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## Crowne Plaza Lake Placid

101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, NY 12946

Reservation Desk: 833-304-1344

ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma room block

Northern Area wants to welcome you to the Crowne Plaza Lake Placid, the site of our April 30-May 2, 2020 NYSO DKG Convention. As you can see from the photos below, the hotel and conference center is built in the Adirondack style on top of a hill overlooking the town and lake with a panoramic view of the surrounding mountains. There are many nooks and outdoor opportunities to just sit and enjoy the view while reconnecting with old friends. The Steering Committee is in high hopes that we will all be able to come together safely at Convention. The room block is open at this time and you will enjoy the great rates.

Lake Placid is a true vacation destination. The Olympic Museum is a short walk down the hill. The other Olympic venues are a short distance away and the town with its resort shopping is within walking distance. There will be plenty of information available on things to do and see in the area. Why not come early or stay late to enjoy more about the area?

Your EEC Committee has a well-rounded program of workshops for you to attend. You can see the listing in this issue of Pi Lights. Our International Guest is Second Vice President **June Bowers** from Nebraska. She will be our Friday evening Keynote Speaker and will also be presenting a workshop. Watch for details in future communications. She will bring us news and guiding information from International. It is also a wonderful opportunity to get to meet a member of your International Administrative Board.

On a personal note, my first non-chapter meeting of DKG was Jane Tanner's Lake Placid Convention in Lake Placid in 2003. How appropriate that we are back there now! It was that convention that inspired me to look beyond Psi Chapter and attend Area Council, State, Regional and International meetings. It is my hope that it will inspire others to do the same!





Sue Kenoyer  
NYSO President 2019 – 2021

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

2020 is going to be a year we all remember for the rest of our lives and will go down in the history books. I hope that by the time you get this issue in your mailbox that we have rounded the curve and are well underway to vaccines for all who want them soon.

At issue for many will be how has COVID permanently changed how we live our lives, what we feel is important in our lives, and our affiliations with groups and societies like DKG. I greatly value my membership in DKG. It gives me a camaraderie with fellow education professionals that I never found anywhere else. I know the next few years are going to be challenging for DKG. We are an aging society and really need the influx of younger, professionally minded women. They are out there and if they knew about us they would want to join. We have so many wonderful projects that are supported at every level of the society. We offer so many opportunities for financial support, again from every level of the society. We offer opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge and Growth at every level of the society. We just need to be better promoters of ourselves!

Right now, I feel we need to work on our own health as chapters and as a state. Are we doing all we can to support our sisters? Most chapters do not feel comfortable holding face-to-face meetings and I can certainly understand that! We have all become familiar with platforms like Zoom, Google Meets and Go-To-Meeting just to stay in contact with our families. DKG is also our family and I applaud the chapters that are staying in contact with their “family” using these platforms. If you haven’t held a virtual chapter meeting yet, then I hope you do soon. Socialize, conduct some business, but most importantly enjoy each other and remember the bonds you have forged over the years. I was so happy with our Fall virtual meeting. So many stayed on Zoom long after the meeting officially ended just to talk and be together again. We are so hopeful that we will have a face-to-face Convention in Lake Placid from April 30-May 2, 2021. If the circumstances require us to be virtual then we will certainly have Zoom meetings planned. I know we need to adapt our way of thinking and adjust to a new reality, and maybe that will mean more virtual state meetings that would cut down on the expense and time commitment for young members with young families new to their careers. Both of these are issues often cited for not joining or not becoming an officer.

The last six months of my presidency are going to be interesting. I will keep you informed as always through my News and Notes, International communications, and emails of upcoming events.



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

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

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

## NYSO Nominations 2021-2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

*(Thanks to Dr. Valerie Lagakis.)*



*Jennifer Lee-Alden*

### **First Vice President:**

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

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

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



*Lisa Meade*

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

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

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

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

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

### **Secretary: Amy Zimmerman**

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

Amy received her Bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport and did graduate work at Nazareth College. She has been a kindergarten and first grade teacher in the Marcus Whitman CSD for 25 years. She has also been a department chair, team leader and Association representative. Over the years, she has mentored new teachers and hosted student teachers.

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



*Amy Zimmerman*

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

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

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

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

Northwestern – TBA

Southwestern – TBA

West Central – TBA

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

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

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

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

North Central Area - TBA

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

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

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

#### **Special thanks to the Pi State Nominations Committee for all their work:**

**Mary Kay Hickey**, *Beta*, Chair; **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu*; **Christine Bennett**, *Omega*; **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**, *Alpha Nu*; **Claudia Ceresani**, *Beta Gamma*; **Dr. Valerie Lagakis**, *Alpha Phi*; **Carol Lamb**, *Beta Mu*; **Erin Merrill**, *Beta Chi*; **Barbara Keis**, *Phi*; and **Julia Schrader**, *Gamma Gamma*.

Look for links to local attractions in and around Lake Placid

In the Spring issue of

*Pi Lights*

## REGISTRATION FORM

2021 NY State Convention ... April 30- May 2, 2021...Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid 12946

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest Name(s) for Badges \_\_\_\_\_

**3-Day Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception or Coffee Services and meeting materials.**

Early 3-Day Registration Fee (Due by April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late 3-Day Registration Fee (Postmarked after April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 One-Day Registration (Due by April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late One-Day Registration (Postmarked after April 1<sup>st</sup>) \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 30** \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_**Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm** All dinners include California Julienne, julienne vegetables, California chardonnay & roasted garlic vinaigrette, fresh dinner rolls & butter, Coffees, Teas**Select One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Greek Pasta: bowtie pasta tossed with spinach, tomatoes, artichoke hearts, garlic, white wine and olive oil topped with feta cheese  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Lemon Chicken: grilled chicken breast marinated with lemon and rosemary, chef's choice starch and vegetable  
 Dessert: Strawberry Torte-layers of sponge cake & whipped cream topped with fresh strawberries

**Dessert Stations Reception 9:15-10:15pm**

Due to COVID, we are unable to hold a dessert reception. We will attempt to offer this or a tea, coffee service if restrictions loosen up in the next several months.

**Included in 3-Day Registration****Guest Charge \$16.00** \_\_\_\_\_**Saturday, May 1****Optional Breakfast Buffet 6:45-8:00am** \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Homemade Hot Oatmeal with dried fruits, roasted nuts and brown sugar, Assorted Cold Cereals with 2% Skim and Soy milk, Assorted Yogurts with Granola, Home baked Muffins and Pastries, Bagels, English Muffins and Assorted Toasting Breads, Fruit Salad, Sliced Oranges and Grapefruits, Seasonal Berries, Whole Fresh Fruit Orange, Assorted Juices; Fresh Brewed Coffees, Tea and Herbal Tea

**Celebration Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm** \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

All lunches served with chef's garniture and dessert, Coffees, Teas, Iced Tea, and Soda

**Select One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad: Grilled Chicken, Romaine Lettuce with Croutons, Parmesan Cheese, and Creamy Caesar Dressing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Hangar Steak Salad: Thinly Sliced Hanger Steak, Mixed Baby Greens, Blistered Cherry Tomatoes, Danish Blue Cheeses, Onion, Herb Vinaigrette Dressing

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

All dinners served with Mixed Baby Green Salad-cucumber, grape tomato, shaved red onion, shredded carrot and creamy herb dressing, Chef's Choice Starch and Vegetable, Fresh Rolls &amp; Butter, Flourless Chocolate Cake with Macerated Mixed Berry Compote, Coffees, and Teas

**Select One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast NY Sirloin: Thinly sliced NY sirloin finished with a caramelized shallot and merlot sauce \$37.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Seared Atlantic Salmon: pan seared finished with clementine and leek sauce \$37.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, MAY 2****Awards Brunch 10:30am-1:00pm** \$22.00 \_\_\_\_\_

All Brunches served with Assorted Juices, Fruit Salad Bowl, Assorted Baked Goods, Coffees, Teas

**Select One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mediterranean Quiche: Spinach, Tomato, Red Onion and Feta  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quiche Lorraine: Gruyere, Bacon, Onion

\*\*\*A vegetarian option for all meals will be possible at the same price as the regular meal choices. Check here. \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List any dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check/money order payable to NYSO/ DKG.

Mail to: Dr. Beverly Burnell, Registrar, 89 Trudo Rd., Altona 12910-2636

e-mail: bevburnelldkg@gmail.com phone: (518)566-9515

**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 1, 2021. Cancellation and refund requests received after April 1, 2021 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after April 1, 2021. 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 Crowne Plaza Lake Placid (518)523-2556.** Mention DKG to receive room block rate. \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like a roommate and have not registered with someone. If you need transportation from a bus station, train station or airport please fill out the Transportation Form in this issue of Pi Lights.

