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# *Pi Lights*



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## **You're Invited**

**Join Your NYSO DKG Members at the  
DKG 2022 Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar**

**April 29-30, 2022**  
**Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center**  
801 University Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210



*Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Center*

**Room Block for the Sheraton Syracuse University is open  
until March 26, 2022**

**Call 888-627-7097**

**Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block**

**Block Rate is \$136.00 + 15% tax (\$156.40)**

***“Moving Forward With Purpose and Passion”***



*President Jennifer Lee-Alden*



**Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO**  
President 2021-2023

***“Moving Forward with  
Purpose and Passion”***

As we welcome the holiday season, I hope you enjoy treasured time with family and friends. In this year of re-engaging learners, it is easy to glance at the clock after school and realize the students have left two hours ago and there is still work to be done to get ready for the next day! Please remember to practice self-care and allow yourself to recharge! As a parent, I again thank you for your service to educating students across New York State; as a colleague I appreciate your dedication to our fine, noble profession; as your State President, I consider it an honor to be entrusted with ***moving our organization forward with purpose and passion...***

The Executive Committee continues to meet to discuss pertinent issues, one being the plan for our **Executive Board meeting on April 29 - 30, 2022 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center**. Please look inside this issue for more information on making hotel reservations and registering for this event. Our focus will be on re-engaging members at the Chapter, Area Council and State levels.

The **EEC** (Educational Excellence Committee) is developing a varied slate of offerings for your personal and professional growth. We will also be sharing opportunities to expand your knowledge and experience as a DKG member. A “sneak peek” on what they are working on is on page four.

As mentioned in the last issue, NYSO DKG offers many opportunities to recognize outstanding active and retired educators with our **Awards**, and members are eligible to apply for several **Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid**. Please peruse the articles and consider applying or nominating a member. The process is simple and straightforward, and there are members willing to assist you with your application. We are fortunate to be one of the few educational organizations that offer financial support to members!

This summer the **DKG International Convention** will be held in **New Orleans, July 12-16, 2022**. Please visit the International website at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org) and look for [Join Us in New Orleans!](#) and [Convention Message from the International President](#). Or you may wish to visit our state website at [dkgnystate.org](http://dkgnystate.org) and view *Pi Lights* online to open the links provided.

Best wishes for a joyous end to 2021 and a healthy 2022!

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2022 NY State Executive Board/Seminar Meeting**  
**April 29-30, 2022**

Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY

Please **PRINT** the following information:

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

Early Registration Fee (Due by March 31<sup>st</sup>) \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup>) \$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 29**

**Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm (Please check your dinner choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Pesto Grilled Chicken with a chardonnay leek sauce, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetable

\_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan served with angel hair pasta

(All meals served with Coffee, Decaf and Tea)

\$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 29**

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

**Included in Registration**

*Viennese Desserts: Mini Dessert Pastries, Assorted Mousse, Variety of Cupcakes, Chocolate Fondue with Fresh Fruit, Regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea*

**Guest Charge \$16.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Saturday, April 30**

**Optional Breakfast 6:30-8:00am**

**Hearty Breakfast Table:** Assorted juices, Scones, Muffins, Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, a Variety of Yogurt and Granola, Fresh Fruit, French Toast with Maple Syrup or Strata and Breakfast Potatoes, Hot Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Hot Tea.

\$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship & Awards Luncheon 11:45am-1:30pm (Please Check your Luncheon Choice)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Grilled Chicken Caesar:** Served with Diced Tomatoes, Lemon Slices, Asiago Cheese and Croutons, Fresh Rolls, Butter

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegan Ravioli:** Served in a Pomodoro Sauce with Julienne Vegetables, House Salad

(All luncheons served with Dessert, Coffee, Decaf and Tea)

**Included in Registration**

**Guest Charge \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**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](mailto: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 March 31, 2022. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 31, 2022 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 31, 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 **Sheraton University Hotel**. Mention **Delta Kappa Gamma** to receive room block rate.

