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## Join Pi State Sisters at the Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meetings/Seminars “Opportunities to Connect”

April 20-21, 2018

The Century House\* (near Albany)  
997 New Loudon Road, Latham 12110  
518-785-0931

In the mailed Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* and online look for:

- \* **Registration Forms and Hotel Information**
- \* **Educational Excellence Committee’s Workshops**
- \* **Schedule for the Executive Board Meeting/Awards Luncheon/Seminars**

**Workshop Proposals due November 15, 2017 to**

**Lynda Ann DeLuca, [ldeluca@stny.rr.com](mailto:ldeluca@stny.rr.com), Co-Chair Educational Excellence Committee**

The **EEC Workshop Proposal** can be found online at the Pi State Website, [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org).

\*Note: The Century House has NO elevator, however handicap accessible rooms are available on the first floor and hotel staff will assist anyone needing help getting to the meeting rooms.

Room Block for Century House is open. Call 518-785-0931 and ask for Delta Kappa Gamma room block.  
Block Rate is \$112.00 + 14% tax = \$127.68.

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### Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Applications due February 15, 2018 ... **More details on pp. 10-15** and refer to the Pi State website.



***“Opportunities to Connect”***

**Mary-Martha Harvey**

*Pi State President 2017 - 2019*

*“I encourage each member to feel eager to connect and share their Chapter with new members.”*

As this biennium starts, we are all facing the challenges of daily lives, families, careers, friends, environment and our ever-changing world and community news and events. So is true in DKG. We are members of a diverse, multi-generational Society, comprised of active and retired educators from all levels, connected by our **mission** ... *“DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education”* ... **vision** ... *“Leading women educators impacting education worldwide”* ... and seven essential **purposes**.

In July, Pi State held the Leadership Development Seminar for new State Committee Chairs, capably and successfully led by Leadership Development Co-Chairs **Jeanne Schenk** and **Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott**. Next summer our Leadership Development for New and Returning Presidents will be held in three locations central to our areas and will include not only Presidents but Chapter Officers and those interested in leadership training. You will be receiving more information as the dates, locations and content planning is finalized.

I am proud and grateful for all the leadership work and connections that our new State Chairs and Committee members have accomplished in these first two months. They have held at least one GTM (*Go-to-Meeting*), set goals and Committee descriptions, revised applications, used the 2017 Pi State Strategic Plan as a roadmap, shared new ideas and started the vital work that is a hallmark of Pi State's success.

I want to give *special thanks* too to our busy **Pi State Executive Committee**: First Vice President & Liaison to *Society Mission and Purpose Committees* **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; Second Vice President, Liaison to *Society Business Committees & State Area Councils* **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*; Secretary & Liaison to *Committees Subject to Endowments* **Lisa Huyck**, *Rho*; Immediate Past President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*; Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*; State Editor **Katja Stevens**, *Omega*; Parliamentarian **Ellie Robinson**, *Gamma Delta*.

I want to recognize the continuing contributions of *Pi State Educational Foundation* President **Ginny Dudko**, *Tau*, and her Board; State Webmaster **Heidi Himes**, *Gamma Delta*; and FDF Administrator and Chair Ad Hoc Committee to Reorganize Pi State Headquarters **Joan Slagle**, *Beta Omega*.

In this issue of *Pi Lights*, you will find information that you can use and share. In your Chapter meetings, you'll be guided by your dedicated Presidents, Officers and Committee Chairs. You'll find inspiration in your sisters' views, ideas and collaboration. Each of us has unique skills, talents and abilities. Our differences enrich each of us as we combine resources, encourage growth, unite in common purposes and even change with the challenges we share. I encourage each member to feel eager to connect and share their Chapter with new members. *I wish each of you a successful, fulfilling and wonderful DKG year, embracing the many opportunities to connect.*

*See page five for a special thank you from Pi State President, Mary-Martha Harvey*