## ***Our International Guest Is Coming to Convention!***



***June Bowers  
International Second  
Vice-President***

June Bowers is a 42-year member of DKG from Nebraska. She has served in all key positions in the Nebraska State Organization. She has been a NW Regional Director and just completed her second term as Member-At-Large. June was instrumental in the formation of the Arts and Humanities Jury, serving as its Chair. She was also Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Administrative Board.

June will be giving the Keynote Speech on Friday evening as well as hosting a workshop.

### **HISTORY OF LAKE PLACID**

***Carol Lamb, Beta Mu***

Lake Placid is known as the “Olympic Village” for many reasons. Lake Placid is one of the few areas to host two Olympic Games, the third Winter Olympics in 1932 and the thirteenth Winter Olympics in 1980. In addition, athletes from Lake Placid have participated in all but one Winter Olympic games and the community continues to host competitions at all levels. In a 1982 agreement with the state, all sports venues are operated and maintained for competition through the Olympic Regional Development Authority. Tickets to visit the venues are available through [www.orda.org](http://www.orda.org). The [Olympic Museum](#) is available in the Olympic Center to learn more about this part of Lake Placid’s history.

First settled as a farming community in 1800 when Elijah Bennett and family settled near the Chubb River and called this area “The Plains of Abraham.” Early settlers also included Thomas Nash and Benjamin Brewster who settled on the shores of Mirror Lake (you can see a stone monument in their honor at the beginning of Main Street). The village of Lake Placid actually surrounds Mirror Lake, while Lake Placid (a much bigger lake with three islands) is located to northeast. The [Lake Placid Historical Society](#) hosts a museum on Station Street in the original railroad station where many tourists arrived.

The beauty of the Adirondacks was part of published writings and visitors came to enjoy the vistas and abundance of fish and game. The Nash family opened a hotel on the shore of Mirror Lake and offered boat excursions on Lake Placid and guides up Whiteface Mountain in the neighboring town of Wilmington. Some visitors settled in the area as state-owned land was available for pennies an acre.

Migration of free urban blacks occurred mid-century when generous abolitionist Gerrit Smith offered acreage for homesteads in a settlement called Timbuctu. John Brown, famous abolitionist, came north to assist these folks with developing farming skills. His home, farm, and final resting place can be found near the ski jumps.

The late 1800s saw the building of the first churches, post office, school, and library. The library, located in its original location on Main Street, is worth a visit. Many more visitor homes opened as Lake Placid became a popular early tourist spot. Most visitors arrived via stagecoach until the railroad began in 1893. Melvil Dewey, New York State librarian, was an early train arrival. In 1895, Dewey, an avid believer in the power of recreation, purchased a home, opened it up to friends, and this venture expanded into the famous Lake Placid Club. Once this was winterized in 1904, numerous winter sport opportunities led to winter sports vacations. Dr. Dewey’s son, Godfrey Dewey, was influential in obtaining the 1932 Third Winter Olympic Games for Lake Placid and making sure the town had an arena, speed skating oval, ski jump, and miles of cross-country trails.

Kate Smith was a celebrity when she visited Lake Placid and decided to build her summer camp, Camp Sunshine, on the shores of Lake Placid. For years, Kate Smith’s radio show was broadcast from her camp and her view inspired the song “When the Moon Comes Over the Mountains.”

<b>Titles</b>	<b>Workshop Program Descriptions Spring 2021, Lake Placid (Please check for last minute changes.)</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Friday, April 30th</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:15 pm</b>
<b>A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching Digital Literacy</b>	In this age of Covid-19, the rapid spread of misinformation may be as dangerous as the virus itself. We will examine why people believe and spread misinformation, and what educators and students can do to slow this. We will offer techniques and resources that help us recognize “red flags” of misinformation (“fake news”). We will direct special attention to Social Media.	<b>Eileen Venezia and Emilie Stris,</b> <i>Gamma Alpha</i>
<b>“V” is not for Vacuum</b>	Chi Chapter works with Malawi Early Learning Team to provide books and teacher training in the northern area of Malawi, Africa. A three minute video sets the stage for the story. You will experience this past year, as they move from the tragedy of a fire, to triumph. We will share stories of building relationships that have been critical to our success. Yes, we will answer “V” is not for vacuum!	<b>Lynn Morgan, Heather White, and Andy Burns,</b> <i>Chi</i>
<b>Proposed Changes to NYS Bylaws &amp; Standing Rules</b>	An open forum for members to ask questions and have an understanding of the Proposed Changes to the State BYLAWS & Standing Rules to be presented Saturday morning at the Executive Board and General Session meetings.	<b>Beryl Szwed,</b> <i>Beta Mu, Chair, Bylaws &amp; Rules Committee</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:25 – 8:10 pm</b>
<b>Growing Membership with “Commit-mint, Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint.”</b>	Healthy chapters are committed to attracting, retaining, and reinstating members. Join us as we explore how you can help your chapter’s member grow.	<b>Deb Bedard,</b> <i>Alpha Epsilon,</i> and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee
<b>All Aboard... and see our Country!</b>	Consider the train for a different vacation! You will learn about some of the advantages of rail travel, as well as finding out about a few places rail vacations are offered. Travel with the presenter to some of our National Parks!	<b>Ginny Dudko,</b> <i>Tau</i>
<b>Creating Successful Chapter Programs</b>	Educational Excellence Committee Members Barbara Bostwick Quinn, <i>Beta</i> , Alison Brown, <i>Psi</i> , Jo Salo, <i>Rho</i> , and Pat Turner, <i>Alpha Theta</i> , share Chapter programs, ideas, and tips that make an impact.	<b>Barbara Bostwick Quinn,</b> <i>Beta</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1:45 -2:30</b>
<b>Assessing Student Achievement Through Multimedia Presentations.</b>	There are more ways to assess student learning than pencil and paper evaluations. This workshop will instruct educators on developing assessments and final projects that incorporate multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to clarify knowledge learned (S.L.6.5, LOTE 1 and 2). This project is especially powerful when collaboration occurs: between students of various grades and subjects and between educators. Project ideas, timelines, and funding opportunities will be discussed. Presenters teach grades 7-12 and University students, but the workshop is also appropriate for younger grades. <b>0.75 CTLE credit available.</b>	<b>Dr. Margaret Leone,</b> <i>Psi Kathryn Inhelder,</i> <i>Psi</i>

<b>Road Scholar: Educational Travel for Adults</b>	We never stop learning and travel is a perfect classroom. Learn about Road Scholar programs and view some of our trips.	<b>Ellie Robinson,</b> <i>Alpha Tau</i>
<b>Mindful Resilience</b>	In this hour, attendees will learn a brief overview of how simple mindful steps can enhance the resilient heart, body, and mind. Mindfulness is accessible to all and requires nothing more than curiosity. Leave with science-based mindful strategies to implement in moments of struggle and/or joy so to relate to experiences with more resilience all the while priming the mind for more presence, courage, and grace.	<b>Jenny Morrill- of 3 Marigolds Mindful Wellness</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2:40 – 3:25</b>
<b>Storytelling in the classroom</b>	In this highly interactive workshop, participants will explore resources from many countries and cultures finding folktales, learn to tell the story from images and coach each other on achieving a strong performance. The session will end with an optional mini-story performance by participants, time permitting.	<b>Karen Glass,</b> <i>Beta Mu</i>
<b>Combine Travel and Study into one Great Experience!</b>	This workshop will present an overview of the purpose of the Travel and Study Stipend, review the application process, and have a panel of previous recipients who will share their first-hand experiences of how they used the stipend.	<b>Rosemary Van Wart with Travel and Study Committee</b>
<b>Straight from the top: DKG issues and updates.</b>	DKG's June Bowers, International Second VP, will present a workshop on an Important DKG Issue. More information in the March to come.	<b>June Bowers,</b> <b>International Second VP</b>

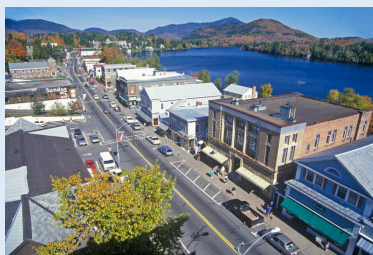
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### ***A Look at Beautiful Lake Placid, New York***

*Photos included were provided for us from:  
[The Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism: ROOST](#)*



*View from south side of Village overlooking Mirror Lake and Lake Placid*



*View of Main Street shopping area*



*View of back side of Main Street taken from Mirror Lake Drive, an easy walk for exercise*



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
New York State Organization  
Proposed BYLAWS and Standing Rules Changes for May 1, 2021  
Beryl Szwed, Beta Mu, Chair**

**Please save pages 9-12 and bring them with you to the NYSO Convention  
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Lake Placid**

**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR 5/1/2021**

In accordance with ARTICLE XII Section A of the **BYLAWS of New York State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**, the Bylaws and Rules Committee and the New York State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **BYLAWS of New York State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the New York State Executive Board and the New York State Convention at their meetings April 30, 2021 in Lake Placid, NY.