<b><u>Titles</u></b>	<b><u>Workshop Program Descriptions</u></b> <b><u>Spring, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter(s)</u></b>
<b>Join Us in making a Wrap Bracelet</b> <i>(Requires 2 workshop sessions)</i>	We will use a decorative button clasp and beads to make a bracelet that wraps around your wrist 3 or 4 times. Pre-registration will be required for this workshop, and participants will be responsible for paying the cost of materials. Registrants will be contacted about color choices. <b><i>Maximum 10-12 people.</i></b>	<b>Sue Kenoyer, <i>Psi</i></b>
<b>Glums and Glows for Chapter Presidents and Officers</b>	This workshop will offer an interactive opportunity for Chapter Presidents and officers to share positive ideas about their chapter meetings and discuss what may have gone wrong. The Leadership Development Committee will offer additional help if needed. There will also be an opportunity to give the LDC feedback on past Chapter Presidents' training and make suggestions for the Leadership Development Seminar that will be held in Summer 2022.	<b>Jeanne Schenk and the Leadership Development Committee</b>
<b>Re-engaging Members with Purpose and Passion</b>	As the world navigates the constantly changing challenges of COVID, NYSO chapters are finding ways to keep members connected and engaged. Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our chapters and learn some strategies for re-engaging your Chapter!	<b>Deborah Bedard and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee</b>
<b>Connecting with NY State World Fellowship Grant Recipients</b>	Join World Fellowship Committee members and International World Fellowship Grant Recipient Monika Mihaljlovska as she discusses both her work with Special Education in her home country and her experiences in the US.	<b>Sue Genthner , <i>Alpha Alpha &amp; Cathy Patterson, Gamma Zeta</i></b>
<b>A Pandemic of Misinformation, Part 2</b>	In today's world of social media, students struggle to distinguish between true information sources and hearsay. Learn how to help students learn to manage information to support their education. Explore the problems of misinformation that becomes rampant on social media.	<b>Eileen Venezia, <i>Gamma Alpha</i></b>

March 26,2022	Room Block for the Sheraton Syracuse University, Open, 2022 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. Call 888-627-7097. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$136.00 + 15% tax (\$156.40).
January 8, 2022	Gamma Alpha Virtual Chapter Meeting- Climate change and its effect on women and children in Sudan
January 17, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
February 1, 2022	International Scholarship applications due- <a href="http://dkg.org">Applications (dkg.org)</a>
February 1, 2022	Chapter Annual Necrology Report (Form 2) due to State Membership & Expansion Chair, Deb Bedard
February 15, 2022	DEADLINE: <a href="https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html">https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NY State Scholarships                      Pi State Achievement Award</li> <li>• Travel and Study Stipends                The Frederica Hollister Pi State Prof. Ed. Award</li> <li>• Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid      The Bea Small Award</li> <li>• The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</li> </ul>
March 1, 2022	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Spring issue information to NY State Editor (Online issue)
March 6-8, 2022	National Legislative Seminar, Holiday Inn-National Airport, Crystal City, Arlington, VA
March 21, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
March 26, 2022	DEADLINE: Room Block Closes for the Sheraton Syracuse University for the NY Spring 2020 Seminar/Executive Board Mtg.
April 4, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
April 29-30, 2022	NY State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar: Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center
April 29, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., working lunch, Sheraton Syracuse
May 1, 2022	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due- <a href="http://dkgnystate.org">Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)</a>
May 15, 2022	New Chapter Officers Form 110 due to International and NY State President, Jennifer Lee-Alden
May 21, 2022	South Central Area Conference- Watkin's Glen, NY, Castel Grisch Winery, Sue Lemak, Chair, Beta Phi, <a href="mailto:myzjlk10@aol.com">myzjlk10@aol.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:slgruber82@yahoo.com">slgruber82@yahoo.com</a> , Conference Chair- Laura Bronson, <a href="mailto:lmbronson72@gmail.com">lmbronson72@gmail.com</a>
June 1, 2022	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsh (Online issue)
July 12-16, 2022	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 6 or 13, 2022	Northern Area Council Conference, Amber Gladle, <i>Northern Gamma Epsilon, Chair and Conference Chair, <a href="mailto:booksarefun2013@gmail.com">booksarefun2013@gmail.com</a></i>
August 18, 2022	Capital Area Council Conference, Shaker Heritage Society-Kristine Mackowski, Conference Chair, Alpha Nu- <a href="mailto:kristine2199@yahoo.com">kristine2199@yahoo.com</a>
October 1, 2022	WC Conference- tentative
October 1 or 22, 2022	Eastern Conference- tentative- Mount Saint Mary College (tentative)
October 13-16, 2022	Fall Executive Meeting, Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica
April 28-30, 2023	Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany
<b>REMINDER:</b>	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair, Deb Bedard ASAP

