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Pi Lights



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Join the NYSO DKG Membership

October 14 and 15, 2022

Fall Executive Board

Delta Hotel by Marriott

200 Genesee Street, Utica



Room Block for the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Open until September 1, 2022- Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar through this link- [Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) Or Call (315) 797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$139 + tax - includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille.

- We will follow expectations of hotel and NYS guidelines- masking is optional



Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO
President 2021-2023

*“Moving Forward with
Purpose and Passion”*



NYSO President, Jennifer Lee-Alden

Dear NYSO Members:

I have searched for words to express my sadness and concern for those trying to heal after the recent tragic events across the country, including Buffalo. Many leaders from a variety of backgrounds have tried to offer explanations for the violence, some using these events to advocate for their political platforms. I am writing to offer my condolences to those who have experienced loss and support for those who continue to work to make safety a priority in our schools and communities.

The next NYSO Executive Board Meeting and Seminar will be held on October 14-15, 2022 at the Delta Hotel in Utica. Please see pages three and four for the registration form and hotel arrangements. Please consider joining us. Our theme will be “Celebrating Educators!” Membership in DKG is one of the best opportunities to recognize accomplished key women educators in your workplace and home! Perhaps invite a favorite colleague to learn more about the benefits of membership in our organization by sharing a hotel, meeting current members and enjoying a workshop!

The Executive Committee is working now to plan opportunities for personal and professional development and to participate in focus groups regarding some important topics. Details will be shared in the next issue of Pi Lights and through upcoming “Jen’s Gems.”

There is still time to register for the August **Area Council Conference** taking place in Albany, “Shaker Heights Society,” sponsored by the Capital Area Council. Another opportunity to gather with DKG members will take place on October 1 in Newburgh with the Eastern Area Council Conference, “Let Your True Colors Show.”

I wish you all a pleasant summer!

Best,
Jen

ATTENTION: Chapter Webmasters

Website & Print Information Release Forms must be completed and signed by each Chapter member. Forms should be kept on file by the Chapter Webmaster. Access form at www.dkgnystate.org under Chapters, “Chapter Websites.” Forms remain in effect until the member makes changes or withdraws permission.

Mary-Martha Harvey, NYSO Webmaster

A Parliamentary Minute

Chapter Presidents:

Congratulations on the end of your biennium! A job well done! You are now in the position to mentor your incoming Chapter President or perhaps you are staying in the position for another biennium. Hopefully the following suggestions will guide you in mentoring the incoming President.

- Do plan an Executive Board meeting before the end of June. This is a transition meeting and hopefully all outgoing members as well as incoming members will be invited to attend.
- Please guide your new President as she fills committee chairs and committee members. Let her take the lead but often you have valuable insights.
- Often incoming Chapter Presidents have told me that they don't know about programs for the Two-Year Directory which is due on July 1, 2022. Perhaps as an Executive Board this can be done as a joint venture. Use your Chapter EEC (Program) Chair to guide you in this endeavor. Sometimes the Vice-President fills this role in a chapter.
- This is the time when the new President and her Executive Board will either reappoint the Chapter Treasurer or ask someone else to take this position. **This is an Executive Board decision and should be voted on.**
- **IMPORTANT:** If you have a new treasurer, the motion needs to state her name and include that her name will be on your chapter bank account and the former treasurer's name needs to be removed from the accounts.
- The incoming President needs to appoint the Chapter Parliamentarian.
- **REMINDER:** LDS for incoming Chapter Presidents is June 29, 2022 from 7:00-9:00PM.

Welcome to your leadership role in NYSO/DKG!

Karen P. Crumley, NYSO Parliamentarian

Policy for Submissions for State Website

All submissions for the NYSO Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to: NYSO President, Jennifer Lee-Alden, nysdkgpres2123@gmail.com. Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to NYSO will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

Mary-Martha Harvey, NYSO Webmaster

Join NYSO DKG For Fall Executive Board Meeting

Join your NYSO DKG sisters at the Fall Executive Board Meeting at the **Delta Hotel** in Utica, Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15.

Please see the registration form in this issue of Pi Lights. There is a slight increase in registration fee because of rising costs. However, our registration fee includes dessert buffet on Friday and luncheon on Saturday as well as our Fall Conference. Early registration is due by September 23 to avoid the late registration fee.

Room Block for the Delta Hotel by Marriott is open until September 1. Use this link -[Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) Or Call (315) 797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$139 + tax - includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille.

REGISTRATION FORM

2022 NY State Fall Executive Board/Seminar Meeting
October 14 and 15, 2022

Delta Hotel by Marriott, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____

Name/Office requested for Badge _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____

Guest Name(s) for Badges _____

Early Registration Fee (Due by September 23, 2022) **\$80.00** _____

Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked 9/23-9/29, 2022) **\$90.00** _____

Friday, October 14**Optional Dinner 5:30-6:50pm- Tour of Italy**

Antipasto Salad, Grilled Chicken bruschetta, Meatballs Marinara, Pasta Alfredo, Roasted Olive oil & Garlic Green Beans, Italian Bread with butter, Mini Cannolis, Regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea

\$33.00 _____

Friday, October 14**Dessert Reception 8:45-10:15pm**

Included in Registration.

Assortment of desserts, Regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea

Guest Charge- \$17.00 _____

Saturday, October 15**Luncheon 12:15-1:30pm (Please Check your Luncheon Choice)**

_____ **Herb Roasted Chicken:** With a lemon-thyme butter sauce, red roasted potatoes and Utica style greens

_____ **Pork Tenderloin:** With cranberry-apple chutney, mashed potatoes and sauteed Brussel sprouts.

_____ **Grilled Salmon Filet:** With romesco sauce, roasted fingerling potatoes & sauteed spinach

(All luncheons served with Caesar Salad, butter and fresh rolls, Cheesecake, Coffee, Decaf and Tea)

Included in Registration

Guest Charge- \$33.00 _____

List any special dietary needs _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS \$ _____

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

Mail to: Elisa Keating, 118 Eastwood Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021 elisakeating1@gmail.com 315-246-1643

Refunds and Cancellation Policies: Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before September 23, 2022. Cancellation and refund requests received after September 23, 2022 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after September 23, 2022. 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.