**In addition to the following proposed changes the Bylaws and Rules Committee, in consultation with the New York State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

**1. To Amend Bylaws, Article IX COMMITTEES, Section C which reads**

The purpose of the Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is to give financial aid for college study of women of ~~American Indian~~ heritage. By Striking American Indian

**To Read:**

The purpose of the Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is to give financial aid for college study of women of Native American heritage.

*Rationale: This change recognized the grant title and accepted language.*

**2. To Amend Bylaws, Article IX, COMMITTEES, Section A, 3 which reads Committees**

Subject to Endowment provisions:

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Bea Small Award                    | d. Gladys L. Mersereau        |
| b. Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund | Grant(s)-in-Aid               |
| c. Frederica Hollister Pi State       | e. Scholarship                |
| Professional Educator Award           | f. Verna Mulholland Friend of |
|                                       | Education Award               |

By Striking Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid

**To Read:**

Committees Subject to Endowment provisions:

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Bea Small Award                    | d. Scholarship                |
| b. Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund | e. Verna Mulholland Friend of |

International from names of candidates submitted by the State Nominating Committee. The two trustees of the initial Board of Trustees name in the Articles of Incorporation (who are not officers of NY State) shall serve until the next annual meeting of the State Executive Board of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of New York. At such annual meetings there shall be one elected for a term of Three years and one for a term of five years to succeed those trustees whose terms of office are then expiring.

Thereafter these two trustees shall be elected by the State Executive Board for a term of five years to succeed those trustees whose terms of office are then expiring. By striking the entire Article X Section D

**To Read:**

1. ~~The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s) in Aid~~

c. ~~The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s) in Aid was established in 1975.~~

f. ~~The Board of Trustees shall grant this award to non-members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to further their educational studies and preparation for teaching.~~

g. ~~The income for this award shall be derived from interest from the Gladys L. Mersereau Fund and monies from the Awards Fund as needed.~~

h. ~~The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven trustees (president, first vice president, immediate past president, executive secretary, treasurer of NY State) and such trustees shall hold office so long as they hold such respective NY State offices in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The two remaining trustees shall be elected by the NY State Executive Board of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International from names of candidates submitted by the State Nominating Committee. The two trustees of the initial Board of Trustees name in the Articles of Incorporation (who are not officers of NY State) shall serve until the next annual meeting of the State Executive Board of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of New York. At such annual meetings there shall be one elected for a term of Three years and one for a term of five years to succeed those trustees whose terms of office are then expiring. Thereafter these two trustees shall be elected by the State Executive Board for a term of five years to succeed those trustees whose terms of office are then expiring.~~

*Rationale: The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid was dissolved by the Board of Trustees.*

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**NYSO PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES for 5/21/2021**

Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu*, Chair

**PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGES for 5/1/2021**

in accordance with **Section 13 of the Standing Rules of New York State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** the Bylaws and Rules Committee and the NYSO Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **Standing Rules of New York State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board or the Pi State Convention at their meetings May 1, 2021 in Lake Placid, NY.

**In addition to the following proposed changes the Bylaws and Rules Committee in consultation with the Pi State Executive Board reserves the right to make numbering wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

• **To Amend Standing Rule Section 8, COMMITTEES, SR 8.5 Scholarship, SR 8.51**

**To Read:** The Scholarship Committee shall finance scholarships from monies in the A.

Evadna Crawford, Phebe Mersereau Eldridge, Georgia I. Hartmann, Jeanette Johnson, Edna B. Mack, **Gladys L. Mersereau**, Jennie F. Snapp, Ruth E. Williams, Iona M. Keeler, and the Pi State Scholarship Funds as stated in their endowment documents.

*Rationale: A decision reached by the Gladys L. Mersereau Board of Trustees to dissolve the Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid Fund and move the monies to the Scholarship Committee.*

• **To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, SCHOLARSHIPS, SR 9.2, SR 9.21**

**To Read:** Application forms and information may be obtained by contacting the Pi State Scholarships Committee Chair or may be found on our NY State Organization website. *Rationale: This reflects current procedural practice of the use of the website.*

• **To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, SCHOLARSHIPS, SR 9.2 Procedures, SR 9.22 To Read:**

**Applications and the three letters of reference must be emailed or postmarked no later than February**

**15 and sent to the Pi State Scholarships Chair.** *Rationale: The committee now accepts email as well as snail mail applications.*

**4. To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, SCHOLARSHIPS SR.9.3, SR 9.36**

**To Read:** The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship is given to recipients who are early career educators or **collegiate members or to recipients who are Native Americans** who wish to become teachers or work in the field of education. **Special consideration is given to Native American applicants and Collegiate members. The two-year membership requirement for a scholarship is waived for Native American applicants and collegiate members.** The Iona M. Keeler fund has a base of \$50,000. The amount available for scholarships shall be no more than 5 percent of the base amount. The Scholarship Committee shall administer this fund.

*Rationale: The wording has been fixed to reflect Iona M. Keeler's wish per her will.*

**5. To Amend Standing Rule Section 9, SCHOLARSHIPS, by adding SR 9.37 To Read: The Gladys L. Mersereau Scholarship is offered to collegiate members to provide financial assistance towards the completion of their degrees in the field of education. Their years of membership shall be waived.**

*Rationale: The GLM Board of Trustees moved to have the GLM monies go to the Scholarship Committee specifically for Collegiate members.*

**6. To Amend Standing Rules Section 11, AWARDS, SR 11.2**

**By Striking:** SR-11.25 The recipient of a Native American Grant will be the guest of NY State at the awards ceremony where she receives her grant.

*Rationale: Our meeting schedule and college semester schedules are not conducive for this arrangement. Recipients are sent their check after verification of successfully completing the semester.*

**7. To Amend Standing Rule Section 11.3-11.34 By Striking 11.3 Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s) in Aid**

~~The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s) in Aid is given to non-members whose education was interrupted and who now need financial help to return to school and complete the requirements for teacher certification.~~

~~11.32 NY State members who know of a worthy candidate may secure application forms from the NY State President. The applicant must make out these forms in full with substantiating letters: one of which must be written by a member of NY State The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.~~

~~11.33 Applications must be postmarked no later than February 15.~~

~~11.34 The NY State President shall serve as chair of this committee. *Rationale: If Article X Section D 1 a-d is being struck from the BYLAWS it Becomes necessary to strike SR 11.3-11.34.*~~

**8. To Amend:**

All Voucher Guidelines shall change the mileage reimbursement to **Forty Cents (\$ 0.40) per mile.**

*Rationale: This is the present practice of the New York State Organization as stated in SR 2.12.*

**9. Amendments for 1. Section I, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY To Amend: Part A.**

**To Read:**

**A. State Meetings and Responsibilities**

*Rationale: This clarifies which meetings and responsibilities are reimbursable.*

**To Amend Section I, Part A, Meetings and Responsibilities,**

State Committees (All Committees within budgetary allowance) **To Read:**

**PRESIDENT: NY State Organization (NYSO), BYLAWS,**

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: NY State Organization (NYSO)**

*Rational: This change in organization name is authorized by NYSO BYLAWS,*

*Article XXII, Section D, to be in accord with the DKG Constitution( current revision).*

**To Amend Section 1, Part B, Authorized Expenses To Read:**

**Part B: State Authorized Expenses**

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

**To Amend Section 1, Part B, Authorized Expenses To Read:**

**Hotel: President: Single Occupancy**

**Executive Secretary: One-half (1/2) cost of double room**

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

To Amend Section 1, Part C. Expenses for International and Northeast Regional Conference To Read:

**President: Single Occupancy**

**Executive Secretary: One-half (1/2) cost of double room**

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

**10. Amendments for Addendum 1, Page 2, Section II. VICE PRESIDENTS (2), SECRETARY, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

To Amend Section II, Part A. Meetings and Responsibilities To Read:

**A. State Meetings and Responsibilities**

*Rationale: This clarifies which meetings and responsibilities are reimbursable.*

To Amend Section II, Part A. Meetings and Responsibilities

**By Striking:**

~~\*Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)~~

~~\*International Convention (Immediate Past President only) To Read:~~

**A. State Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (except own)

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

To Amend Section II, Part B. Authorized Expenses To Read:

**Part B: State Authorized Expenses**

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

**11. Amendment for Addendum 1, Page 2, Section III. TREASURER AND EDITOR**

To Amend Part C: Expenses for International and Northeast Regional Conference

Meals: Up to an average of \$30 per day including tax and tip plus Birthday

Luncheon and President's Banquet

By Striking ~~**Birthday Luncheon and President's Banquet**~~ To Read:

**Meals: Up to an average of \$30 per day including tax and tip**

*Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.*

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

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

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

10. In 1961 in her home's basement, Ruth Colvin and some neighbors founded Literacy Volunteers of America. She had read something disturbing in The Syracuse Post-Standard - the results of the 1960 U.S. Census. In Syracuse, there were 11,000 people who were functionally illiterate. (Literacy Volunteers of America merged with Laubach Literacy International in 2002. The new organization was dubbed ProLiteracy which served more than 245,000 people last year.)