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

## A Parliamentary Minute

### Chapter Secretaries:

- DO always include motions in your minutes and if they pass or fail. This is part of your history.
- Do note the time the meeting commences and the time of adjournment.
- Do note the date of the meeting.
- Do sign the minutes with your name and Secretary underneath. *Robert's Rules* say to never say Respectfully Submitted.
- Do keep all minutes. This is for historical purposes as well as legal purposes. You may keep these on a thumb drive to pass along; however, with the ever changing world of technology, I do recommend a hard copy be kept.

Karen P. Crumley, NYSO Parliamentarian, *Tau*

### 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](http://www.dkgnystate.org) under Chapters, "Chapter Websites." Forms remain in effect until the member makes changes or withdraws permission.

Mary-Martha Harvey, NYSO Webmaster, *Omega*

## 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 NYSO members and chapters. These projects are supported solely by your donations. When you need to remember someone special, who is passionate about children and learning, please consider making a donation in their name. Donation forms can be found on the state website.

The directors are pleased to announce that we have approved one grant application from the November funding round. Congratulations to **Diane Cappellino** of *Beta Delta* chapter for her continuation of the "EEEEK" (Explore, Experiment, Engage for Kids) project. The project was such a huge success that Diane and the Seneca Falls Historical Society wish to continue offering students in grades 3-5 opportunities to explore and engage in local history. The project was awarded \$1,000.

Our next grant funding round will be in May, 2022. Just a reminder that an applicant MUST be a member of the Pi State Educational Foundation. This is separate from being a member of the state organization. A lifetime membership is only \$25 and once you are a member please consider applying for either the Project Grant (applications due November 1 or May 1) or the Literacy Scholarship (applications due Feb 15). Membership forms, grant applications, and literacy scholarship applications can be found on the state website.

Per our bylaws **Ginny Dudko's** term as director will end and a new director will be needed as of July 1, 2022. Ginny has been an advocate and leader of the Foundation for many years. Thank you Ginny for all of your hard work and dedication to the Educational Foundation! If you are a member of the Foundation, consider being a director. Please send a letter of interest to Sue Summerfield, 346 Noeltner Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 or email the letter to [summy1@frontier.com](mailto:summy1@frontier.com) by March 1. We will be voting on the new director at the NYSO DKG Convention in April.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Educational Foundation.

Sue Summerfield, President Pi State Educational Foundation, *Pi*

## Get involved in the US Forum



The US Forum was developed to provide members with information on pertinent Federal Legislation that involves women, children and education. Members are then able to make a formative decision on advocacy and their position on the legislation.

NYSO members have a wonderful opportunity to attend the **National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. March 6-8, 2022**. The Legislative seminar gives DKG members from across the country an opportunity to listen to National Speakers, learn about key legislation and sharpen their advocacy skills.

Participants have the opportunity to meet with their representatives in the House and Senate and spend a day on the hill. Information on this opportunity can be found on the US Forum website: [dkgusform.com](http://dkgusform.com).