**Pi State Visitations 2017-2018**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter(s) / Area</b>	<b>State Representative</b>
<b>Spring 2017</b>	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 4	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Chi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	June 6	<i>Omega</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
<b>Fall 2017</b>	September 13	<i>Beta Theta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 18	<i>Beta Chi</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 23	<i>North Central Area Conference: "Safe Passage to Oswego"</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 28	<i>Beta Nu and Beta Gamma</i>	Ellie Robinson
	October 19	<i>East Central Area Conference "Women's Night Out"</i>	Joan Slagle
	October 25	<i>Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
<b>Spring 2018</b>	May 21	<i>Beta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey

*Refer to future issues of Pi Lights and the Pi State website for updates.*

**Reminder to Chapter Presidents:**

All Pi State **Standing Rules Recommendations for changes** are due to Pi State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair Jean Wagner, by **November 1, 2017**.  
[jwagner@roadrunner.com](mailto:jwagner@roadrunner.com)

**IMPORTANT Chapter Presidents**

If you ordered a supplement, a copy of the **BYLAWS & Rules** will be included in the mailing. If you did **not** order a supplement, you will receive a copy of the **BYLAWS & Rules** mid-October.

**Directory Supplement for 2017-2018**

The *Pi State Directory* is now a two-year book.

The **Directory Supplement** will be ready for print by the last week in September. This new format will include:

- The Chapter Presidents' information
- The Chapter Programs for 2017-2018
- New Chapter Initiates with their address, phone number, email and school/grade level
- All new State information with State Officers, Committee Chairs and members of State Committees

During the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>, these will be mailed to all who ordered them. If a Chapter did not order a Supplement, after the mailing is complete, a PDF copy will be emailed to each Chapter that did not complete an order.

*Karen P. Crumley*

**Find important DKG information, forms, reports, registrations, Committees and more:**

**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)

**US FORUM website:** [www.usforum.dkg.org](http://www.usforum.dkg.org)

**Hot Off the Press!****Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015**

Great opportunity to catch up on the last twenty years of Pi State history ... which honors those members who contributed to Pi State's success by serving our State, Chapters, Region and International ... all levels of DKG.

Technology has changed so much of our lives professionally. We have more ways to communicate and expand DKG. The 2012 DKG International Convention in NYC marked an exhilarating time in the State's history.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pi State 20-Yr. History Committee in the recording of our State's growth over the span of twenty years (1995-2015) through first-hand knowledge, personal interviews and many research hours for this Fourth History Edition: **Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi; Karen Crumley, Tau; Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega; Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau; Joan Slagle, Beta Omega; Beryl Szwed, Beta Mu; and Judy Wadsworth, Alpha Alpha.** **Special thanks to the additional contributors:** Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Agnes Becker, Ginny Dudko, Noreen LeCann, Barbara McCaffery, Melanie McDonald, Erin Merrill, Dr. Andréa Morris, Lochie Musso, Sue Norris, Catherine Olinger, Suzanne Patrick, Jean Sekel, Sue Sharon and Rosemary Van Wart. **Kudos to our editors, Mary-Martha and Judy for their diligence in a project that was greater than we ever imagined and to Judy for the expert layout.**

*Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015* is available now for purchase through Pi State Executive Secretary, Karen Crumley for \$11 which includes postage. Checks are payable to Pi State. The Order Form may be found on p. 5 of this issue of *Pi Lights*, from your chapter President and on the Pi State website, [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org), in menu Pi State, History.

As Pi State begins a new Biennium, 2017-2019, with our pride of the past and our vision toward the future, new Committee Chairs and members will especially find this 86-page, 6.5 x 9" spiral bound booklet a great resource to have.

*Sue Genthner*

**ORDER FORM*****Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

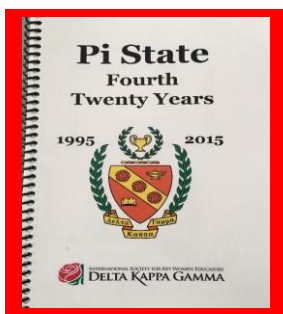
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Each History Booklet is \$8.00 plus shipping of \$3.00.