**Be sure to read this entire article in the Spring Edition of Pi Lights!**

**REGISTRATION  
TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS**

**2021 NY State Convention**

April 30 - May 2, 2021

Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid 12946

*Please Note: Form is due March 11, 2021. No transportation requests will be accepted after March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Transportation requests will be processed for cities of Saranac Lake, Plattsburgh, Albany, Syracuse and  
Burlington, Vermont only.*

*For questions or special arrangements, please contact Chairs.*

*Please PRINT the following information:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\*Cell Phone\*\*\*** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Form of Transportation**

**Airplane:** Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Train:** Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Trip # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Trip # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus:** Name of Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Bus # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure:** From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ Bus # \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check bus schedules since some carriers arrive and depart from Lake Placid.*

**Please complete this form and send by postal mail or email as an attachment to:**

**Sue Kenoyer, 254 Allen Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901**

*e-mail: [SueKenoyerDKG@gmail.com](mailto:SueKenoyerDKG@gmail.com) phone: (518)420-3447*

*Members submitting transportation requests will receive a confirmation email,  
directions for pick-up and contact information for their driver by return email.*

**Nominations for Woman of Distinction Awards**

Each biennium, every Chapter can recognize one woman from their Chapter as a **Woman of Distinction**. At our April 30-May 2, 2021, DKG New York State President's Convention in Lake Placid, the Educational Excellence Committee will be recognizing these distinguished women.

A woman of distinction is a DKG member who has contributed to her Chapter in a significant way. She supports and promotes DKG. Perhaps she is an Officer or a quiet person working behind the scenes. It is up to each Chapter to set their criteria. Please join us in nominating one member from your Chapter who will be recognized. Chapter Presidents, or their designee, are asked to submit the following information by **January 27, 2021**:

Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Name of Nominee – (Please check spelling)

Name and Email of Person submitting the nomination

Submit the above information to Educational Excellence Committee member: **Sue Norris**,  
[sknorris@frontiernet.net](mailto:sknorris@frontiernet.net), by **January 27, 2021**.

This award takes some thoughtfulness, and discussion as a chapter, to choose your Woman of Distinction. So even though January 27<sup>th</sup> seems a long way away, we ask that you start this process now. FDF Sales has "Woman of Distinction" pins. They will also be for sale at the April Convention in case your Chapter or your nominee would like to purchase one. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Norris EEC Chair.

Submitted by **Sue Norris**

**CALL for Member's Showcase Displays***NYSO DKG 2021 Convention*

April 30, 2021 ... Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid 12946

**Deadline for Proposals: March 20, 2021**

Send Application Form to:

**Marilyn Kretser, 4 The Ninety Road, Morrisonville, NY 12962***phone: (518)561-1429 email: [mkretser@yahoo.com](mailto:mkretser@yahoo.com)**Please note: Applications will not be accepted after the due date.***The 2021 Convention Steering Committee is seeking Showcase proposals that highlight the unique skills or accomplishments of NY State members.**

Have you, or do you know a member who, published a book, is a gifted artist or potter, is a quilter, a poet, or any other special talent or innovative expression that can be highlighted in displays at the 2021 Convention? Highlighting members by celebrating their creative or innovative talents beyond education will be an exciting addition to our Convention. **Displays must be delivered to Showcase Committee for set-up at the Crowne Plaza on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am. The Member's Showcase will be open for attendees from 1:30 - 5:00pm. All author's books will be available for purchase from FDF Sales on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> during hours of operation.**

Artist/Author Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Showcase Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. in DKG: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

For Office Use Only - Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**73<sup>rd</sup> NY State Convention**  
**TENTATIVE Schedule-at-a-Glance**  
**April 30 – May 2, 2021**  
**Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY**

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

- 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: “A Pandemic of Misinformation: Teaching Digital Literacy”,** Eileen Venezia and Emilie Stris, *Gamma Alpha*  
*“V” is not for Vacuum*, Lynn Morgan, Heather White, and Andy Burns, *Chi*  
*“Proposed Changes to NYS Bylaws & Standing Rules”, Beryl Szwed, Chair and BYLAWS and Standing Rules Committee*  
**7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session II:**  
*“All Aboard... and see our Country!”*, Ginny Dudko, *Tau*  
*“Creating Successful Chapter Programs”,* Barbara Bostwick Quinn, *Beta*  
*“Growing Membership with “Commit-mint, Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint”,* Deb Bedard and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee  
 8:20-9:15pm Welcome & Keynote  
 9:15-10:15pm Round Table Discussion with International Second VP, June Bowers  
 10:15pm Set-up for Executive Board Meeting

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

- 6:45-8:00am Optional Breakfast  
 8:00-9:30am & 1:30-4:30pm Registration  
 8:15-9:15am Executive Board Meeting  
 9:30-11:00am General Session  
 8:15-11:00am Set-up for Member’s Showcase  
 11:00am-5:00pm Member’s Showcase  
 11:30-1:30pm Birthday Luncheon  
 1:30-5:00pm FDF Sales  
**1:45-2:30pm Workshop Session III: “Assessing Student Achievement Through Multimedia Presentations”,** Dr. Margaret Leone and Kathryn Inhelder, *Psi*  
*“Road Scholar: Educational Travel for Adults”,* Ellie Robinson, *Alpha Tau*  
*“Mindful Resilience”,* Jenny Morrill  
**2:40-3:25pm Workshop Session IV: “Storytelling in the classroom”,** Karen Glass, *Beta Mu*  
*“Combine Travel and Study into one Great Experience!”*, Rosemary Van Wart and Travel and Study Committee  
*“Straight from the top: DKG issues and updates”,* June Bowers, International Second VP, International Guest  
 3:35-4:35pm Annual Meeting for Pi State Educational Foundation  
 3:35-4:45pm Music Rehearsal  
 5:45-6:15pm Social Time (Cash Bar)  
 6:00-6:30pm Chapter Presidents Line-Up  
 6:30-9:30pm Founders & President’s Banquet & Installation of State Officers  
 9:31-10:00pm Receiving Line (if possible)  
 10:00-10:30pm Hour of Remembrance Rehearsal

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

8:00-10:00am Registration

9:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance

10:30am-1:00pm Scholarship, Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid Brunch

1:15-1:45pm Transition Meeting of 2017-19 &amp; 2019-20 Executive Committees

*STK revised 12.2.20*

## Congratulations to Deborah Bedard! Pi State Achievement Award Recipient 2020

It was thrilling to honor Deborah Bedard with the Pi State Achievement Award at our Fall Zoom Conference. Her DKG life of service, volunteering and innovation made her the perfect recipient. Congratulations to Deb!

Each chapter is invited to look into its own membership and consider a sister who has been active in the State as well as the chapter and who had been an attendee at Regional and International Conferences. The application for such a deserving sister can be found on the NYSO website under Pi State Achievement Award. February 15 is the deadline for the application for your chapter's deserving sister.

**Ellie Robinson, Chair**



*Deborah Bedard holds the  
Pi State Achievement Pin*

### Announcement

The NYSO DKG World Fellowship Committee has prepared a power point presentation, "*Empowering Global Diversity*", which highlights the ongoing opportunities that DKG International promotes through World Fellowship grants offered to international women to achieve higher levels of study in the US and Canada. The written words personally expressed by three recent Fellowship Grant recipients who studied in New York State are presented with the impactful follow-up that they have achieved after returning to their home countries. They continue to make valuable contributions in education and social justice. As an added point of interest embracing the history of DKG in promoting literacy and further understanding of global diversity, two prominent DKG women are depicted who have made a difference by leading the way by following their chosen path in *going forward ever!*

Please contact either **Kathleen Bishop** at [bisbur1@earthlink.net](mailto:bisbur1@earthlink.net) or **Sue Genthner** at [subeart@aol.com](mailto:subeart@aol.com) to receive a link through Dropbox. The [30 slide](#) power point is set-up for the presenter to proceed manually with talking points embedded in the slides. This would be perfect for use on a Zoom meeting in part or entirely as a focus on World Fellowship Fundraising.