Remember to make your **ROOM RESERVATIONS** directly with *Delta Marriott Hotel, Utica, NY, by September 1, 2022* through this link- [Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) or call (315) 797-8010. Mention **Delta Kappa Gamma** to receive room block rate. Room reservation includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille

Before 9/1/22	Room Block open for Fall Executive Board Meeting, Delta Hotel, Utica; 139.00 plus tax- includes full breakfast buffet, Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International or Call (315) 797-8010
1-Jun-22	DEADLINE: All Chapter members' dues sent to Chapter Treasurer
20-Jun-22	NYSO Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m.,
29-Jun-22	Virtual New/Returning Chapters' Presidents Training- 7-9 pm-information forthcoming
1-Jul-22	DEADLINE: Chapter dues sent to International and NYSO Treasurer
1-Jul-22	DEADLINE: Updates for NYSO Directory due to Executive Secretary
10-Nov-22	IRS Form-990 Due
July 12-16, 2022	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, LA
15-Jul-22	DEADLINE: Chapter Treasurers submit Form 15 to NYSO Treasurer
15-Jul-22	EEC Workshop Proposals Due for Fall Executive Board Meeting, Rosemary Van Wart, rvw20@optonline.net
6-Aug-22	Northern Area Council Conference, Amber Gladle, Northern Gamma Epsilon, Chair and Conference Chair, booksarefun2013@gmail.com
11-Aug-22	Virtual New/Returning Chapter Presidents' Training Follow-up meeting: 7-9 pm
18-Aug-22	Capital Area Council Conference, Shaker Heritage Society-Kristine Mackowski, Conference Chair, AlphaNukristine2199@yahoo.com
1-Sep-22	DEADLINE: Book room block for Fall Executive Meeting, Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica, \$139 plus tax includes full breakfast buffet, Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International or Call
1-Sep-22	DEADLINE: Pi Lights Fall issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsh: kgpilightseitor@gmail.com
1-Oct-22	Eastern Conference- "Relax and Let Your True Colors Grow", 9:30-12:30, Union Church Hall, Newburgh, Janet Judson jjudson333@aol.com
Oct. 31-22	DEADLINE: Report of Dues and Fees to Pi State Treasurer
Oct- 14-15	Fall Executive Meeting, Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica
1-Nov-22	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due-Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)
15-Nov-22	Nominations due for State Officers and Nominations and Finance Committee- Dr. Dee Hushmendy- dhushmendy@rcscsd.org https://www.dkgnystate.org/
1-Dec-22	Deadline Pi Lights Winter issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsh- kplightseditor@gmail.com
1-Feb.-23	Annual Necrology Report Due/ DKG International Scholarship Application Deadline
15-Feb-23	NYSO Scholarship and Award Applications Due
April 28-30, 2023	Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany
1-May-23	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due-Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)
Oct-23	West Central Area Conference, tentative
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair, Deb Bedard ASAP

An opportunity to share your expertise with your NYSO Sisters!

The Educational Excellence Committee would like to encourage you to share your expertise with all of us, whether for professional or personal growth, at the Fall Meeting in Utica. All workshop proposals are welcome, although we are particularly looking for workshops that will help teachers currently in the classroom to get off to a good start in the next school year and earn credit for attending those sessions. DKG members are accomplished educators that shine even during (or especially during!) a pandemic. Our members could easily share best practices in any subject area or connect us to other experts with that kind of experience. Educators have been through a lot in the past couple of years, so workshops can also focus on the joys of teaching.

Because the subject of climate change is so important to our world, perhaps one of you has an environmental education best practice you can share, or perhaps one of you is a Master Gardener who could share a lesson that could be used in the classroom as well as in our backyards.

DKG members have always been so willing to mentor and generously give of their time. Here's an opportunity to enrich each other by sharing your knowledge. Proposal forms may be found on the NYSO website right on the home page. The deadline for proposals for Fall is July 15. The EEC and I look forward to hearing from you!

Rosemary Van Wart, EEC Chair

International Constitutional Convention = Connects to = Chapter Standing Rule Changes

Your NYSO DKG BYLAWS Committee is going to be represented at the International Constitutional Convention in New Orleans. There are over 120 proposed changes to our International governing documents. If these changes are enacted, since states and chapters must be in compliance with International documents, the enacted changes will have to be made at the NYSO and chapter levels. Watch for a Pi Lights article in the fall with a summary of what took place in New Orleans. Expect to have changes made to the NYSO DKG BYLAWS and Standing Rules this fall and you will be able to view them in the Winter issue of Pi Lights. The Executive Board will consider them in April of 2023 at our next NYSO Convention.

Your chapter Standing Rules need to be reviewed every biennium. Send your Standing Rules to Sue Kenoyer (suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com), Chair of the NYSO DKG BYLAWS Committee, to have them reviewed. An email copy is sufficient.

Convention looks exciting and I hope to see you there!

Sue Kenoyer, NYSO DKG BYLAWS Committee Chair

Honorary Membership

Along with active and reserve membership, consider initiating women as honorary members. **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.** Honorary membership can be granted at the chapter, state organization, or international level.

1. Honorary members may participate in all activities except that of holding office.
2. Chapter honorary members are elected in accordance with chapter rules. The Chapter member Information Form is used.
3. Each chapter honorary member is presented with an honorary membership certificate. She may be given a keypin.
4. A retired educator is eligible for active, not honorary, membership.
5. An honorary member may not be initiated in absentia.
6. An honorary member may serve as parliamentarian.
7. The initiating unit of the Society pays to international a onetime fee at the time of initiation. No annual dues or fees are paid to the chapter, state organization, or the international level.
8. An honorary member who becomes a professional educator and thus eligible for active membership accepts the obligations, responsibilities, and honor of membership at all three levels, including appropriate dues and fees.*

*Go-To Guide for Chapter Members, 2012, p. 18.

It is our hope that during our Spring 2023 Convention in Albany, we will be honoring two notable women who have provided service to education or women. Chapter Member Information Form for Membership can be located on our NYSO website under Membership Resources. Nomination(s) must be submitted to the Chair of the NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee by **October 15**. The NYSO Membership Committee shall screen the candidate(s) and then recommend to the State Executive Board. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of approval is required. The Chair of the NYSO Membership Committee shall report the results of the voting to the State President and to members of the State Executive Board. The State President shall issue an invitation to the candidate(s) (not more than two per year) and notify the State Membership Chair of the candidate's decision.

Deborah M. Bedard, NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee

NYSO 25 Year Members Initiated in 1997

(Greek order)

State Honorary Member

Marlene Caroselli

Alpha

Marileia Greco

Colleen Fargo

Beta

Kathryn B. Locke

Pi

Elaine McNulty

Sigma

Gloria G. Lenhart

Phi

Linnea E. Fargo

Chi

Sue Ann Pennock

Molly B. Stacy

Omega

Jennifer A. Bay

Judith Ann Kiehle

Marilyn B. Nicholson

Linda Ann Upchurch

Kathleen M. Van Deusen

Alpha Alpha

Judy C. Cantleberry

Alpha Beta

Carole J. Dalton

Nancy Marotta

Ann Olivieri

Alpha Iota

Elizabeth Fleury

Nora C. Ostrander

Alpha Kappa

Susan K. Chura

Linda S. Seymour

Alpha Lambda

Julia V. Schrader

Barbara L. Wokersien

Alpha Nu

Mary A. Boice

Wanda J. Dorpfeld

Jean M. Northup

Marcia J. Sullivan

Alpha Rho

Cynthia H. Haigh

Jean Papandrea

Alpha Chi

Susan L. Butler

Charlene A. Castelletti

Beta Gamma

Linda A.

