee Chair Red Book submissions due to Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Executive Secretary, ajjjrav@msn.com in Microsoft Word Format only
April 3, 2023	NYSO Executive Committee, 7 pm, Zoom
April 28-30, 2023	Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany with P Albany. Early Registration due by April 7; Room block at Crowne Plaza Hampton Inn, 10 Ulenski Drive, Albany, 518-438-2822. Room rate \$128
May 1, 2023	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due to Pi State Educational Foundation - (dkgnystate.org)
May 22, 2023	NYSO Executive Committee, 7 pm, Zoom
June 1, 2023	Deadline Summer <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYS <i>Pi Lights</i> Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net
June 3, 2023	DKG Northern Area Conference, 9:30 am, Clarkson University, register by May 25, see NYSO DKG website for registration link
June 5, 2023	NYSO Executive Committee, 7 pm, Zoom
July 11-16, 2023	DKG International Conference, Detroit, Michigan
July 18-23, 2023	DKG International Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
July 26-29, 2023	DKG International Conference, Tampere, Finland
September 1, 2023	Deadline Fall <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYSO <i>Pi Lights</i> Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net
October 2023	West Central Area Conference, <i>tentative</i>
Before October 31, 2023	Report of Dues and Fees to NYSO Treasurer
November 1, 2023	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due to Pi State Educational Foundation - (dkgnystate.org)
Before November 10, 2023	IRS Form 990 Due
December 1, 2023	Deadline Winter <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYS <i>Pi Lights</i> Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net

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News from the NYSO Educational Excellence Committee

A prime function of our NYSO DKG Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) is to foster excellence in education *for* our members, both active and retired, and in turn, to the students we serve *through* our members. We have the opportunity to offer workshops for CTLE credits to the teachers who need those professional development hours. The EEC is also responsible for promoting other aspects of DKG such as *Schools for Africa* in collaboration with UNICEF, the Arts and legislative topics that affect women, children and especially teachers.

With that in mind, I want to make you aware of two areas that you may find of interest to yourself and to your Chapters. First, we have a connection to global issues because of our connection to the United Nations through CTAUN. **Eileen Venezia** is on our NYSO EEC. She is our DKG UN-NGO Representative as well as the Vice-Chair of CTAUN. Along with **Anne-Marie Carlson**, Past Pi State President and Chair of CTAUN, she has worked on many webinars that the UN has presented on various topics. On March 3, CTAUN offered a webinar, titled "*Hunger: Many Causes, Many Solutions.*" It was a compelling look at what is a crisis in our world. The webinar was recorded and will be available on the www.teachun.org website. It could make a great Chapter meeting. There are many other webinars and resources on the CTAUN website that are of interest, too.

In addition, the International Educational Excellence Committee has a new newsletter called the "**EEC Umbrella.**" It has varied topics that fall under the "*umbrella*" of Educational Excellence such as "*Teacher Tips*", a "*Mentoring Moment*", global facts and suggestions for reading, podcasts and blogs of interest to name a few. All of these resources can help Chapters and individuals make the most of their connections to the latest news and networking as well as possibly sparking topics for future Chapter meetings. You can find the "EEC *umbrella newsletter*" on the following link:

<file:///C:/Users/Rosemary/Downloads/February-3.pdf>

The EEC and I look forward to seeing you at our State Convention in Albany April 28-30 where we will have many workshops from which you can choose for both personal growth and professional growth, some of which can be taken for CTLE credits. It has also been our pleasure to coordinate the **Chapter Woman of Distinction** honor for those Chapter members who stand out for any number of ways in their own Chapters.

That calls for a celebration!

Warmest regards,
Rosemary Van Wart, Chair

A Reminder from the BYLAWS & Rules Committee

We hope that you read the article in the Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* about the proposed changes to our NYSO DKG BYLAWS, Standing Rules, and Vouchers. We want to encourage you to attend the NYSO DKG Convention in Albany at the Desmond Hotel April 28-30, 2023. We will hold a workshop on Friday evening at 7:00 pm to answer any questions you may have about the proposed changes. On Saturday at the General Session all members will vote on the proposed amendments. This is some of the most important business to be conducted at the Convention. Please make sure your Chapter is represented at this meeting!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sue Kenoyer, Chair BYLAWS & Rules Committee

**News from
THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy and learning projects developed by Pi State members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by member and friend donations.

When you want to remember someone special who is passionate about children and learning, please consider making a donation in their name. Donation forms can be found on the State website, www.dkgnys.org.

GRANT FUNDING:

The next round of grant funding is coming up soon. **Applications from members of the Foundation must be received by May 1.** If you have a project in mind that promotes literacy and learning, please apply.

The Directors are looking forward to receiving your applications!

FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of *The Pi State Educational Foundation* will be on **Saturday, April 29 from 3:45-4:45 at the NYSO DKG Convention** in Albany.

OPEN DIRECTOR POSITION:

We have one Director position open as of July 1. If you are a member of the Educational Foundation, please consider being a Director. A letter of interest can be sent to **Sue Summerfield, 346 Noeltner Road, Amsterdam, N.Y.12010** or email the letter to summy1@frontier.com by **April 15.**

We will be electing a new Director at the Annual Meeting. We will also be hearing project reports from grant winners who are doing wonderful things in our schools and communities.

We hope to see you in April!

FIRST PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LITERACY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

It is with great pleasure that the first Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship has been awarded. **Jaime Walsh**, a member of *Tau* Chapter, will be using the scholarship to foster change in literacy rates among children by obtaining a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Building Leadership.

Congratulations Jaime!



As always, we are looking for new members of the Foundation.