The US Forum website provides information on legislation, online seminars, key websites and copies of our newsletter. Members can join us on **Facebook @DKG.US.Forum**.

More than ever it is important to be informed and involved in our democracy. Women's issues of Equal Pay, Child Care, Food Insecurities, and Education need to be addressed. The words of Sheryl Sandberg in *Lean in, Women, Work and the Will*, encourages us to get involved, "Social gains are never handed out. They must be seized."

Seize the moment and get involved. As your NY Representative and the Chair of the US Forum at the International level, I am available to assist you and your chapters with material and programs. Please feel free to contact me at [barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com).

**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, *US Forum Chair, NY Representative*  
*NYSO First Vice-President*

### Time to review your Chapter Standing Rules: An Important Process

Under the expert leadership of **Sue Kenoyer**, Immediate Past President of NYSO, the BYLAWS Committee has begun to look at its tasks for the coming biennium and to work with chapters and committees to assist them in updating their Standing Rules and BYLAWS. Many chapters are presently in need of updating their Standing Rules to coincide with the present BYLAWS and Standing Rules of DKG International and the New York State Organization. Those specific chapters have already been contacted by a BYLAWS Committee member. They have been given the necessary information to assist them with this task as well as the support of the BYLAWS committee in helping them complete the update. If your Chapter has been contacted, please begin the process of updating your Standing Rules. If you are having difficulty, please reach out to the committee member who is assigned to assist you. If you do not have this information, please reach out to the BYLAWS Committee chair, **Sue Kenoyer**. She will point you in the right direction!

Because the NYSO was unable to meet in person last biennium to vote on changes to BYLAWS and Standing Rules, those changes were not made. Therefore, the Committee has reached out to those who submitted proposed updates/changes and let them know the process moving forward. If you are interested in viewing those changes/proposals, you can find them in the December 2020 edition of Pi Lights on the NYSO website.

Our BYLAWS/ Standing Rules are a vital component of our organization at all levels. They give us the framework in which to operate and make decisions which are consistent and fair. Please take the time to look at your Chapter's Standing Rules and any proposed changes at the NYSO level. Your participation is important and valued.

**Annamarie Santorelly**, BYLAWS/ Standing Rules Committee member, *Zeta*

## Communications and Marketing

The Communications and Marketing Committee met on October 11th. After a review of the previous year's Committee's goals and the Executive Committee Report, the Committee began to develop the goals for 2021-2022 year. Highlights of the goals include exploring and supporting hybrid meetings as a way to stay connected with our members. Hybrid meetings, or synchronous meetings, can be challenging. The committee would like to provide assistance to promote the use and ensure success of Chapter hybrid meetings. As for marketing, the Committee is discussing ways to increase participation in State and Chapter meetings. This includes consideration of effective and appropriate ways to increase membership. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on December 13th.

**Dr. Brita Donovan**, Chair, Communications & Marketing, *Beta Omega*

## Educational Excellence Committee

One of the great things about DKG is our talent pool. Every member has so much to offer and expertise in many areas. From crafts to cooking; art, music and dance; mindfulness and meditation as well as innovative programs for students and for their communities; best classroom practices; and leadership, just to name a few. Our members do it all. The same excellent teaching practices our members have brought and continue to bring to their students in their classrooms is evident in the workshops that have been presented over the years.

The Educational Excellence Committee has been hard at work soliciting workshops from that talent pool for the Spring 2022 meeting to address professional and personal growth. Our members continue to be so generous in sharing their expertise with each other. Please consider sharing that wealth with your sisters in the state. Workshop proposal forms may be found on the home page of our NYSO website. Deadlines for proposals are Nov. 1 for spring meetings/state convention or May 1 for fall, but if you have an idea that you would like to propose, the Educational Excellence Committee would like to hear from you anytime.