Number of Booklets Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping (\$3.00 each) x Number of Booklets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost (Enclosed with order) \_\_\_\_\_



Checks are payable to Pi State. Send order form and payment to:

Karen Crumley  
Pi State Executive Secretary  
50 Hidden Ridge Road  
Monticello, NY 12701  
[kcrumley@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com)  
845-794-0207

*History Booklets will be available for sale at the fall 2017 Area Conferences and at the 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar April 20-21 at The Century House in Latham.*

## NY State at Northeast Regional Conference



**Front row L to R:** Pi State Past President and CTAUN Chair **Anne-Marie Carlson**, *Phi*; Pi State Past President and Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; Pi State First Vice-President **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*; Pi State Immediate Past President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*; Pi State Past President and Chair DKG Educational Foundation **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*.

**Second row L to R:** Pi State Personnel Chair **Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*; President Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors **Ginny Dudko**, *Tau*; President *Gamma Alpha* **Joan Goldstein**; President *Tau* **Leah Exner**; Ann Walker, *Beta Psi*; Margaret Connolly, *Beta Omega*; Pi State Past President & State Co-Chair Leadership Development **Jeanne Schenk**, *Alpha Tau*; Pi State Past President **Dr. Andréa Morris**, *Alpha Beta*

**Third row L to R:** UN/NGO Primary Representative, International Educational Excellence Committee, and NYS UN/NGO Representative **Lochie Musso**, *Alpha Eta*; **Mary Brassard**, *Psi*; **Carol Lord**, *Beta Delta*; Immediate Past President *Beta Theta* **Kebby Clute**; **Peggy Niforos**, *Beta Omega*; **Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum**, *Alpha Alpha*; **Peg Misner**, *Beta Psi* **Missing from photo:** NE Regional Representative to US Forum **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, *Beta*; NE Regional Music Director for NERC, Windsor, **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*

Photo Courtesy of Michele Contala, *Alpha Zeta State* Photographer

### ***A Special Thank You to Committee Chairs from Pi State President, Mary-Martha Harvey***

Chairs of **Society Business Committees:** Audit **Jean Sekel**, *Pi*; BYLAWS & Rules **Jean Wagner**, *Alpha Chi*; Communications & Publicity **Judy Wadsworth**, *Alpha Alpha*; Finance **Dr. Sharon Kulhanek**, *Alpha Lambda*; Leadership Development **Jeanne Schenk**, *Alpha Tau*, & **Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott**, *Alpha Alpha*; Membership & Expansion **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; Nominations **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu*; Personnel **Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*.

Chairs of **Society Mission and Purpose Committees:** Awards **Erin Merrill**, *Beta Chi*; Educational Excellence **Karen Jones**, *Beta Omega*, **Lynda DeLuca** & **Lynne Eckert**, *Beta Rho*; Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid **Arlene Ida**, *Alpha Kappa*, & **Susan St. John-Jarvis**, *Beta Chi*; Pi State Achievement Award **Agnes Becker**, *Gamma Delta*; Scholarship **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Alpha Pi*; Travel & Study Stipend **Pat Turner**, *Alpha Theta*; World Fellowship **Dr. Kathleen Bishop**, *Nu*.

Chairs of **Committees Subject to Endowments:** Bea Small Award Board of Trustees **Ellie Robinson**, *Gamma Delta*; Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund **Gail Rumsey**, *Omega*; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid Board of Trustees **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*; Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Board of Trustees **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*; Scholarship **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Alpha Pi*; Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees **Emilie Stris**, *Alpha Phi*.

***Thank you!***

**Society Business Committees****Audit**

For those of us who love numbers, this is the perfect committee to be a member! Pi State has hundreds of thousands of dollars that the Finance Committee oversees with the direction from the Executive Committee. There are many different accounts, including those funds endowed to Pi State by members, some through their wills. The Finance and Executive Committees oversee these funds along with the State Treasurer.