Almeter

Joan L. Bellanca

Ruth Ann Fultz

Esther K.

Mangino

Marie E. Ochal

Lynne S. Rowley

Beta Delta

Diane M. Cappellino

Beta Eta

Cynthia D. Loy

Susan B. Moses

Mary Anna S. Russo

Beta Theta

Kathryn S. Gray

Barbara Lee

Beta Rho

Cindy Morford

Jeannette M. Greene

Beta Chi

Lisa Bartlett

Beta Omega

Amorette Chrystie

Fichtel

Carol M. Troost

Gamma Epsilon

Joanne M. Backus

Patricia E. Bell

Ann B. Groome

Gamma Zeta

Judith W. Cranston

Catherine G. Honness

Doris Knowles

Diane Huggler

Mary T. Suffern

NYSO 50 Year Members Initiated in 1972

(in Greek Order)

Mary Claire Noakes, Alpha Epsilon

Kathryn B. Shaver, Alpha Iota

Diane Lee Zoller, Alpha Nu

Catherine E. Olinger, Alpha Phi

Lois H. Muniente, Alpha Chi

Nancy Zukowski, Alpha Chi

Colleen A. Kelly, Gamma Alpha

Agnes B. Hudson, Gamma Epsilon

Lennelle McKinnon, Gamma Epsilon

South Central Area Conference – Wonderful Women

South Central Area Conference discovered Watkins Glen and Finger Lakes Wine Country on Saturday May 21, 2022, at Castel Grisch winery in Watkins Glen NY. The day started with fellowship then an interesting, informative presentation about waterfalls, wine, and Watkins Glen region by Nancy Spaulding. DKG sisters enjoyed a lovely lunch followed by a wine tasting or hiking the Glen. The day was a great way to move forward with purpose and passion!



Article and photos by Amy Zimmerman

EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES

You can find the latest updates and news links on the NYSO Website by clicking on the red button, “EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES,” on the HOME PAGE or using the following link to the archive, <https://www.dkgnystate.org/chapter-resources.html>, in the CHAPTERS menu/Chapter Resources/EDUCATION NEWS.

This feature is compiled by **Judy Wadsworth**, *Alpha Alpha*, for the Monroe County School Boards Association and shared by permission. Send comments to judithw@frontiernet.net.

Mary-Martha Harvey, Webmaster

SHORTCUT to Finding Your Item on the NYSO Website

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

Mary-Martha Harvey

Join Capital Area Conference on August 18!

The August 18 Capital Area Council Conference will take place at the Shaker Heritage Society in Albany, located on the site of the Church Family, named for the 1848 Meeting House. The complex includes 9 Shaker buildings, an herb garden with 150 plants labeled according to their uses by the Shakers, the Ann Lee Pond Nature Preserve (the Shakers' former mill pond), an apple orchard, and the Shaker Cemetery. There will be a tour of the Society grounds with various programs throughout the day.

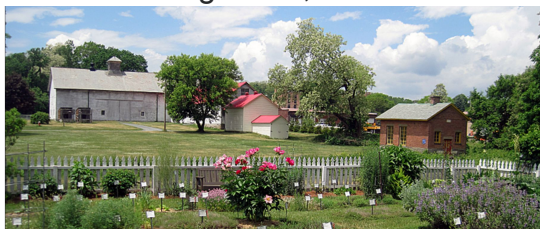
Our proposed schedule for the day is as follows:

1. **9:00-9:30:** Check-in, snacks
2. **9:30-11:00:** Introduction and morning walking tour of the grounds-between the meeting house and the barn, if time we will go to the Shaker Cemetery and apple orchard. It will be about 1 ½ hours -with stopping for discussion. The time period discussed will be 1776-1925.
3. **11:00-11:30:** Downtime, snacks, Shaker gift shop will be open, DKG items also for sale
4. **11:30-12:15:** Hands-on session with stations
5. **12:15-1:15** Lunch in the Meeting Room/outside in pavilion/can bring lawn chairs- no AC in meeting room- dress accordingly!
6. **1:15-2:00:** Discussions in meeting room
 - a. Possible Shaker Society Presentation
 - b. Short discussion on membership
 - c. NYS DKG Officer presentation

The Shaker Heritage Society is located at 25 Meeting House Road, Albany. For more information, contact Alpha Nu President/Capital Area Council Chair Kristine Mackowski, at kristine2199@yahoo.com. An invitation will be coming out by the end of June.

REGISTRATION FORM

2022 Capital Area Council Conference
 Shaker Heritage Society
 25 Meeting House Road, Albany, NY 12211
 August 18, 2022

**Day's Itinerary**

- 9:00-9:30: Check-in, snacks
- 9:30-11:00: Introduction and morning walking tour
(explore herb garden if not participating in walking tour)
- 11:00-11:30: Downtime, snacks, gift shop, DKG items
- 11:30-12:15: Hands-on session with stations
2 stations: Table top loom weaving and lavender sachet making
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch in the Meeting Room or outside in pavilion
(no AC in meeting room)
- 1:15-2:00: Guest Speaker- Jennifer Lee-Alden, NYSO DKG President
Deb Bedard - Strategic Action Plan on membership

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____
 E-mail _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Chapter _____

Choose one of the following lunch choices:

- _____ Chicken Salad Sandwich
 _____ Turkey Sandwich
 _____ Ham and Swiss Sandwich
 _____ Roasted Beets and Arugula Salad

Choose one side:

- _____ Potato Salad
 _____ Macaron Salad
 _____ Coleslaw
 _____ Gluten Free Bread for sandwich

The cost of the program and lunch is \$27.00. Drinks and snacks are included.

Please make check/money order payable to **Alpha Kappa**

Mail registration by 8/8 to: Sharon Patrick, 12 Settlers Lane, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

Refunds and Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds given.

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.

Questions? Contact Kristine Mackowski at kristine2199@yahoo.com

ANNOUNCING!!!!



**ATTRACTING WOMEN TO LEADERSHIP
ROLES IN EDUCATION**

SOUTHEASTERN AREA CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 17, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 pm via ZOOM

Guest Speaker -- JoAnn Heaney-Hunter, PhD

Professor, St. John's University, Queens, NY

Jennifer Wolfe, NY State Teacher of the Year, will join other teacher-leaders to tackle the topic. The "Thought for the Day" will be an original poem and there will be ample time for Questions and Answers.

Registration is required, although there is no fee.

Please complete the attached **Registration Form** and email or mail the form to Mary Ann Baldari, Registrar at mbald2626@yahoo.com.