Thank you and wishing everyone all the best in the New Year.

**Rosemary Van Wart**, Chair, NYSO Educational Excellence Committee, *Alpha Pi*

### *In Loving Memory of...*

<b>Patsy Robinson</b> , 7/19/2020	<i>Beta Eta</i>
<b>Dr. Alice Wilson</b> , 12/23/2020	<i>Beta Gamma</i>
<b>Ada Chirles</b> , 3/12/2021	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>
<b>Esther Makower</b> , 4/14/2021	<i>Alpha Eta</i>
<b>Beverly Simons</b> , 5/18/2021	<i>Omega</i>
<b>Dr. Mary Bishop</b> , 7/11/2021	<i>Alpha</i>
<b>Stella Garitz</b> , 7/26/2021	<i>Chi</i>
<b>Ann Archer</b> , 8/9/2021	<i>Alpha Theta</i>
<b>Roseanna Doster</b> , 8/21/21	<i>Beta Nu</i>
<b>Nancy Casey</b> , 9/22/21	<i>Alpha Theta</i>
<b>Sandra Plimpton</b> , 10/3/2021	<i>Gamma Epsilon</i>

Upon the death of a member, please forward NYSO Form 6 (found on our NYSO Website under Membership Resources) to **Deborah Bedard**, Membership and Expansion Chair. ([dmbedard29@yahoo.com](mailto:dmbedard29@yahoo.com))

**Deborah Bedard**, Membership and Expansion Chair, *Alpha Epsilon*



## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS MONEY AND WANTS TO SUPPORT YOU!**

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

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

### **Travel and Study Committee**

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

**Kate Elder**, Chair, *Alpha Psi*

### **Spotlight on DKG World Fellowship Grant Recipient Thuong ( Beryl) Bùi, Vietnam**

On November 3, 2021, *Alpha Alpha Chapter* of West Central Area, hosted a dynamic speaker. **Thuong Bùi (Beryl)**, a DKG World Fellowship Grant recipient from Vietnam, who is studying Linguistics in Rochester at the University of Rochester. What a treat it was to be able to provide a hybrid meeting for members to attend in-person or virtually via ZOOM. **Barbara Bostwick Quinn** (*Beta Chapter*), NYSO DKG 1st VP, attended in person while **Annu Subramanian**, *Alpha Kappa Chapter* and member of the NYSO DKG World Fellowship Committee, participated from Winston Salem, NC. We were delighted that they could both be a part and share with us!

Beryl was our featured speaker and helped us kick off our World Fellowship Fund Raiser with her engaging presentation on her home and Vietnamese culture. Being a third, or possibly fourth generation teacher, Beryl expressed her passion for teaching and promoting best practices in education. After she earns her Masters in May 2022, Beryl plans on teaching again when she returns to Vietnam.



**Thuong Bui**

The NYSO DKG World Fellowship Committee would like to encourage Chapters in our state to support DKG International in its quest to fund future grants for women aspiring to study in the United States and Canada by sending chapter donations to the DKG International Education Fund with “World Fellowship” in the memo line. Another resource for a meaningful meeting would be to contact the Education Departments from area colleges or universities in your region; in so doing, welcome and mentor future teacher(s) who may bring global education into the spotlight!

**Sue Genthner**, Chair DKG NYSO World Fellowship Committee, *Alpha Alpha*

### Funding Chapter Projects: The Bea Small Award

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 Chapters having an existing program/project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographical area.

The Board of Trustees administering this Award consists of four Trustees: Chair **Mary-Martha Harvey** (24-Omega EC) Executive Committee Rep; **Joanne Carroll** (40-Alpha Pi E) Educational Excellence Committee Rep; **Marie Scoles** (52-Beta Delta EC) Communications & Marketing Committee Rep; **Evelyne Bottorf** (24-Omega EC) Omega Chapter Rep.

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.