By direction of the Pi State Standing Rules, “*The Audit Committee shall audit the Pi State Treasurer's books semiannually and submit a report to the Pi State President, Pi State Treasurer and the Pi State Finance Committee Chair. The Audit Committee shall audit the financial records of all Pi State fund-raising activities and all Pi State events such as Area Conferences, Conventions and Leadership Development Seminars.*”

We are responsible for checking to see that your money is being spent properly, assigned from the right fund and going to the correct place/person. We are also checking to make sure that the incoming funds are placed in the proper accounts and that there is “paperwork” to verify all income and disbursements.

If you have any questions about your Chapter’s financial history, please contact the *Audit Committee*. We will try to answer your questions.

We have only had one Audit so far but I can assure you that the members on the Audit Committee are very qualified and are dedicated to seeing that your money is properly accounted for.

*Jean Sekel*

**BYLAWS and Rules**

**Chapter Standing Rules need to be reviewed by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee each State Biennium.** The current biennium is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Please send your updated Chapter Standing Rules during this period, at the latest by June 30, 2019. The Standing Rules Checklist details required information and can be found on the State website in menu Pi State, Pi State BYLAWS & Standing Rules at the following link:

[http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_chapter\\_standing\\_rules\\_checklist\\_10.15.pdf](http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_chapter_standing_rules_checklist_10.15.pdf).

The Pi State BYLAWS & Rules Committee needs to receive (*in writing*) any **proposed amendments or revisions to the BYLAWS & Standing Rules by November 1st**. These amendments are reviewed by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Executive Committee before voting occurs by the Executive Board at the Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar or Convention. Amendments that move forward for a vote are printed in the winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

Please send mailings to: **Jean V. Wagner**  
Pi State BYLAWS & Rules Chair  
9493 Hayes Rd.  
Marcy, NY 13403

My email address is [jvwagner@roadrunner.com](mailto:jvwagner@roadrunner.com).

The BYLAWS & Rules Committee members are: **Suzanne Babbitt** (*Mu, WC*), **Kimberly Gordon** (*Beta Omega, C*), **Risë Messmer** (*Nu, NC*), **Cindy Smith** (*Alpha Theta, NW*), **Donna Yerdon** (*Rho, SC*), Pi State Parliamentarian **Ellie Robinson**, *ex officio* (*Gamma Delta, NW*) and Pi State Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *ex officio* (*Tau, E*).

The Committee has adopted the following three goals.

1. The Committee will present workshops as needed at Executive Board/Seminar meetings.
2. The Committee will present a workshop at the 2019 Pi State Convention to discuss the proposed changes to the Pi State BYLAWS & Rules.
3. The Committee will work with Chapters to help them in the revision of Chapter Standing Rules.

*Jean Wagner*

**Communications & Publicity**

The *Communications & Publicity Committee* held its first meeting of this biennium via Go-To-Meeting on August 21, 2017. Participating members identified the following as goals for the 2017-2019 Biennium:

- \* Update the Pi State brochure that was developed eight years ago.
- \* Develop ways (marketing strategies) to promote participation in Chapter, Area and Pi State events – AND to increase the visibility of DKG and our Chapters in the wider community.
- \* Nurture web creation among Chapters and Area Councils, and help them apply for website compliance by DKG International.
- \* Maintain a *Facebook* page for Pi State and its Area Councils and urge Area Councils to forward information to Committee member **Carol Frost, Chi**, who updates the Pi State *Facebook* page.

*Judy Wadsworth*

**Finance**

The Finance Committee of Pi State is composed of a member elected by each Area, the current President, *two Ex Officio* members - the Pi State Treasurer and the Pi State Executive Secretary.

The work of the Committee is to review the finances of Pi State, develop the annual budget and examine any budget concerns or tasks assigned by the President. The Committee will hold its first meeting of this year on September 20, 2017 and will keep members informed of the Committee's work.

*Sharon Kulhanek*

**Leadership Development**  
**“LDS on the Road Summer 2018”**

I'm pleased to announce that at the **2017 Pi State Convention** the *Pi State Strategic Plan* was approved. One of the initiatives of this plan was to look at the way Leadership Development is presented to the incoming and returning Chapter Presidents.