**ATTRACTING WOMEN TO LEADERSHIP
ROLES IN EDUCATION
SOUTHEASTERN AREA CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**

Saturday, September 17, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 pm via ZOOM

Please complete this form and return VIA EMAIL to: mbald2626@yahoo.com

Form should be returned no later than Monday, September 2, 2022.

You can also mail this form to:

**Mary Ann Baldari
26 Joel Place
Staten Island, NY 10306**

You will receive an invitation to attend the Zoom event via your email a few days before the conference.

We are very excited to present this conference event and we look forward to your participation.

Please feel free to share this with colleagues, friends, pre-service teachers or any potential DKG candidates.

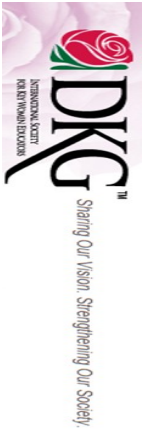
Name: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



**Eastern Area Council
Invites DKG Members,
Women Educators, Pre-
Service Teachers To Our
Conference**

**RELAX
AND
LET YOUR
TRUE COLORS
GROW!**

Saturday, October 1, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Union Church
Fellowship Hall
44 Balnville Road
Newburgh, NY 12550
Cost: \$25.00 for Members/Educators
\$ 5.00 Collegial Members/Pre-
Service Teachers

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

Registration and Brunch 9:00 to 9:30

9:30 to 10:00

KEYNOTE: THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP IN DKG

Speaker: Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
DKG NYSO Executive Secretary; Member of Alpha
Nu Chapter

10:00 TO 10:45: SESSION 1

DISCOVER YOUR TRUE COLORS

PRESENTER: Kim Goldhirsch;
Leadership Teacher, Red Hook CSD
Member of Alpha Zeta

Participants will gain insight into: what drives the decisions we make; what in-born strengths and limitations guide our actions; what can we better do to manage relationships and time. Based on the work of Taylor Hartman, Ph.D
10:45 TO 11:00: BREAK

11:00 TO 12:00: SESSION 2

**GARDENING: MAKE AND TAKE A
SUCCULENT DISH GARDEN**

PRESENTERS: Cornell Cooperative Extension will lead participants in creating a individual succulent garden in a unique container that will be taken home.

CLOSING SESSION: 12:00—12:30

Connect with colleagues
Meet new friends
Enjoy some delicious refreshments
But most of all: **RELAX!**

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Chapter (if applicable): _____

**Check should be made payable to
DKG - Alpha Zeta**

**Send to:
Eileen Kerins
6 Brookside Dr.
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590-1605**

**Registration should be received by
September 15, 2022**

For further information contact:
Eileen Kerins: eakerins@verizon.net
845-297-7314
Janet Judson: jjudson333@aol.com
914-391-0647

Congratulations and Thank You, NYSO DKG!

The NYSO DKG Awards Committee extends a huge **THANK YOU** to all members for helping “*Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion*” come to fruition! Your generosity, support, and commitment to NYSO DKG Awards and Grants-in-Aid is appreciated beyond words. With your help, we raised **\$4702** in benefit tickets!

Along with this amazing support, we had nine fabulous Area Council gift cards and baskets to share with nine excited members.

Eighty-five percent of our chapters participated in the benefit. Fantastic support came from each Area Council (% of chapters within each AC participating): Eastern 100%, Northern 100%, Capital 100%, Southeastern 100%, West Central 75%, East Central 100%, South Central 70%, Northwestern/Southwestern 100%, and North Central 100%.

Please note: All information on the benefit tickets and patron lists are destroyed in an incinerator to keep your information private.

Sincere thanks to you all for your passion!

Amy Zimmerman, Awards Committee Chair, pro temp

Native American Grant-In-Aid

The Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is pleased to announce that two women will be receiving this award this year. They will each receive \$500 for two college semesters.

Kelsey Lachowski

Kelsey is a senior at Niagara University majoring in Elementary and Special Education. She is a member of the Tuscarora Turtle Clan. After graduation, Kelsey plans to pursue her Masters in Literacy to become a reading specialist. Outside of school, Kelsey has been the assistant coach of the Women’s Basketball team at Niagara Wheatfield High School. Kelsey has very much appreciated the support this award has given her in helping to further her education.



Audrey Shenandoah

Audrey is a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in Akwesasne, New York. She attends Onondaga Community College. Audrey plans to continue her studies in Early Childhood Education at SUNY Potsdam in the Fall of 2022. She hopes to become a teacher in an elementary school within her community. This past semester had some challenges for Audrey and she was proud that her hard work helped her to accomplish her goal of successfully completing all of her coursework and continue on with the same determination at SUNY Potsdam.

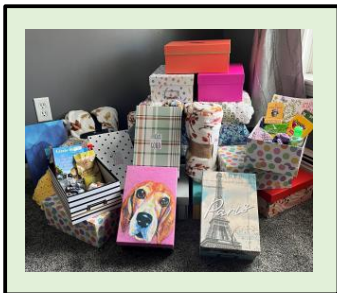


BEA SMALL AWARDS 2022

The *Bea Small Award* was established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, a member of the *Omega* Chapter. The sole purpose of this Award is to recognize State Chapter(s) having an existing program/project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographical area. The submitted project must have been originated by the Chapter and be ongoing for a minimum of two years. The project must respond to the needs of a particular population within the Chapter's geographical area.

Administering this Award is a Board of four Trustees: Chair is Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*, East Central Area, the Executive Committee Representative; Joanne Carroll, *Alpha Pi*, Eastern Area, the Educational Excellence Committee Representative; Marie Scoles, *Beta Delta*, East Central Area, the Communications & Marketing Committee Representative; and Evie Bottorf, *Omega*, East Central Area, the *Omega* Chapter Representative.

The **2022 *Bea Small Awards*** were awarded at the NYSO DKG Spring Executive Board Meeting Luncheon on Saturday, 30 April to the following Chapters for their projects:



***Alpha Zeta*, Eastern Area, “Bonnie Boxes for Chemo Patients.”**

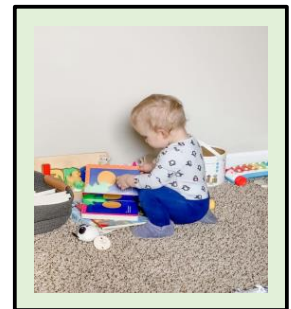
Alpha Zeta's project provides comfort items (like books, water, warm socks, blankets, lemon drops, etc.) in boxes for chemo patients in their area hospital. The project was “created in memory of **Bonnie Rotker Acker** and her brave fight against breast cancer.” The Chapter has distributed 52 boxes to date.

Project Director is *Alpha Zeta's* President **Diane Zduniak**. The Award is for \$850.