**The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees is February 15<sup>th</sup>.** The application form may be found on the NYSO Website under applications for New York State Awards. The application must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must sign the application.

Electronic submission of the application is preferred. If a project is funded, an article with a photograph should be written for an issue of *Pi Lights*, the NYSO website, and the local media.

The Award consists of a certificate and a monetary amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Award(s) shall be presented to the Chapter during a Spring Executive Board Meeting or NYSO Convention. There is a Post-Project Report Form that is to be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The Award will be publicized in the Fall, Winter or Spring issues of *Pi Lights* and on the NYSO Website.

Chapters are encouraged to apply for the Award as early as possible. For further information, contact the Chair of the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees **Mary-Martha Harvey**, [mharvey@frontienet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontienet.net).

**Mary-Martha Harvey**, Chair, Bea Small Award, *Omega Chapter*



The **DKG Pi State Achievement Award** Committee is requesting that DKG NYSO Chapter Presidents remember the deadline date of **February 15, 2022** to submit their nominations of outstanding women educators for the Pi State Achievement Award.

Information, criteria, and the application form for this prestigious award appears on the DKG/NYSO Website.

Additional information or questions regarding this award may be emailed to: [Morrispianoforte@gmail.com](mailto:Morrispianoforte@gmail.com), Dr. Andréa H. Morris, **Chair**.

**Best Wishes for a Very Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season!**

**Dr. Andréa H. Morris**, Chair, Pi State Achievement Award Committee, *Alpha Beta*

## Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

*Do you know an uncommon educator?*

*Do you know a woman who has been a member of NYSO DKG for at least five years and has made significant and recognizable contributions to education in New York or nationally?*

Nominate her to receive the **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award**! The Board of Trustees of the Award is looking for strong candidates. On our state website go to NYSO DKG, click on NYSO DKG Awards, Scholarships & Grants-in-Aid and then click on Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award. You will find the list of criteria and the application form. The application form for the **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award** may be printed from the website.

If you know a woman who qualifies, then help us give her the honor by sending in a completed application to **Lisa Meade**, lmeade@granvillecsd/org, 518-812-5055.

**Let's CELEBRATE the fantastic educators in Delta Kappa Gamma!**

**Lisa Meade**, Chair, Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award, *Beta Omega*

## Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

**February 15, 2022** is just around the corner! This is the deadline for the Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid applications. This award is one of many ways that New York State Organization, DKG supports women. Our purpose is to help Native American women in New York State who hope to enter education-related professions.

We encourage you and your Chapters to recommend Native American women who may be eligible for this award. We want these future leaders to be connected to our chapters and we encourage the recipients to reapply each year. Applications can be found on our website.

Please contact **Patricia Turner**, at 7200 Brookside Drive, Lockport, New York , 14094 or [tunes14@yahoo.com](mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**Patricia Turner**, Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid, Chair, *Alpha Theta*

## **The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees**

**Nominations due by February 15, 2022**

In 1983, The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award was established in honor of **Verna Mulholland**, elected Pi State President in 1981, and serving until her untimely death in 1982. The award was in response to her interest in recognizing non-educators' influence on education.

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

Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award and to send the nomination application to the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair by February 15, 2022. The nomination application form is on the website.

For further information, contact the Chair of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees, **Lisa Huyck**, [farming@citlink.net](mailto:farming@citlink.net).

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

**Lisa Huyck**, Chair, Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award, *Rho*

## **DKG Recruitment & Membership Plan *In Action***

*Dr. Doreen Baldino Croyle, President Zeta Chapter*

The Membership and Expansion Committee assists chapters to revitalize membership for new members to join, current members to remain active, and past members to be reinstated. DKG International established a *Recruitment and Membership Plan* that has many suggestions which Zeta chapter implemented to increase membership. The foundational ideology that Zeta emphasized for recruitment promoted DKG as a professional educational organization that focuses on building relationships and supporting each other in a congenial atmosphere.