A new format is being instituted next summer to allow more Chapter leaders to participate in Leadership Development. Instead of the incoming and returning Chapter President travelling to Syracuse, the Officers and Leadership Development Committee will be travelling to different parts of the State.

The State is being divided into triads: western, central and eastern. This will allow anyone not being able to attend one Seminar to travel to another section and attend Leadership Development there. Hopefully, if there is a conflict with one date/time, the new or returning Chapter President could attend and still receive their training in another area. In some cases, even though your Chapter is in a certain triad, you may live closer to another triad and if you wish, you would register for the triad closer to your home. There will be no overnight stays. A member should be able to travel and arrive in the morning and return to their home by day's end. Because State expenses will be cut, the hope is that not just the Chapter President will attend but other Officers or persons interested in leadership positions will also attend. Lunch will be provided during each Seminar.

The following is a brief synopsis of the plan that the Executive Committee created at this time.

1. Triad 1: Northwest, Southwest, West Central, East Central; meeting most likely in West Central Area
2. Triad 2: South Central, North Central, Northern; meeting most likely in North Central Area
3. Triad 3: Capital, Eastern, Southeastern; meeting most likely in Eastern Area

These are the tentative dates which will be firmed up as I make meeting space arrangements:

1. Triad 1: Thursday, June 28, 2018
2. Triad 2: Saturday, June 30, 2018
3. Triad 3: Monday, July 2, 2018

Since this is a new initiative, Chapter Presidents will be informed. Please be sure to read each issue of *Pi Lights* with updates as the plans are finalized.

*Karen P. Crumley*

**Membership & Expansion****FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO SEARCH FOR NEW MEMBERS!**

*Why not make increasing your Chapter membership one of your Chapter's goals for this year?* Now is a good time to start. The school year is fresh and everyone is enthused about change, seeing new faces, and starting the year off with a bang. Think about inviting a working teacher to a meeting NOW. It might be a regular business meeting or one where you have a speaker on a topic relevant to working teachers. Let the visitors know about the projects you do. Most Chapters have local community projects, events to raise money to give out scholarships, or an event to fund International's World Fellowship Fund. Let them know that DKG's Seven Purposes are there to aid in the betterment of self, the profession and of women and education world-wide.

Delta Kappa Gamma has many resources to help your Chapter's efforts to recruit new members. The latest information on Pi State's Membership and Expansion Committee, including people to contact, will be available on the State website ([www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)). There will be someone who lives in your area on the Committee whom you can contact with your questions. International also has exceptional resources available to you on their website under the Resources section. You'll find links to the Membership Recruitment Plan, "Pride in The Big Picture" video, Prospect card sample and Prospect Letter, a much shorter Chapter Member Application, an Initiation Letter sample, new member kits, brochures, and information on Ceremonies and Chapter Strengthening.

If you click on the **About Us** section on the International website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), you'll find information about all the benefits of membership that you'll want to share with prospective members, especially the many scholarships available to even the newest members of the Society. If you click on **Forms**, you'll find the necessary ones for transferring membership, change of address and Initiates. You'll be asked to sign in with a temporary password. Contact your Chapter President or me for the password. Once you are in, you can create your own password for future use of the website. You'll be amazed at the resources you'll find to help you all along the way from initial contact with potential new members to initiating them to revitalizing your Chapter.

Your **Pi State Membership & Expansion Committee** is busy revising our Pi State webpage and setting our own goals for this Biennium. You can be sure that the Committee is here to help you in any way we can. We have Committee members from every one of the ten Areas around the State. We can come to your Chapter to do a workshop or you can attend a workshop at upcoming Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminars in April 2018.

It's time to make **CONNECTIONS** with women teachers from ALL the schools in your area. If you are retired and attend some of the NYSUT Retiree meetings, then talk to teachers that retired from schools that are not represented in your Chapter membership. They will probably remember a woman there who might just be interested in membership if it is offered. It only takes a few new working members who will in turn bring in more working members to bring your Chapter back to the vibrancy it once had.