**Nyuan Suzie Sabat Williams,  
World Fellowship Recipient**



### WORLD EDUCATION



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

**Colleen A. Kelly, Gamma Alpha**



## CALENDAR OF NY STATE IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## October 2020 – October 2021

June 1, 2020	Room Block for the Delta Hotels Utica, Open, 2020 Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. Call 315-797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Reservation Link: <a href="https://www.marriott.com/ucade">Marriott.com/ucade</a> Block Rate is \$119.00 +10.75% tax (\$131.80).
October 16, 2020	NY State Executive Committee Meeting
October 16-17, 2020	NY State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar: Delta Hotels Utica, Utica
November 1, 2020	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due
November 1, 2020	Workshop Convention Proposals for NY State 2021 Convention due to NY State EEC Chair
November 13, 2020	Pi State Educational Foundation Meeting via Zoom.
November 15, 2020	<b>DEADLINE TO FILE:</b> All Chapter Treasurers file IRS Form 990: A copy must go to NY State Treasurer.
November 15, 2020	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Recommendations for NY State Elected Officers to the NY State Nominations Committee Chair
November 15, 2020	Nominations for NY State Finance Committee from South Central, North Central, Northern, Capital & Eastern and for NY State Nominations Committee from Northwestern, Southwestern, West Central, East Central & Southeastern due to NY State Nominations Committee Chair
November 15, 2020	NY State <i>BYLAWS/Standing Rules</i> recommendations for changes due to NY State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair
December 1, 2020	<b>DEADLINE:</b> <i>Pi Lights</i> Winter issue information to NY State Editor (Mailed issue)
January 11, 2021	NYSO Convention Steering Meeting via Zoom.
January 18, 2021	NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee Meeting Via Zoom.
January 25, 2021	NYSO Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
February 1, 2021	International Scholarship applications due
February 1, 2021	Chapter Annual Necrology Report (Form 2)
February 2, 2021	NYSO Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on State Finances via Zoom.
February 15, 2021	<b>DEADLINE:</b>  NY State Scholarships  Travel and Study Stipends

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<b>February 15, 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</li> <li>🏆 The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</li> <li>🏆 Pi State Achievement Award</li> <li>🏆 The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award</li> <li>🏆 The Bea Small Award</li> </ul>
March 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Spring issue information to NY State Editor (Online issue)</b>
March 1, 2021	<b>All NY State Officers, Elected Personnel and Committee Chairs Reports due for 2019 Convention Red Book to the NY State Executive Secretary</b>
March 8, 2021	<b>NYSO Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom.</b>
March 30, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: Room Block closes for the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid for the NY State Convention</b>
April 12, 2021	<b>NYSO Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom.</b>
April 30-May 2, 2021	<b>NYS Convention: Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY</b>
May 1, 2021	<b>Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due</b>
Week of May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	<b>IMPORTANT: Chapter Presidents will receive the form to fill out for the Chapter information for the NY State Supplement to the Two-Year Directory.</b>
June 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information to NY State Editor (Online issue)</b>
June 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: All Chapter members' dues sent to Chapter Treasurer.</b>
June 30, 2021	<b>Chapter Standing Rules due to NY State President, NY State Chair BYLAWS &amp; Rules and NY State Parliamentarian</b>
July 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: Chapter dues sent to International and NY State Treasurer</b>
July 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: Supplement Updates for the Two-Year Directory (2021-2022) due to NYS Executive Secretary</b>
July 15, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: Chapter Treasurers submit Form 15 to NY State Treasurer</b>
July 7-10, 2021	<b>Regional Conference: Portland, Oregon</b>
July 21-24, 2021	<b>Regional Conference: San Antonio, Texas</b>
July 28-31, 2021	<b>Regional Conference: Tampere, Finland (Possible rescheduled for 2023)</b>
August, 2021	<b>TBA: LDS for Incoming State Chairs for 2021-2023</b>
September 1, 2021	<b>DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Fall issue information to NY State Editor (online issue)</b>
<b>REMINDER:</b>	<b>Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership &amp; Expansion Committee Chair asap</b>

### Applications due February 15, 2021 For Bea Small Awards

A reminder that applications are due February 15, 2021 for NYS Organization DKG Bea Small Awards. Your Chapter should apply for The Bea Small Awards if you have an ongoing project for the past two years and the project meets the needs of a specific population in your chapter's geographic area.

The Bea Small Award was established in memory of Bea Small, a member of Omega Chapter. The sole purpose of the Award is to recognize NYS Organization DKG Chapter (s) having an outstanding existing program/project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.

A chapter may receive the award a maximum of two times for the same project. Applications are available on the NYS website, must be completed and mailed to the Chair of the Committee no later than February 15, 2021.

We hope your chapter will apply!

**Submitted by Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**

### Pride of New York:

On a spring-like day in early November, members of *Alpha Pi Chapter*, masked and socially distanced, gathered in our president Joanne Carroll's driveway to continue a time honored tradition in our chapter. We assembled "Welcome Bags" for women entering the Walter Hoving Home, a facility for women to help them recover from drug and alcohol addiction. Women who arrive there for the first time usually come with nothing, so the welcome bags help them by providing some basic necessities to get them started on the road to recovery.

## Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Reminder!

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

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

**All sections** of the completed application must be **mailed** with a postmark date no later than February 15 to be considered. The nominator must include her **nomination form, letter of support and documentation**. Please cut and paste the following link into your web browser to access an application for the Frederica Hollister award: <https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html>

For further information, please contact the Chair **Dr. Renee L. Funke**, [ReneeFunkeDKG@gmail.com](mailto:ReneeFunkeDKG@gmail.com)

## Travel and Study 2021

The women of DKG are a positive group, forward thinking, creative and lifelong learners among their many attributes. With that in mind, our NYSO Travel and Study Committee wants to remind all our sisters throughout the state that we will continue to offer the Travel and Study Stipend for 2021.

With the promise of a vaccine to protect people from the Coronavirus, we hope that travel will start to return to a more normal level and that DKG sponsored events will return soon after as well. Then our members will feel freer and safer about taking advantage of the opportunities to travel and study.

In anticipation of that, The Travel and Study Committee would like to encourage our NYSO members to apply for the Travel and Study Stipend. Two stipends are given every year, each of up to \$1,000, with every effort made to award one to an educator currently teaching and one to a retired educator. Past recipients have used the stipend to travel to DKG International Conventions, Regionals here and abroad, and CTAUN. From their reports about their experiences, they have found this travel and study to be professionally and personally enriching. So why not make 2021 the year that *you* apply?!

Applications may be found on the NYSO website and may be filled out and mailed or done interactively. The deadline is February 15, 2021. Contact information for Rosemary Van Wart, Travel and Study Committee Chair, is on the website. The Committee and I look forward to hearing from you with any questions you may have and of course, lots of applications! Until then, be well.

*Rosemary Van Wart, Chair*

## The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees Nominations Due by February 15, 2021

In 1983 The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award was established in honor of Verna Mulholland, elected Pi State President in 1981, and serving until her untimely death in 1982.

The award was in response to her interest in recognizing non-educators' influence on education.

A stipulation of the award is to honor a New York State woman, ineligible for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, who has been a positive influence on education. The recipient must be a woman outside the profession who has worked significantly toward improving the educational opportunities of others and who has given outstanding service to promote quality education.

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Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award and to send the nomination application to the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair by February 15, 2021. The Nomination Application Form is on the website.

For further information contact the Chair of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees Emilie Stris, [ejstris@hotmail.com](mailto:ejstris@hotmail.com).

The funds for this Award are dependent on voluntary contributions. To make it possible to continue presenting the Award for many more years, you are encouraged to make donations to the NYSO Fund. Contribution forms are on the website.

**Emilie Stris**, Chair Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

### NYSO DKG Awards Committee

Thanks to you NYSO DKG sisters, the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership development available to members and non-members continues to thrive!! We raised over \$3500 in such an unusual time of not meeting in person. You are amazing!

Since our Spring Executive Board Meeting and seminar of 2019 was cancelled by executive order of the governor's office, we continued to have tickets available. The benefit drawing was supposed to occur in person in Utica on October 16 and 17th. But again, Covid19 had a different plan so over a virtual executive session names were drawn to receive one of 9 gift cards.

The recipients of our 9 benefit drawing gift cards were **Dawn Goodman-Alpha Tau**, **Mary Ann Baldari-Alpha Beta**, **Andrea Null-Pi**, **Sandy Sucher-Alpha Tau**, **Fran Seymour-Beta Chi**, **Debi Lutz-Beta Gamma**, **Patricia Thompson-Beta Omicron**, **Beverly Merritt-Alpha Theta**, and **Jennifer Thompson-Zeta**.