When I began my tenure as Zeta's president, it was before COVID. My mentor and colleague, Annmarie Santorelly (immediate past president) and I decided on having a DKG social event with veteran members bringing potential members. When a candidate was hesitant to come alone, the invitation was open for them to bring a friend; another educator that they admired. We asked our members to look for strong student teachers that were paving the way for the next generation of educators. Our members and guests enjoyed a casual wine and cheese buffet. Instead of a lecture-like presentation by Zeta's Executive Board, members mingled with aspirant members in small table groups which created an intimate dialogue. Each member discussed the benefits of DKG, including scholarships, and chatted about the tiers of membership. A folder was distributed for prospective members to review at their leisure.

Throughout the year, the conversations continued and we invited those educators who were interested to meetings and events. By the end of the inaugural year of implementation, we had seven members join our chapter, including two collegiate members that are still with us today.

As we approached the next year, our members were cultivating relationships with eight possible inductees and then COVID hit. Our Induction was canceled and our plans were upended. Throughout the next year, conversations and emails with support and concern were given to all chapter members, especially those members that were thinking about joining. Although it took 15 months, we were able to induct six of the original eight candidates.

When reaching out to educators for membership, broaden your outlook. Remember that all professions within the educational spectrum are welcome into DKG: Core and encore teachers, coaches, administrators, BOCES faculties, directors, adjuncts, and professors. Ask an administrator if there is someone within the school that is energized and ardent about teaching. Look at your child's or grandchild's teachers and see if there is someone that impresses you.

A prospective member is someone as passionate as you!

## Alpha Nu Chapter Fills Pocketbooks for a Local Shelter

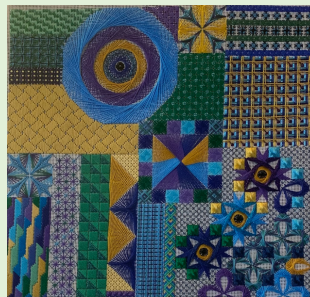
On September 28th, the *Alpha Nu Chapter* held a meeting where the focus was a project for a local domestic violence shelter. Chapter members donated gently used pocketbooks and brought in various toiletry items. At the meeting, members filled the pocketbooks with the new toiletry items. A total of thirty pocketbooks were filled. The pocketbooks were then given to the Columbia Greene Domestic Violence Shelter. The shelter also received some extra pocketbooks and any remaining toiletry items for use in the future. The project was well-received by both *Alpha Nu* members and the volunteers at the shelter. *Alpha Nu* sisters donated so many pocketbooks that another thirty are ready to fill next year!



*Paula Ptaszek, Wendy Diskin, Judi Matthews, and Linda Drahushuk help load pocketbooks for their journey to the Columbia Greene Domestic Violence Shelter*

*Submitted by: Kristine Mackowski, Alpha Nu President*

Congratulations **Jane Tanner**, *Chi Chapter*! The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury has selected your entries for acceptance into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery. Jane's three-dimensional 'Divisions' and 'Daisy Delight Japanese Beading Box' are on display through the end of May, 2022.



## Alpha Lambda News

*Submitted by Fran Romeo*



*Alpha Lambda President, Hettie Domino, created a Farm Animal quilt for Lauren Gorlick, Haven House Representative, and her expected baby*



*On October 21, 2021, six members transferred into Alpha Lambda in a welcoming ceremony. The new AL members are: (L-R) Julia Schrader, Joann Holesko, Donna Krayenvenger, Mary Lostracco, Karen Mauro, and Babara Wokersien.*

## Policy for Submissions for State Website

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*Beta Mu Chapter is very proud of long-time member and artist Mary Woodcock Johnson. Mary and Beryl Szwed, president of Beta Mu, are pictured in front of Mary's work which is displayed at Saranac Lake's North Winds Art Gallery*