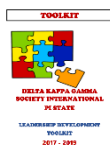
**The resources are there; the potential new members are there; it just takes US to CONNECT the pieces and add new, active members to our Chapters!! Good Luck!**

*Sue Kenoyer*

**Nominations**

The **Nominations Committee** consists of one elected member from each area of Pi State. The Committee presents nominees for each elected State Office at the Pi State Convention. The nominees are selected from recommendations from Pi State Chapters. Even though the next elections won't be held until the Convention in the spring of 2019, it is not too early to begin thinking about potential candidates for State Office. Members of the Finance and Nominations Committees are also elected. In 2019 Finance will elect members from Southwest, West Central, East Central, and Southeast Area Councils. South Central, Eastern, Northern and Capital Area Councils will elect members to the Nominations Committee in 2019. Begin now encouraging members to consider becoming a nominee for State Office.

*Diane Battaglia*

**Leadership Development Toolkit Available**

Go to [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org) and click Committees.  
Scroll down to Leadership Development Resources.





**Personnel**

**Pi State's Got Talent...** And the **Personnel Committee** is ready to find it!

It is the task of the Personnel Committee to screen candidate applications and letters of recommendation for Elected State Personnel. **Two positions – Pi State Editor and Pi State Treasurer - will be open for four-year terms, beginning in July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022.**

*Interested?* Read on...

**Just what does the Pi State Editor do?** She is an "intrepid reporter," searching for items from many sources to include in four editions of *Pi Lights* each year. She also edits the articles for concerns of space and correctness of content. She must attend Conferences, Conventions and certain Committee meetings in addition to other duties.

**And does the Pi State Treasurer really count money?** She is responsible for receiving and paying out monies, keeping accurate accounts and files and presenting reports at State meetings. She must have an up-to-date knowledge of tax laws and be prepared for an annual audit in addition to other duties.

There is an honorarium for each of these positions. A working knowledge of the computer and good standing as a Chapter member are also a must.

**So, do you have the talent** (and the time and the patience)? **Are you who we're looking for?** If so, request a complete job description from [gracemm630@aol.com](mailto:gracemm630@aol.com) and then get an Application Form on the Pi State website. The deadline for the application and all supporting documents is **November 15, 2017**.

**Breaking News ...**

A new task - to create a *Performance Appraisal Form for Elected Personnel* - will be part of the Personnel Committee's work for this Biennium. Watch for more information in the next issue of *Pi Lights*.

*Grace Murphy*

**Educational Excellence Committee**

One of the tasks of the *Educational Excellence Committee* is to select and schedule workshops for the spring and fall Executive Board Meetings/Seminars/Conventions. We would like to continue the excellent work of the 2015-17 Committee members in providing meaningful professional development opportunities to our membership.

To fulfill our President's aim to provide "***Opportunities to Connect,***" we are asking our membership throughout Pi State to share the **EEC Workshop Proposal** with members who would consider doing a workshop for Spring 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars which will be held April 20-21, 2018 at the Century House in Latham. The proposal may be found on Pi State Website, menu MORE ... Pi State Meeting Resources ... EEC Workshop Proposal link ... [http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_workshop\\_proposal\\_form\\_2017-19.pdf](http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_workshop_proposal_form_2017-19.pdf).

We are committed to developing a wide variety of workshops for our members planning to attend the Seminars. On the International Educational Excellence Committee link at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), there are ideas for programs that "*advance excellence in education, empower women and increase global awareness.*" Please feel free to share the proposal with your members. We would like to see state-wide representation. Completed proposal forms are due by **November 1, 2017**.