**Congratulations to all the recipients!** We hope the gift cards come in handy during this time of the pandemic.

NYSO DKG Awards committee recognizes how difficult the pandemic has been on chapter meetings, area council conferences, and other in person meetings. At this time, we would hope you can continue to find ways to support our cause and our sisters by getting tickets for Convention in April at Lake Placid 2021.

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

1. Check out the NYSO DKG website ([www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)) for a list of awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories. Please make sure they are identified and honored with a NYSO DKG Award.
2. Purchase NYSO DKG benefit tickets at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership fund. Perhaps chapters can find ways to purchase one ticket per member out of their budgets since we may not be able to meet in person.

**\*\*Feel free to share electronically with those who are unable to attend in person meetings\*\***

**Amy Zimmerman**, NYSO DKG Awards Committee Chair

## NYSO Awards Benefit Patrons 2019-2020

The Awards Committee would like to thank all our patrons to the benefit drawing from 2019-2020. During these hard times, please consider donations to the drawing for Convention 2021. If we misspelled your name, please forgive us. It can be difficult to read some printed names.

**Beta**

Sandy Attleson  
Chris Baron  
Lisa Benedict  
Marcia Bulger  
Judy Casciani  
Brenda Comolli  
Karen Cunningham  
Karen Currian  
Esther Davis  
Linda Delorenzo  
Jeanette Dippo  
Sarah Earl  
Susan Eligh  
Anna Finamore  
Melinda Gardner  
Ester Gros  
Mary Kay Hickey  
Kathryn Locke  
Lori Mc Givern  
Bonnie Meldrim  
Lynn New  
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn  
Norma Riley  
Jeanne Sangiorgi  
Deidra Scalza  
Lisa Scofield  
Kathleen Tavarone  
Deb Vibbard  
Janet Vorstadt  
Melinda Young

**Epsilon**

Catherine Bala  
Catherine Bingay  
Zora Clement  
Marylu Collins  
JoAnn Dobranski  
Rochelle Giumenta  
Julia Haupt  
Patricia McDonnell  
Mary McDonnell  
Rosemary Pepe  
Gloria Petitto  
Valerie Sawinski  
Virginia Sullivan

**Zeta**

Michelle Corona  
Doreen Croyle  
Patti Hunter  
Sandy Kay  
Pam Mitchell  
Stacy Rhubin

Annamarie Santorelly  
Renee Silverman  
Janice Steeves  
Jennifer Thompson

**Pi**

Keara Battisti  
Celia Bradford  
Linda Casler  
Debbie Conte  
Deb Eckler  
Grace Frederes  
Irene Hauser  
Maura Hibbits  
Louise Huth  
Andrea Null  
Sharon Marie Perrallo  
Claudia Rockwell  
Jean Sekel  
Lori Shuster  
Phoebe Sitterly  
Judy Sinner

**Rho**

Chapter members

**Tau**

Karen Billig  
Mona Lee Bogan  
Karen Crumley  
Ginny Dudko  
Leah Exner  
Elizabeth Huggler  
Franci Solomon-Kirtack  
Debi Levine  
Mary Ellyn Levy  
Pat Segar

**Chi**

Madelyn Perry  
Patricia Burke  
Stella Garitz  
Myrajean Koster  
Liz Kuhl  
Sue Pennock  
Marianne Malatino  
Pat Ford  
Patricia Randall  
Donna Zehr  
Dorrie Boliver

**Psi**

Fran Baroody

Mary Brassard  
Alison Brown  
Bev Burnell  
Judy Corigliano  
Kathryn Curran  
Paula Delaurentis  
Veronica Hollingsworth  
Sue Kenoyer  
Marilyn Kretzer  
Kathy Lavoie  
Margaret Leone  
Elaine D Rice

**Omega**

Jan Astles  
Cindy Avery  
Angela Bates  
Jenn Bay  
Christine Bennett  
Lydia Berrong  
Evie Bottorf  
Gail Burr  
Karen Busby  
Mary Cherniss  
Sharry Cirulli  
Denise Clark  
Linda Coons  
Mary Dorgan  
Renee Durso  
Judy Farris  
Jerry Fletcher  
Anne Forbes  
Phyllis Frantel  
Helene Goodberlet  
Mary Martha Harvey  
Elizabeth Hezel  
Kristin Jabara  
Laura Hill  
Lynda John  
Judy Kiehle  
Mary King  
Wendy Kierst  
Jennifer Nobel  
Bev Lanoue  
Mary Lou Lawrence  
Della Ludwig  
Lois Ludwig  
Cindy Lynch  
Deanna Massucco  
Sally Maxson  
Adelle Miller-Wadsworth  
Elizabeth Mussack

Cindy Myers  
Marilyn Nicholson  
Tammy Olmstead  
Deborah Poplasky  
Sharyn Powell  
Holly Rich  
Gail Rumsey  
Dawn Scales  
Mary Shelley  
Bev Simons  
Kerry Smartt  
Peg Snyder  
Deb Trombino  
Linda Upchurch  
Kay Van Deusen  
Karen Varricchio  
Kristin Wahl  
Maggie Wiegand  
Janice Wright

**Alpha Alpha**

Betsy Balzano  
Bridget Bishop  
Pam Eberhardt  
Sue Genthner  
Donna Noble  
Lynne Keefer

**Alpha Beta**

Chapter members

**Alpha Gamma**

Deb Adelberg  
Lydia Blake  
Debbie Cestone  
Wanda Flickinger  
Janet Judson  
Marylyn Kowalczyk  
Mary LoScalzo  
Mary Ann M<sup>c</sup>Morrow  
Emmy Schwartz  
Claudia Sullivan  
Dorene Tomaskovic  
Barbara Warren  
Nancy Weiss  
Lori Whitman  
Florence Wildner

**Alpha Theta**

Chapter members

**Alpha Iota**

Joan Schum  
Luann Kehoe  
Gail Wentworth

**Alpha Kappa**

Susan Chra  
Diane Davison  
Arlene Ida  
Donna Langley-Peck  
Sharon Patrick  
Linda Seymour  
Nancy Siegel  
AnnSubramanian  
Maxine Terpening  
Katherine Town  
Wynee Wright  
Debra Zaffuts

**Alpha Lambda**

Diane Andriaccio  
Pat Bulger  
Mary Ellen Campiere  
Hettie Domino  
Theresa Deluca  
Carol Engle  
Lois Frazita  
Lois Frazita  
Patricia Harmon  
Bonnie Hogan  
Kathy Houghton  
Carolyn Jolley  
Sharon Kalhanek  
Paula Malesa  
Michel Pangloroli  
Nancy Pankow  
Fran Romeo  
Lucy Stanton  
Marcia Swiatek  
Anne Szczesny  
Dolores Tracy  
Maria Weimer

**Alpha Nu**

Chapter members

**Alpha Pi**

Janet Antonucci  
Joanne Carroll  
Theodora Cox  
Jean Kennedy  
Carol Lieto  
Julia Morreale  
Charlene Pasquale  
Rosemary Van Wart  
Corrine Wynne

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**Alpha Tau cont.**

Tammy Wood  
Amy Zimmerman

**Alpha Chi**

Chapter members

**Beta Gamma**

Linda Almeter  
Joan Carlucci  
Mary Carris  
George Ann Carter  
Marie Elena Denney  
Renee Falkowski  
Linda Flaherty  
Ursula Fuest  
Ruth Ann Fultz  
Kathy Hubacher  
Stephanie Jordan  
Becky Lane  
Debra Lutz  
Esther Mangino  
Diane McCallum  
Laurie McKeown  
Cathy Mlyriec  
Mary Margaret Morgan  
Nancy Morningstar  
Marie Ochal  
Pat Powell  
Diana Santora  
Eleanor Ann Smith  
Sandy Stachowiak  
Jill Wielkie

**Beta Delta**

Chapter members

**Beta Eta**

Chapter members

**Beta Theta**

Sharon Coleman  
Heidi Dates  
Kathryn Gray  
Claudia Hann  
Anne L'Hommedieu  
Diane Osborn  
Christine Stephens  
Marie Smith  
Marcia Waterman  
Sue Yonda

**Beta Mu**

Chapter members

**Beta Nu**

Diane Battaglia  
Dawn Benzin  
Sarah Crowe  
Bridget Carandori  
Maria Hager  
Doris Kirsch  
Sharon Parker  
Cathie Phelps  
Cindy Reger  
Sheila Vrenna  
Liz Wascak

**Beta Omicron**

Chapter members

**Beta Tau**

Julie Acomb  
Marcia Ayers  
Barb Christiansen  
Cathy Dickinson  
Patti Genereux  
Betsy Hoefen  
Karen Kelley  
Jonette Lancos  
Betty Minemier  
Anne Mosher  
Mary Lee Page  
Audrey Taylor  
Susan Schedebauer  
Barb Stewart  
Cindy Zeh