***Beta Delta*, East Central Area, “Read to Your Child 20 Minutes a Day”**

Beta Delta maintains Red Bookshelves with books purchased in English and Spanish in offices, agencies and buildings that serve families in their communities.

The Project Director is **Delia Olufsen**. The Award is for \$600.



***Beta Gamma*, West Central Area, “Warm Scarves & Hugs from the Hearts & Hands”**

Beta Gamma members and non-members knit scarves, lap blankets and shawls for people in their local area with health issues. Members of the Chapter's World Fellowship Committee personally deliver items with a hand-made card. The Project Directors are the **World Fellowship Committee** and the Chapter President **Ruth Ann Fultz**.

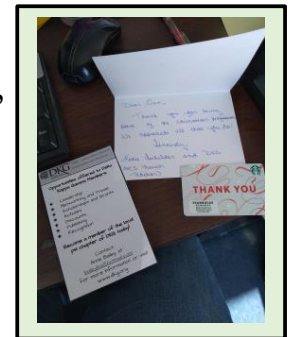
The Award is for \$300.00.



***Psi*, Northern Area, “Community Services Supports: Bags/Cards for Teachers”**

Psi's project sends gift cards with handwritten notes of support to new teachers in their area with information about DKG. This year the Chapter has sent out over 110 bags with gift cards and personal thank you notes. The Project Director is **Dr. Kathy Lavoie**.

The Award is for \$250.00.



***Rho*, South Central Area, “New Teacher Bags”**

Rho's project offers new teachers in *Rho's* seventeen school districts and 30 buildings items for their classrooms and information about DKG. In the school year 2021-22, the Chapter distributed 175 bags to new teachers. The Project Director is **Jo Salo**.

The Award is for \$200.00.



The *Bea Small Award* Board of Trustees *congratulates* all our Awardees and wishes them success in their projects. We look forward to receiving applications for the **2023 *Bea Small Awards***, due February 15, 2023.

Mary-Martha Harvey, Bea Small Award Chair

2022 PI STATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Christine Bennett, *Omega Chapter*, has been a member of DKG Society International since 2014. She has served at the Chapter level as the Omega Committee Co-Chair- Historical Records Committee; and on the State level, Christine has participated in numerous State Committees.

As the first teacher in her district to receive National Board Certification, she organized and was a Candidate Support Provider for three years and mentored 11 teachers each earning their National Board certification. Christine is the current Coordinator of Employee Engagement, Human Resources Department, WFL BOCES. She has successfully completed the “*Negotiations Mastery*” Certificate from Cornell University to further develop her negotiations skills, strategies, and confidence toward becoming a Director of Human Resources/Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in the future.



In her current role, Christine has found that many districts hire lawyers or employees with HR degrees to lead their HR department. Her supervisor, the Director of Human Resources at W-FL BOCES, is a lawyer who did not come from the classroom. Christine will use her scholarship funds to complete the preparation course study from SUNY Stonybrook for The Society for Human Resource Management-Certified Professional exam. This course will prepare her to meet her goal, keep the school district in compliance, and ultimately meet our mission and vision for student success.

Lisa Meade, *Beta Omega Chapter*, has been an educator for over 29 years beginning as a special education teacher, and has been a member of DKG Society International since 2017. She has served at the Chapter level as Parliamentarian for two biennium and on the State level as NYSO Second Vice President and Chair of the Federica Hollister Professional Educators Award.

In her role as Granville Jr/Sr High School Principal and District Curriculum Coordinator, Lisa is an advocate for students learning practices that review and teach alternative ways to handle conflict and violations of the code of conduct. Early in her special education career she became an advocate for students with special needs and has been working to create an alternative program for some of our most challenging youth. As an Assistant Superintendent she began to learn more about restorative practices as an alternative to suspending students.



Lisa is currently enrolled in the Restorative Practices Certificate program of Vermont Law School. The program requires three courses, one of which Lisa has already completed. She will use her Scholarship Funds to complete her second course towards the completion of the program and achieve a Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice which, she feels, will give her the tools to better advocate for students with the adults and community she serves.

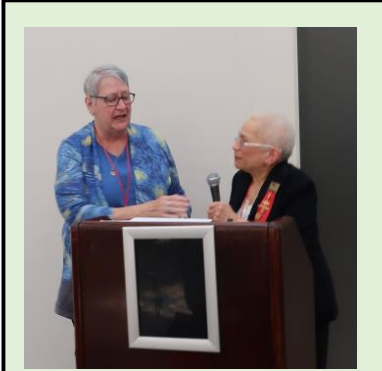
Kayla Fraser, *Beta Omega Chapter*, has been a member of DKG Society International since 2018. She has served on the Chapter level as Chair of the Chapter Ad Hoc Collegiate Membership Committee and this year’s nominee for Second Vice President; and on the State Level as member of the State Membership and Expansion Committee.

Kayla started her career in teaching in 2016 as a long-term substitute teacher of General Music and presently teaching PreK-5 General Music, Choir, and Beginning Band. She has devoted her life to music and enriched her craft by attending many conferences on the collegiate and professional level at the New York State School Music Association. In 2015 Kayla participated in the Jamaica Abroad Field Service Project which is an ongoing study abroad course offering of the State University of New York.



As Professional Development opportunities in her school district are not specific to the content she teaches, Kayla will take advantage of her scholarship funds to attend the New York State School Music Association’s conference in Rochester, New York in December 2022, where she hopes to strengthen her teaching of music in an urban area, make new connections, and share the importance of DKG.

Margie Lovett-Scott, Scholarship Chair



Dr. Andréa Morris (right) announcing **Karen Butters** as the 2022 Pi State Achievement Recipient.

Photo by Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

2022 Pi State Achievement Award to Karen Butters

Dr. Andréa Morris, Chair of the Pi State Achievement Award Committee 2021-23, presented the prestigious Pi State Achievement Award to **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*, at the NYSO DKG Luncheon on Saturday, 30 April at the Spring Executive Board Meeting.

Karen has been a dedicated member of the NYSO DKG for 23 years and has served her Chapter, *Beta Mu*, as a Past Chapter President and Vice President as well as member and Chair of many Chapter Committees. She is a past Chapter Woman of Distinction. On the State level, she has presented many workshop sessions at Executive Board Meetings and served on the State BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committee. She was the State First Vice President, Second Vice President, State Music Chair and Registrar for the Summer Leadership Development Seminar. On the Regional and International Levels, she has been a participant at Regional Conferences and International

Conventions as well as many CTAUN Conferences. She has served as Director and Assistant Director of Choruses at Regional Conferences and International Conventions. She was the Music Chair of NY Night for the 2012 International Convention in NYC as well as appearing multiple times as the guest artist and soloist on the flute in NYS and at Regionals and International Conventions.