*Submitted by: Beryl Szwed*

## Alpha Iota's Woman of Distinction



*At Alpha Iota's October 2021 meeting, Nora Ostrander was named the chapter's Woman of Distinction. A member since 1997, Nora was given this award for her many years of service as well as her many contributions to Alpha Iota. Most recently she served as Treasurer and currently as Parliamentarian. She recently began a "Sister to Sister" initiative to keep in touch with Reserve members and those who can't attend meetings on a regular basis.*

*Pictured from Left to Right: Gail Wentworth (Co-President), Nora Ostrander (Woman of Distinction Recipient), and Terry Gerber (Co-President).*

*Photo and Article by Karen Marzynski*

## Celebrating 50 Years!



*Alpha Zeta sisters enjoyed an outdoor meeting on October 23, 2021. A business luncheon was followed by a trip to the cemetery. Sisters visited the "Living History" presentation at the cemetery in Rhinebeck, NY. Portrayal of citizens, both famous and obscure, had members spellbound as characters came to life and told their personal tales.*

*Photo Credit: Jen Melitski*



*At the Fall 2021 Meeting, two members were recognized for their fifty year membership in DKG/Alpha Iota. Pictured above is Mary Anne Warner-Long. Joan Schum was also recognized but was out of state for her photo. Both Alpha Iota sisters have many fond memories of the last fifty years.*

*Photo and Article by Karen Marzynski*

## Collegiate Spotlight

*Kayla Fraser, Beta Omega*

The founding members of Delta Kappa Gamma dreamed of an organization to assist women in the field of education. Offering DKG membership to collegiate women intent on pursuing a degree in education provides our NYSO Chapters and members a unique opportunity to impact the future of education.

Currently the *Zeta chapter* of DKG has two members, **Raquel Reyes** and **Jessica Steward**, who have taken part in collegiate membership.

**Raquel Reyes** is a graduate student currently studying at SUNY New Paltz in pursuit of a Masters degree in STEM Education, while teaching Kindergarten in Newburgh, NY. She learned of DKG from her professor, **Dr. Doreen Baldino Croyle** (current *Zeta* chapter president). Doreen shared the benefits of membership with Raquel and introduced her to members of the chapter. Raquel said she “felt honored to be asked to join as a college student.” Raquel shared that being a DKG member while being an education student has been impactful as she has been able to hear about many different teaching experiences and meet other exceptional women educators.

**Jessica Steward** was introduced to DKG by a member of the Zeta chapter, **Dawn Dancy**. After attending a few meetings and getting to know other women in the chapter, Jessica knew that she wanted to be part of the organization. DKG had a significant impact on Jessica while she was in college and preparing to become an educator. She shared, “I was able to hear the ‘do’s and don’ts’ of teaching before stepping into the field... By hearing the opinions and successes/failures of experienced teachers, I could note (for myself) the ways to be the best teacher I can be. These conversations also built my confidence before I went into a classroom for student teaching.” Jessica attributes some of her success in landing a teaching job to her DKG membership, as it showed school leaders her passion for teaching and being a professional member in her field. After college, Jessica joined DKG as a full member. She explained, “It’s a group of women who are out to seek the best way to make an impact on students’ lives, no matter what school you may be working in. I decided to stay in DKG and become a regular member for these reasons - the conversations, the ideas, and the difference we can make!”

Being collegiate members of DKG had a profound impact on these two women. The opportunity to reach young women and welcome them into the organization is certainly advantageous. Collegiate membership shall be granted to undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:

1. Undergraduate student collegiate members
  - a. Be enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and
  - b. Be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree.
2. Graduate student collegiate members
  - a. Have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree; and
  - b. Have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

Collegiate members have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office, but they may serve as a parliamentarian and have no obligations except payment of dues. Collegiate status is granted by a majority vote of the chapter.

When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active member dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the educational degree program.

This information on collegiate membership can be found in the *Go To Guide For Chapter Members, Handbook* of The Delta Kappa Gamma, Society International 2019, p. 17.

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