**Beta Chi**

Lisa Bartlett  
Bernadette Baldini  
Dorren Bonomo  
Laura Bronson  
Patty Carozza  
Margie Clark  
Laura Cotcamp  
Anne Drake  
Sue Gruber  
Janet Latour  
Erin Merrill

Charity Packard

Fran Seymour

Kelsey Sobilo

Fran Tempel

**Beta Omega**

Jennifer Lee-Alden  
Pat Bennison  
Margaret Connoly  
Joan Slagle

**Gamma Alpha**

Mary Luster Carpenter  
Elaine Callow  
Penny Ellis  
Joan Goldstein  
Christine Hanna  
Ginny Jordan  
Colleen Kelly  
Patricia Kelly  
Rita King  
Mary Metzger  
Debbie Ottenberg  
Deborah Rhem  
Emilie Stris

**Gamma Beta**

Donna Krayenvenger  
Karen Mauro  
Julie Cicero  
Debbie Szaflarski

Pam Suszczynski

Joan Holesco

Cheryl Turner

Mary Jane Fonte

**Gamma Epsilon**

Luanee Herzog  
Ann Adams  
Lisa Sargent  
Cindy Wells  
Pat washburn  
Patricia Bell  
Lisa Smithers  
Brenda Trivilino  
Chjristine Becker

**Gamma Zeta**

Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz  
Mary Bacalles  
Andrea Bocko  
Barbara Cook  
Mary Franklin  
Cathy Honness  
Diane Huggler  
Patty Kahl  
Diane Masters  
Cathy Patterson  
Anne Price  
Doris Roy  
Mary Suffern

## Finance Committee

In March 2020, the Finance Committee met and constructed a balanced budget. However, our membership numbers have decreased to the point that either cuts had to be made or dues had to be increased. For the past few years, cuts have been made. We have gone from four printed editions of *Pi Lights* to one. There has been an increased reliance on Go To/Zoom meetings even before the pandemic began. It was decided that to continue making cuts would compromise the ability to function at an acceptable level. Since 2013, there has been a net loss of 689 members of which 277 have passed. This means a decrease in dues income of \$11,280.50.

The Finance Committee is making a motion which will be voted on in the spring. The motion is to have an increase in dues beginning in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There has not been an increase in dues at the state level in over 20 years. It was felt that a modest dues increase is long overdue. The request is for reserve member dues to increase \$1.50 to \$10.00. Currently the reserve member dues are \$8.50. Active members dues would increase \$3.50 to \$20.00. Currently active member dues are \$16.50. The Finance Committee is mindful that any increase in dues could be a hardship, however, it was felt that this was a very reasonable increase.

Respectfully submitted, **Mona Lee Bogan**, Finance Committee Chair

## Membership & Expansion Committee

As members of an international organization of key women educators we have discovered creative ways to keep our members engaged during these stressful COVID times. Chapters from around our state have shared how they are safely meeting the challenge. The NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee hopes these ideas will help our chapters continue to address the mission, vision, and purposes of our Society.

### East Central Area Council

*Beta Theta Chapter* met at a park pavilion in September and met via Zoom in October and November. For 2021, we have programs scheduled for meeting in person, but our Plan B for each meeting will be to use Zoom. We now have a Facebook page and an Instagram account, and we've started a project called Basket of Cheer. We will be putting

baskets in all 23 buildings in Wayne County and filling them with little goodies like soap, hand lotion, gum, hard candy, mints, tea bags, hot chocolate packets, etc., with our chapter name attached to each item. We're trying to make our name more visible while also supporting working teachers. In addition, we're going to have shirts made that include our name, *Beta Theta*, as well as the Delta Kappa Gamma symbol.

**Anne L'Hommedieu**, President, *Beta Theta* Chapter, East Central

### Capital Area Council

*Beta Omega Chapter* had a unique meeting this fall. Our chapter officers prepared decorated bags containing a white mask with a rose decal, DKG logo pen, small sticky pad and candy which was delivered to individual members by President Karen Jones, First Vice-President **Brita Donovan** and Secretary **Maureen Kunz**. These chapter officers scheduled a personal delivery and chat to each member at her home. It was a most successful and warm way to connect with each other and with NYSO President Sue Kenoyer's theme.

**Joan Slagle**, *Beta Omega Chapter*, Capital Area

### South Central Area Council

We at *Beta Omicron Chapter* have been holding Zoom meetings. Keeping to a time limit has helped encourage people to sign in. We have also begun to focus on getting to know one another better. It seems that is what you do during a COVID outbreak. Last month teachers from different districts reported on the reopening plans for their schools. This month we have an ice breaker to learn more about each other. We are working on a way to recognize each other's strengths next month.

**Doreen McGrath**, President *Beta Omicron*, South Central

Look for more chapter stories coming in the Spring issue of *Pi Lights*

## NYSO Necrology Updates

### NYSO FORM 6:

When a beloved sister in your Chapter passes away it is vital that we receive this information in a timely manner. To report a death, NYSO Chapter Presidents should complete the new **NYSO Form 6** and send it to the Membership and Expansion Chair, **Deborah Bedard**. ([dmbedard@yahoo.com](mailto:dmbedard@yahoo.com)) Our NYSO Form 6 can be located on our NYSO website (<https://www.dkgnystate.org/>) under the tab entitled, Chapter Resources, Membership Page.

(<https://www.dkgnystate.org/membership-resources.html>) **Please do not use the International Form 6.** As Membership Chair, I will share the information with International and our NYSO Treasurer, **Suzanne Patrick**.

### NYSO FORM 2:

By February 1 of 2021, each NYSO Chapter is asked to submit their Annual Necrology Report (NYSO FORM 2). To ease the burden for state leaders, we have developed our own state form and **will no longer be using the International Form**. This new form can be located again on our website under the tab entitled, Chapter Resources, Membership Page. During our NYSO Convention in the spring of 2021 we will be honoring and celebrating the lives of members we have lost during 2019-2021. Your completion of this form will ensure that all our departed sisters are included and remembered.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or have any questions using these new forms.

### *In Loving Memory Of... ..*

<b>Joanne Truman</b>	March 15, 20
<b>Anne C. Cordick</b>	August 29, 2020
<b>Sandra L. Eddy</b>	September 6, 2020
<b>Joyce Chinksy</b>	September 30, 2020
<b>MyraJean Koster</b>	October 4, 2020
<b>Elizabeth A. Mussack</b>	October 9, 2020
<b>Patricia McDonnell</b>	October 19, 2020
<b>Karen Enderby</b>	November 1, 2020
<b>Karen Thomas</b>	November 3, 2020
<i>A special friend of our NYSO</i>	
<b>Pauline Levin</b>	August 10, 2020

Submitted by **Deborah Bedard**, *Membership & Expansion 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. Even though we haven't been meeting in person, the work of the Foundation has gone on.

The annual meeting of the Pi State Educational Foundation will be held at this year's New York State's Convention at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, New York. It will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Grant winners from the past 2 years will give updates on their projects at this meeting. There will be an election of one director to the Board of Directors at this meeting. The seat of **Ellen Hughes** is up and she is running for reelection. If you are interested in also running for this seat, please send an email of interest to **Ginny Dudko** at [gdudko50@gmail.com](mailto:gdudko50@gmail.com). We will receive a financial report and voting to establish the new Agnes Becker Literacy Scholarship will take place. We also hope to introduce the new Foundation logo designed by one of our Foundation members—see more information in this *Pi Lights* issue!

The directors are pleased to announce that despite the shutdown, we received one grant application in the November 1st funding round. Congratulations to **Diane Cappellino** of *Beta Delta chapter* for her grant entitled "EEK!" (Explore, Experiment, Engage for Kids). Students at the Elizabeth Cady Stanton School in Grades 3-5 will participate in a monthly after-school history, thematic program. The grant was awarded for \$1000.

There are a number of grants that are outstanding, due to shutdowns and the Corona virus. The Board has extended grant deadlines, of course, during this time. Do remember, though, that all project directors are still responsible for reporting on your grant at the convention and in writing and your financial responsibilities when things ease up and you are able to complete your grants.

We really missed the personal contact that face-to-face meetings give us at chapter, area and state meetings. Sadly, the Foundation treasury has really taken a "hit" with not meeting in person. Many of you wait for these meetings to make your donations. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, our treasury balance was down \$3000 from July 1, 2019. Our 20-in-20 Challenge fell woefully short of its goal, seeing less than a dozen donors. HELP . . . we can only continue to fund great literacy and learning projects with everyone's assistance. So, if possible, download a donor form from our section on the state website and send in your donation. Thank you so much.