In the fall of 1953, the Executive Board established the annual Pi State Achievement Award to be given “to a member in recognition of outstanding service at State level.” The award selected was a pin, designed by **Erna Károlyi Leon** of *Epsilon* Chapter, a former art teacher at Pratt Institute of Art & Design, located in Brooklyn, NY. The pin is a gold “*Tudor Rose*,” raised and engraved against a tiny disk and surrounded by cut work inside a band of five gold petals. The pin is truly beautiful in its simplicity. On the back of the pin are engraved the Greek letters $\Delta K \Gamma$ and the words, Pi State.

We extend all our NYSO DKG congratulations to Karen!



The Pinning

Dr. Andréa Morris, Pi State Achievement Award Chair

Verna Mullholland Friend of Education Award



Becky Hotaling

Rebecca (Becky) Hotaling, *Rho*, has devoted 23 years to helping educate our youngest students and their families. Becky has worked at Headstart, in Franklin, for most of those 23 years. She has been a cook and nutrition educator at the Franklin Headstart. Becky has a way about her that encourages the children in the program. Over the years, children and their parents have learned how delicious healthy food can be on a budget.

During the COVID shut down, Becky read stories to the children using Zoom. She also provided lessons on preparing nutritious snacks for the children and their parents using Zoom.

Many would say that Becky was “just a cook”, but she has provided much more to families over the years.

Lisa Huyck, Verna Mullholland Award Chair

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. These projects are supported solely by donations and memberships. Please consider making a donation to the Educational Foundation so that we may continue to grant funds to applicants who are doing wonderful projects. Donation forms can be found on the state website.

Great news! The board of directors voted to award **Heather Hubbard** of *Pi Chapter* funds for her project "Family Circle". Heather will be working with the Fort Plain Public Library to enhance reading and math literacy within the community's families.

The annual meeting of The Pi State Educational Foundation was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the NY State Executive Board Meeting. It was great to see so many members of the Educational Foundation face to face! Two wonderful projects were presented. First, **Diane Cappelino**, *Beta Delta*, presented "EEEEK (Explore, Experiment, Engage for Kids)." Second, **Lynne Keefer**, *Alpha Alpha*, presented "The Rochester Area Literacy Council Student Publishing Project". Thank you to Diane and Lynne for sharing their innovative and exciting projects!

One director was elected to the board at the annual meeting. **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*, was elected for a four-year term beginning July 1. Welcome Deborah! **Ginny Dudko** (*Tau*), longtime advocate of the Educational Foundation and dedicated member of the board, was honored for her many years of service to the Foundation. Ginny will be leaving the board as of July 1. Thank you again for all your hard work Ginny!

As always we are looking for new members of the Foundation. A lifetime membership is only \$25...yes, less than the cost of a tank of gas these days! Once you are a member of the Foundation funding opportunities are available. The next round of project grant applications are due November 1. If you have a project in mind that promotes literacy and learning please apply for a grant. Another opportunity for funding is the Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship. The funds can be used to attend conferences or workshops, for example, that promote literacy and learning. The application for the Literacy Scholarship is due February 15.

Please visit the Pi State Educational Foundation on the state website for more information about the Foundation and membership and funding applications.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Educational Foundation. Without all of your support the Foundation would not exist.

Submitted by **Sue Summerfield**, President

CHAPTER INDUCTEE PHOTOS Sought for NYSO Website

Chapters are encouraged to send individual photos of their Inductees as email attachments to Webmaster Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net, for the NYSO Website's HOME PAGE Inductee Slideshow. Individual photos should be of good quality so that a portrait could be cropped for the website size. Individual photos are preferable to group ones. The Inductee's name and Chapter should be included in the email.

Mary-Martha Harvey

The 2022 National Legislative Seminar is now history, and it was good to be a participant. Some very savvy women educators gathered in Washington, D.C. during March 6-8 for an opportunity to gain some insight into how to effectively advocate, gather information from expert speakers, and to communicate with each other about what is happening in the many states represented. Participants included our International President **Becky Sadowski** and Executive Director **Nita Scott**.

The seminar is part of the DKG US Forum which is chaired by NY Representative **Barbara Quinn** (*NYSO Beta Chapter*) from Seneca Falls, NY. The committee presented a quality program of speakers, breakout sessions, and tour of the Monuments by Moonlight. And they had a coffee/beverage station available all day!

The Capitol Building itself is still closed for security reasons; so time was spent on various issues concerning women, children, and education. Some topics dealt with: mental health issues; climate change; food insecurity among children; windfall elimination and government pension offset; and human trafficking. Included were highlights of current federal legislative proposals and the fact that it takes a long time to get a bill processed to become a law.

Please consider joining us next time to be informed and involved. The NLS is held in early Spring during even years at a Washington, D.C. location.

Joan Slagle, *NYSO Beta Omega chapter*



The US Forum's purpose is to inform members of DKG on Legislation and Issues that affect Women, Children and Education so that they can make informed decisions on their involvement. All DKG Members in the United States are members of the US Forum. The US Forum Steering Committee is comprised of members from four regions of the United States: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest. The Forum is tasked with providing members with pertinent information and presents at DKG International Seminars and Conventions. Throughout 2020-22, we have provided webinars and Zoom meetings on pertinent topics.

National Legislative Seminar 2022

The US Forum Steering Committee presented NLS 2022 in Washington, DC, March 6-8. There were 50 attendees from throughout the United States. The program focused on providing current federal legislation and updates on relevant issues. Under the theme of *Strengthening Your Advocacy*, participants experienced informational presentations led by Nationally known speakers. Topics included Advocating, Increasing Your Leadership and Voice with Legislators, Mental Health, Climate Change, Social Justice, and Education Issues. Congress was closed to in person visitations but many of the attendees were able to have zoom meetings with their legislators and a few were able to meet in alternate locations.

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*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn with
International President Becky
Sadowski*

DKG US Forum International Convention Events

This July the US Forum will be participating in two events at the International Convention in New Orleans. We hope NYSO members in attendance will join us.

Global Connections in DKG

On Wednesday, July 13th, I will be involved in in the Workshop: Global Connection. During this session, the four DKG Forums- Canadian, European, Latin America and the United States, will share our activities and provide a Global connection for all DKG members.

US Forum New Orleans

On Saturday, July 16, the US Forum will be presenting a program on Food Insecurities. Activities will include updates on Federal Legislation and voting on the members for the 2022-24 Steering Committee.

- 1 in 7 people face hunger.
- 1 in 5 children face hunger.