A lifetime membership is only \$25. Membership forms, grant applications, and literacy scholarship applications can be found on the State website.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Educational Foundation!

Sue Summerfield,
President
Pi State Educational Foundation

A Parliamentary Minute

Chapter Presidents:

Congratulations on the first year of your biennium!

As your second year begins, here are some pointers to help you as you continue in your leadership role.

- Do plan on soon having an Executive Board meeting, to plan your programs for the coming year. **The Supplemental Directory** will be published in the fall. The Executive Secretary will be asking for your programs and new inductees in July.
- Have your Committees been meeting? Committee Chairs are often a valuable resource and the way to mentor members to perhaps take on other leadership roles within DKG.
- Have you made arrangements to have a State Officer visit your Chapter? If you have not completed this task, please do so before the end of your biennium. You need to make the request through Jennifer Lee-Alden, NYSO President. You will need to list three choices.
- **Remember:** Your Chapter Standing Rules need to be updated by June 30, 2023. They need to go to the NYSO President JenniferLee-Aden, Chair of the BYLAWS & Rules Committee Sue Kenoyer, and NYSO Parliamentarian Karen Crumley.
- **Important:** You can certainly delegate but your leadership is the backbone to a successful Chapter! Do you arrive at meetings early so you can meet and greet the members and get to know them?

My best to you as you continue for the second year in your leadership role!

Karen P. Crumley

NYSO Parliamentarian



Society Keypin

The keypin is the emblem of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International, and members are expected to purchase the keypin.

We are all supposed to wear the pin to Chapter and other meetings within DKG, and it can be worn at other times as well.

The pictured laurel leaves symbolize the distinction which those who wear this pin have achieved. Below the letters is a cup representing knowledge.



Northern Area Conference
“Women in Engineering and Education”

June 3, 2023

Clarkson University’s Cheel Arena, Barben Room

Please fill out the following to register for the **Northern Area Conference** on **June 3, 2023** at **Clarkson University's Cheel Arena, Barben Room.**

The cost of registration is \$25

Once the form is completed, please mail a check and this form to

(please make checks out to: Gamma Epsilon Chapter, DKG)

Sue Kenoyer

254 Allen Road

Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Any questions about registration,. please reach out to Sue Kenoyer. Sue’s email is suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com and her phone is 518-420-3447.

Unless Clarkson cancels our event due to COVID, your \$25 registration fee will not be refunded after May 15, 2023.

Media Release:

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

Name: _____

Chapter & Region: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Any dietary needs or special requests:

**Look for Registration Forms and Information on
Upcoming Area Council Conferences**

East Central Area Conference

October 24, 2023

Club 86 in Geneva, NY

“Women’s Night Out”

Area Vendors and Guest Speaker NYS Senator Pam Helming

West Central Area Conference

October 2023 TBA

***Gamma Epsilon*
Annual Brunch & Auction**



Members of the *Gamma Epsilon* Chapter met on November 19, 2022 to have our *Annual Holiday Brunch & Auction*. This event is held at Clarkson University where members participate in an “all you can eat” breakfast buffet including an omelet bar, donate books for the Sheard Literacy Center at SUNY Potsdam and bid on items to help supplement our scholarship each year. This year members and guests donated several books to the Literacy Center. Pictured above are *Gamma Epsilon* members and their guests. We were also able to raise half the amount of money we need towards our yearly scholarship.

We look forward to this event every year and hope that in the future it will continue to **grow**.

*Photo & Article Courtesy of
Amber Gladle, Gamma Epsilon President*

Nu Chapter News



Jonna Dowling teaches at OHM BOCES in Instructional Programs and Professional Learning – Itinerant Services. (Inducted May 2021)

Nu Chapter Inductees & Officers (Photos & Text Contributed by Elizabeth Klug)

Michelle Hall is Director, School to Career Programs at OHM BOCES. (Inducted May 2022)



Nu Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Left to right: Jonna Dowling, Secretary; Tara Baker, Second Vice President; Elizabeth Klug, President; Mary Beth Cosentino, First Vice President; Niki Famolaro, Treasurer.



Alpha Nu's Service Project: Domestic Violence Shelter Project



Photos & Articles Contributed by
Judi Matthews, Alpha Nu President

Alpha Nu Domestic Violence Shelter Project

At our September Meeting we filled approximately 50 donated pocketbooks with essential personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand cream, etc. These pocketbooks were then donated to the Columbia Greene Domestic Violence Program to be given to women when they arrive at the shelter. At our November meeting, **April Shanahan**, Non-Residential Victims Advocate/Community Educator and **Stephanie Spordone**, Director of Victims Services, came and thanked us for the pocketbooks and told us how excited the women were to receive them. *We plan to make this a yearly service project.*

Alpha Nu CGCC Food Pantry Project

At our November Meeting, we collected food items for the students at Columbia Greene Community College in memory of our long-time member, **Marcia Sullivan** who taught at the college. Students at the college can stop into their food pantry to pick up needed items such as quick *grab and go* foods as well as staples like cereal and soup.

Alpha Nu CGCC Food Pantry Project



**Does DKG
International have your
updated information?**

Go to www.dkg.org and click “My DKG” to check that your address, email, and other important information is up to date. Your username is your 6-digit member number. If you haven’t yet set up a password, contact your Chapter President or a State Officer to get the original password needed. Once you log on initially, you’ll be able to set your own personal password to access the International website.

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**Information for the Summer Issue of Pi Lights
Due June 1, 2022**

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

**Deadlines for 2023-2024
September 1, 2023...December 1, 2023...March 1, 2024**