The Pi State Educational Foundation has never had its own logo. This will soon change with YOUR help! We are inviting any and all Foundation members to submit ideas for a design to become the "official PSEF LOGO!" Please find the application form in this issue of *Pi Lights*. Wouldn't you love to be "the" person who is known forever as the designer of the Foundation's logo? 😊

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Foundation . . . remember that the deadline for the next funding round is May 1, 2021. Apply for a grant!

Submitted by **Ginny Dudko**

### LOGO DESIGN SUBMISSION APPLICATION

A logo is a major identifier of who we are and what we stand for. It can make us seem more professional and influence the success of our Foundation for the future. Keep this in mind when designing your submission. Logos may be shrunk as small as 1 x 1 inch (letterhead) or enlarged to a 10-inch size (shirts or jackets.) All entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2021** and sent by mail to **Ginny Dudko at 41 Wilson Rd., Sparrowbush, NY 12780** OR emailed to [gdudko50@gmail.com](mailto:gdudko50@gmail.com) by that date. *Only Pi State Educational Foundation members may submit entries.* (If you are not a Foundation member, find a membership application on the NYSO website for the Foundation and then submit an entry!) Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your logo design on paper or digitally.



<b>Educational Foundation New Members &amp; Donors</b>					
<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>NEW MEMBER</b>	<b>DONATION</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>	<b>IN HONOR OF</b>
Rosann Gonzalez	Alpha Phi	\$25			
Richard & Sharon Patrick	Alpha Kappa		a donation was made	Marea Reid Roberts	
Andrea Morris	Alpha Beta		a donation was made	Anne Price	
Barbara Stewart	Beta Tau	\$25			
Carol Witbeck			a donation was made	Marea Reid Roberts	
Thunder Road Seniors, Inc.			a donation was made	Marea Reid Roberts	
Mu Chapter	Mu		a donation was made	Barbara R. McCaffery	
Doreen Croyle	Zeta	\$25			
Dorene Clarkin	Alpha Chi	\$25			
Cindy Reger	Beta NU	\$25			
Janet Aradine			a donation was made	Marea Reid Roberts	
Rosa M. Hosp	Alpha Chi		a donation was made	Monica McCabe	
Eileen Wuethrich	Alpha Alpha		a donation was made	Jeanette Banker	
Eileen Wuethrich	Alpha Alpha		a donation was made	Frances Whited Moroney	
Louise Huth	Pi		20 in 20 donation		
Linda Casler	Pi		20 in 20 donation		Pi Chapter Members
Elaine McNulty	Pi		20 in 20 donation		Celia Bradford
Jean Sekel	Pi		20 in 20 donation		Sue Summerfield
Rosa M. Hosp	Alpha Chi		a donation was made	Joann Truman	
Jean Sekel	Pi		a donation was made	Joann Truman	
Omega Chapter	Omega		a donation was made	Deb Trombino	
Omega Chapter	Omega		a donation was made		annual donation
Omega Chapter	Omega		a donation was made	June Renner	
Ginny Dudko	Tau		a donation was made		Jean & Larry Sekel 50th Anniversary
Carol Zaleski	Alpha Chi		a donation was made	Joann Truman	
Beta Tau	Beta Tau		a donation was made	Margaret Vangalio	
Beta Tau	Beta Tau		a donation was made	Jane Hogan	
Amy Marie Plowe Suss	Beta Theta	\$25			
Karen Crumley	Tau		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Alpha Lambda	Alpha Lambda		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Joan Slagle	Beta Omega		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Jeanne Schenk	Alpha Tau		a donation was made	Barbara McCaffery, Marcia Swiatek, & Pauline Levin	

**DKG Vision Statement:  
Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide**

### Educational Foundation New Members & Donors

NAME	CHAPTER	NEW MEMBER	DONATION	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
Jean Sekel	Pi		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Jean Sekel	Pi		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Karen Crumley	Tau		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Lochie Musso	Alpha Eta		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Lochie Musso	Alpha Eta		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Ginny Dudko	Tau		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Andrea H. Morris	Alpha Beta		a donation was made	Marcia Swiatek	
Andrea H. Morris	Alpha Beta		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Kristie Nielsen	Alpha Tau	\$25			
Melissa Henderson	Alpha Tau	\$25			
Mary McCarty	Tau		a donation was made	Pauline Levin	
Mary McCarty	Tau		a donation was made		Ginny Dudko
Mary McCarty	Tau		a donation was made		Jean Sekel
Rosp Hosp	Alpha Chi		a donation was made		Victoria Stocton Allen
Cynthia Burns-McDonald	Gamma Epsilon		20 in 20 Challenge		
Brenda Trivilino	Gamma Epsilon		20 in 20 Challenge		
Lennella McKinnon	Gamma Epsilon		20 in 20 Challenge		
Jane Crosby	Alpha Tau		a donation was made	Elizabeth Mussack	
Alpha Theta	Alpha Theta		a donation was made	Karen Enderby	
Annu Subramanian	Alpha Kappa	\$25			
Jean Sekel	Pi		a donation was made		Deborah Bedard
Pi Chapter	Pi		a donation was made	Joan L. Nellis	
Pi Chapter	Pi		a donation was made	Mary E. "Betty" Hunt	

### Pride of NY

### Beta Mu Chapter Welcomes New Members

In the first-ever Zoom induction attended by members from several states, Beta Mu, the Adirondack Park chapter of New York, Delta Kappa Society International Gamma of Leading Women Educators (DKG) formally welcomed three educators on September 16, 2020. The newest Beta Mu chapter members are Linda Grant and Dawn Pietras, recently retired from Saranac Lake Central School District. Pam Martin a retired secondary principal with the Tupper Lake Central School District, was originally inducted in 2004 and welcomed back as a reinstated member.



*Dawn Pietras*



*Linda Grant*



*Pam Martin*



*Chapter President Beryl Szwed presented key pins and roses to the new members on 10/24 at the Saranac Lake Interfaith Food Pantry where they and other Beta Mu members (Anne Cooney and RoseAnn Hickey) are regular volunteers*

*Submitted by Sara Kelly Johns*

## Christine Bennett, *Omega*, Receives Professional Human Capital Leader in Education Certification

Webster, New York, November 30, 2020 — Battelle for Kids, in partnership with the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (*AASPA*), is pleased to announce that **Christine Bennett**, *Omega* DKG, has completed the requirements to be certified as a Professional Human Capital Leader in Education (*pHCLE*). This certification recognizes individuals' mastery of a unique set of knowledge and skills at the intersection of education and human resources, designed to facilitate effective leadership and management in schools, districts, and other education organizations.

"Achieving certification as a Professional Human Capital Leader in Education shows a commitment to building capacity in essential human capital standards," explains Tony Bagshaw, chief improvement officer at Battelle for Kids. "Today, it is critical that school districts are able to recruit and retain top talent to ensure equitable access to excellent educators. To do that, schools need knowledgeable and skilled human capital professionals. The *pHCLE* certification program is rooted in professional standards that outline the competencies that human capital leaders must master to recruit, grow, and retain top talent."

The *pHCLE* program was developed by Battelle for Kids, in partnership with AASPA, for human capital leaders in Pre-K–12 education. The program is rooted in professional standards informed by feedback from hundreds of educators from across the country. Learn more about the *pHCLE* certification program at [HCEdLeaders.org](https://HCEdLeaders.org).

### About Battelle for Kids

Battelle for Kids is a national not-for-profit organization committed to collaborating with school systems and communities to realize the power and promise of 21st century learning for every student. Our team of experienced educators, alongside communications, technology, and business professionals, partners with school systems to provide an educational experience that prepares all students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become *lifelong learners* and *contributors* in a rapidly changing world. Our approach involves the entire school community—educators in partnership with students, parents, businesses, and other community leaders—to ensure sustainable impact in schools. Learn more at [BFK.org](https://BFK.org).

### About the American Association of School Personnel Administrators

AASPA is a 501(c)(3) and the only organization that specifically targets and represents school personnel professionals. AASPA's history reaches back to 1938 by providing every member with services, resources, and information vital to successful school human resource practices in the interest of students. AASPA now serves approximately 1,800 members from the United States and across the world and is headquartered in Overland Park, KS. Learn more at [AASPA.org](https://AASPA.org).



*Christine Bennett,  
Omega Chapter*

Submitted by Mary-Martha Harvey



*Evie Bottorf on the left and Adele Miller-Wadsworth on the right, receiving their 25-year pin awards from Co-President Denise Clark, Omega Chapter*

*Members of Beta Omega Chapter were surprised when a "September Meeting in a Bag" delivered to each member's home by an officer. Inside the bag were: chocolate kisses, DKG mask, DKG pen & pencil, DKG pad, sanitizer, and a personal note sending good wishes from the officers, under the direction of Karen Jones,*



## 2019-2021 State Officers

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