Join us Speakers from the Second Harvest Bank of Greater New Orleans and Arcadiana present National Information on Food Insecurities. Key facts that all members should be aware of are:

- According to the [USDA](#), more than 38 million people, including 12 million children, in the United States are [food insecure](#).
- The pandemic has increased food insecurity among families with children and communities of color, who already faced hunger at much higher rates before the pandemic.
- [Every community in the country](#) is home to families who face hunger. But [rural communities](#) are especially hard hit by hunger.
- Many households that experience food insecurity do not qualify for [federal nutrition programs](#) and visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.
- Hunger in [African American](#), [Latino](#), and [Native American](#) communities is higher because of systemic racial injustice. To achieve a hunger-free America, we must address the root causes of hunger and structural and systemic inequities. Source: <https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/food-insecurity-america-malnutrition-united-states>

We as US Forum Members can work at the local, state, and federal level to promote change. Look for further information on the US Forum website: www.dkgusform.com

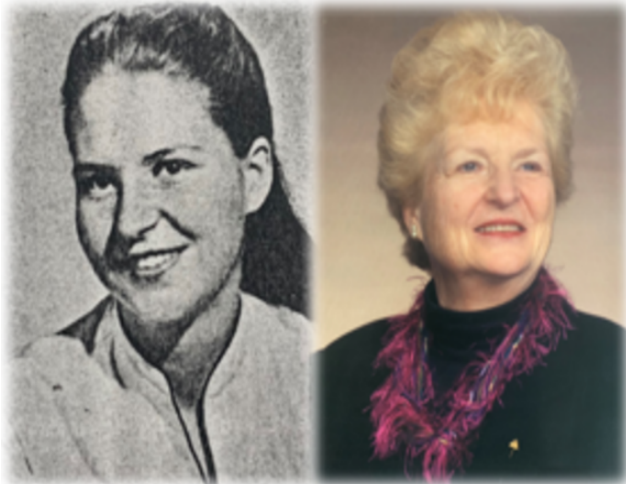
I have had the opportunity to serve at the NY US Forum and the Chair the US Forum Steering Committee. My term as the Chair will expire in July with the elections of the 2022-24 Steering Committee Members. I encourage all NY members to get engaged in Legislation and make their voices known. ***You can make a difference!***

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, 2021-23 NYSO First Vice President and US Forum Representative, 2020-22 US Forum Steering Committee Chair.

DKG/NYSO LOSES ANOTHER TREASURED GEM AND FLOWER

Dr. Margarethe (“Maggie”) McCurry

Written by Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Past President (2005-2007)



Dr. Margarethe (“Maggie”) McCurry, of Queensbury, NY, and Pi State President from 1997-1999 passed away on April 24, 2022, at the age of 90. She was born in New York City, graduated from Cathedral High School in NYC, received her Baccalaureate Degree from SUNY at Oneonta, and Master’s Degree in Dramatic Arts from New York University. Post Graduate work was achieved at SUNY-Plattsburgh, SUNY-Oneonta, and Sage College. Maggie earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Walden University.

Maggie was a career teacher at the Queensbury School District for 41 years, retiring as a Teacher/Facilitator for the Middle School Enrichment Program. She taught several grade levels, most notably Junior High English, Special Education, and implemented the Gifted and Talented program for Exceptional students. She was an avid and enthusiastic person interested in expanding her knowledge of education and the arts by traveling to NYC to take classes, attending Broadway plays and musicals. Maggie was also a Master Teacher for SUNY-Plattsburgh’s “Future Teachers” Program. She served on Queensbury Faculty Association, NYSTA, NYSUT, running against, Al Shanker, former UFT President, and Tri County Teacher’s Association in professional leadership roles. She was proud to be the NEA delegate for NYS. Maggie finally retired from the College of St. Rose, where she was an Adjunct professor, supervising teachers for 15 years.

Maggie was initiated in Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Capital Area, in 1967. She served on the State Level as First Vice President, Chair of the Research and Legislative Committees, as a National Registered American Parliamentarian, she served as Parliamentarian to many Past Presidents, and most recently, served on the Pi State Achievement Award Committee. She was a mentor to newly inducted members of her Chapter, as well as members who served on Executive Committees on the State and International Levels, attended State and International Conferences/Conventions, CTAUN and US Forum Conferences, and loved to travel to foreign countries making lifetime friendships. I was one of the fortunate lifetime friends who had the opportunity to be a roommate, discussing various actions that took place at conferences and conventions, and holding lengthy phone conversations and signing off by saying, “I love you; I miss seeing you, keep well, roomie”.

Maggie was an extraordinary woman, not only as a mother of her son, Mark, but volunteering as an ESL tutor, at various times she was a tour guide at Saratoga Racing Museum, was the Adirondack Regional Coordinator of the Empire State Passengers Association, and a Red Cross/YWCA swimming and Lifeguard instructor. Too keep her mind alert she would engage in solving crossword puzzles published in puzzle books and the local newspaper, reading

biographies of famous people, viewing Jeopardy TV Broadcasts, and occasionally indulged in drinking a Manhattan before 7pm.

According to her son, Mark, Maggie was “the hostess with the mostess”, providing extravagant, deliciously prepared meals, and elaborate decorated affairs, especially during the holidays, that people looked forward to attending.

Maggie was a devout and religious person, a longtime member of St. Alphonsus in Glens Falls, before its closing. She was the first female trustee, sang in the choir, taught Faith Formation, and served on many committees. She became a member of St. Joseph’s in Fort Edward, endlessly devoted to her spiritual life and strived to learn, understand and grow in her faith, teaching Sunday School, and was delighted to be asked to read the Sunday Lesson during the pandemic.

Maggie was a fighter to the bitter end, engaging in a trial medical experimental program to eradicate children/adult leukemia.

Her final act if educating was to donate her body to Albany Medical College.

Maggie requested that donations be made to: St. Joseph Scholarship Fund, 164 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828, DKG Pi State Educational Foundation, ATTN: Jean Sekel, 128 Inghams Mills Road, Little Falls, NY 13365; C.R. Wood Cancer Center, Glens Falls Hospital, 100 Park Street, 02215.Pruyn Pavilion, Glens Falls, NY 12801; Dana Farber/Brigham & Women’s Cancer Center, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA.

DKG/NYSO was represented by Karen Crumley, Joan Slagle and I at the Memorial Mass held on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 10:00am at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Fort Edward, NY.

Rest in Peace, dear DKG Sister and Friend.

Martha Strever Honored for 60 Years of Teaching!



**Martha Strever
accepts The Frank
Knoblock
Memorial Award**

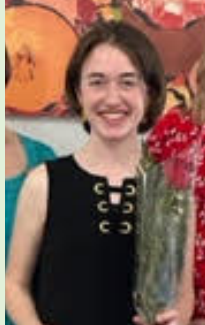
Martha Strever, *Alpha Zeta Chapter*, was honored by The Red Hook Education Foundation for her contributions to equity and excellence for the students of Red Hook Central School District.

Martha has been teaching in the Red Hook Central School District for 60 years, beginning her career in 1961. She has taught mathematics, science, and computer applications. She has been the advisor for clubs such as Yearbook and the National Student Council. Martha also served as the Math Chairperson in Red Hook for many years. In 2011, Martha was a NYS top 5 finalist for NYS Teacher of the Year.

Martha’s DKG leadership positions include: current chapter Treasurer; Past President of Alpha Zeta chapter; and roles in NYSO state committees. The members of *Alpha Zeta Chapter* are very proud of all of Martha’s accomplishments!

Omega Chapter

Omega Chapter was proud to award two aspiring educators with \$1000 each in Scholarship Grant monies at the Chapter's May meeting. Jennifer Petracchi, (left), a senior at Midlakes High School in the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District, will be attending SUNY @ Fredonia majoring in Music Education. Currently a member of the Junior Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Jennifer's goal is to one day become the conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. En-Ya Shen, pictured on the right, is from Geneva City School district and will be attending Boston College, majoring in Secondary Education. Her ambition is to become a Superintendent of Schools. Omega applauds these well deserving recipients and wishes each luck in their individual, educational pursuits.



Jennifer Petracchi



En-Ya Shen

Submitted by Gail Frances Burr



New Inductees: Jacqueline Madison and Paula DeLaurentiis

Psi Chapter Celebrates new Inductees and the new officer initiation

Back Row: Elaine Rice, Anne Bailey, Sue Lapierre(1st VP), Kathy Lavoie, Jacqueline Madison (new Inductee), Marilyn Kretser, Sue Kenoyer (President), Fran Baroody, Paula Delaurentiis(new Inductee)

Middle Row: Margaret Leone (Past President), Mary Brassard

Seated: Judy Corigliano (Treasurer), Kathy Inhelder (next 2nd VP, Ronnie Hollingsworth, Arlene Sanger, Glenda Rowe (Parliamentarian)



Pi Chapter

Pi chapter's April meeting was a huge success. Members met at the Paul Nigra Center in Gloversville and they enjoyed an evening of "Painting Silk Scarves". Lots of fun and laughter was had by many members. Who would think our finished product started with shaking dye on a silk scarf in a zip lock bag and then putting it in the microwave! In May Pi chapter inducted a new member, **Debra Eckler** (right). Debra taught fifth and sixth grade for 30 years at the Canajoharie Central School District.



Alpha Rho

Alpha Rho's Initiation ceremony took place on June 9th at the Big Flats Historical Society. Pictured (left to right) are: **Roxanne Testen**, retired Global History teacher in Waverly High School. **Carrie Condon**, teacher at Elm Street Elementary School in Waverly. **Emily Presser**, 5th grade teacher in Erwin, and **Nicole Burt**, Science teacher at GST BOCES and Director of Education at Wings of Eagles Discovery Center. Submitted by **Maureen Nicolo**



Alpha Iota Chapter Inducts New Members



Alpha Iota recently inducted two new members. Both are retired from the Central Square Central School District. Bonnie Orlando's field is Reading, having taught in the district for 32 years. She tried to instill a love of reading in her students as well as the development of critical thinking skills. Marjane Reilly's field was English Education and she really wanted her student to succeed.

Photo and article by Karen Marzynski

Alpha Iota Chapter Recognizes Membership Milestones



At Alpha Iota's recent Founders Day luncheon, three members were recognized for their membership milestones. Nora Ostrander and Elizabeth Fleury received their certificates for years in DKG. Kay Shaver, who could not attend the luncheon, was visited by four sisters presented her with her 50 year certificate.

Article by Karen Marzynski

Alpha Zeta

Alpha Zeta Chapter was excited to celebrate its 65th anniversary in April, 2022. The celebration was held at Capolla's Restaurant in Hyde Park.

Pictured left to right: **Kim Goldhirsch, Cindy Fildes, Eileen Kerins, Martha Strever, Suzanne Ellis, Diane Zduniak, Jen Melitski, Amy McCann, and Candy Pisterzi.**



Alpha Alpha Has Much to Celebrate

Submitted by **Judy Wadsworth**

Rochester school named in honor of Alice Young

On September 29, the Rochester City School District renamed one of its schools the **Dr. Alice Holloway Young** School of Excellence in honor of Dr. Young's many years of exemplary service to Rochester's children, schools, and community. Dr. Young was the 1974-1976 President of Alpha Alpha Chapter. She also helped to found Monroe Community College and the Urban-Suburban Transfer Program. Alice was the 2019 recipient of the NYSO-DKG Frederica Hollister Professional Education Award.



Alpha Alpha presents books and book baskets/tote bags to young readers

One option offered to those responding to the annual Chapter President's holiday letter in December 2021 was to provide gift books and book baskets/tote bags to students in one of the classes served by the Project READ literacy program. **Dr. Carol St. George**, Alpha Alpha Member, is Professor at the U of R's Warner Graduate School and serves as the Director of the Warner School's literacy teacher education and Project READ literacy programs. Contributions from Alpha Alpha members in response to the holiday letter paid for books and book baskets/tote bags for the 25 students in a kindergarten class in Rochester's School #33. (Carol was the 2022 recipient of the NYSO-DKG Frederica Hollister Professional Education Award.)



ABOVE LEFT: Carol St. George receives book totes from chapter President **Mary Ann Geonie**. ABOVE RIGHT: Student in Rochester's School # 33 with new books and book totes.

Balzano Scholarships at SUNY Brockport

Dr. Betsy Balzano, a member of *Alpha Alpha* until her death in 2020, left an estate gift of \$619,000 to the Brockport Foundation which has

been used to establish The Betsy Balzano Scholars fund. This fund will assist up to 12 students in SUNY Brockport's School of Education, Health, and Human Services to defray non-tuitional educational expenses, including room, board, or college fees. The fund will provide recipients \$2,000 per year (up to four years).



Plaque recognizing Chapter Scholars to be housed at SUNY Brockport

SUNY Brockport has set aside a wall display case in the Cooper Center Educational Wing to house a plaque identifying *Alpha Alpha's* Reichel scholars. Inside the case will be a statement about the plaques as well as four plaques listing recipients of the four scholar awards in our chapter's Brockport/Reichel awards strand.

Left: Garrett Roe, Scholarship Coordinator, SUNY Brockport, with Alpha Alpha Scholarships & Awards Committee Member Joan Fenton and Chapter President Mary Ann Geonie.



Wanda Ward interviewed by students

Because she is a former principal of Pittsford's Thornell Road School, member **Wanda Ward** was invited back to the school in April to be interviewed by fourth grade students who are producing a video describing the history of their school for its 50th Anniversary. Wanda was the 1987-1989 President of NYSO-DKG (Pi State) and 1990-1992 DKG Northeast Regional Director.



**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.

***The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International, NYSO
Kim Goldhirsch, NY State Editor
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