**Proposals should be sent to:**

Lynda DeLuca  
7 Denver Court West  
Endicott, NY 13760  
Email: [ldeluca@stny.rr.com](mailto:ldeluca@stny.rr.com)  
Phone: 607-727-0930

*Karen Jones, Lynda DeLuca, and Lynne Eckert*

**Society Mission & Purpose Committees****A Letter from State Award Chair Erin Merrill**

Dear Pi State Sisters,

**With your help, Pi State raised \$5,896 in Awards, Scholarship and Grant(s)-in-Aid Benefit Tickets**, with drawings held at the Pi State Convention at The Otesaga in April 2017! 76% of our Chapters participated in the Benefit Drawing. *Congratulations* to the recipients and **THANKS** to our participants!

Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey's Biennium theme is **"Opportunities to Connect."** One important opportunity to connect for DKG membership is our own Pi State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid. There are many opportunities available to members and friends of education.

**"How can I help achieve the goal?" you ask? Here are two ways...**

1. **Check out the Pi State website** (<http://deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html>) for webpages describing each available award, scholarship and grant(s)-in-aid. 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 Pi State Award.
2. **Purchase Pi State Benefit Tickets** at your Chapter meetings and Area Council Meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid fund.

**2018 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for**  
**Awards, Scholarships, Grants-in-Aid**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting, Latham, April 20-21, 2018

Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

***Look for tickets at your Chapter and Area Council meetings this year.***

\*\*A note to members who spend the winter away, please purchase your tickets this fall at your Chapter meeting. \*\*

**The power and pride of Pi State members is what makes "Opportunities to Connect" easy!**

*Erin Merrill*

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

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid (NAG) was established in 1967 by Past Pi State President **Frederica Hollister**, originally called the Indian Affairs Committee. The purpose was to help Native American women in New York State who hoped to enter education related professions. NAG continues to support young Native American women who are progressing through higher education. Current awards give as much as \$1000 per academic year (*awarded by semester, up to \$500*) to recipients who may also re-apply in future years. Their applications are considered along with new ones by the **NAG Committee**. Preparation for a teaching related degree is preferred but the scope of the related service fields has been broadened over the years to encourage more applicants. Social and health services support education and Native American women entering these fields may apply.

**How can you help?** Pi State members can recommend Native American women who may be eligible to the NAG Committee so we can make a personal connection and answer questions. Chapters are also encouraged to invite awardees to attend a meeting and share their stories, or you may simply send one a card from your Chapter. We want these future leaders to be connected to Pi State through our Chapters. And, encourage eligible recipients to re-apply.

Our 2017-18 academic year recipients are advancing their academic goals. Both **Lori Lachowski** and **Alanna Pyke**, after successful 2016-17 academic years, will each receive \$1,000 during this academic year. Lori is a member of Tuscarora Indian Nation. She is entering her sophomore year at Niagara University. Lori is a member of the Soccer

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Team, providing an opportunity for travel to many universities in her first year of college. **Alanna Pyke** is a junior at Yale University studying biomedical engineering with minor in Native American Studies, and serves as a Peer Mentor for the Native American Cultural Center. She is involved in campus organizations. Two freshmen women are first time awardees, with \$500 each. **KC Herne**, a Mohawk member who lives on the Akwesasne Reservation near Massena, NY, entered Norwich University, majoring in biology. Finally, **Cierra Mt. Pleasant** is pursuing an early childhood education career, rooted in her high school experience tutoring pre-K children at the Tuscarora Indian School. She is beginning at Niagara County Community College with plans to transfer to SUNY Geneseo. I

***It is an honor for Pi State to support these deserving young women!***

If you have questions, wish additional information or have suggestions for reaching out to the Native American population, please contact: **Arlene Ida**, *Co-Chair Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee*, 3 Sherwood Park Drive, Burnt Hills, 12027, [aiddski@gmail.com](mailto:aiddski@gmail.com) or **Susan St. John-Jarvis**, 119 Chemung Street, Corning, NY 14830, [susansjarvis@gmail.com](mailto:susansjarvis@gmail.com). The application form is available on the Pi State website.

**Completed applications must be postmarked by the deadline Feb. 15, 2018.**

*Susan S. Jarvis*

**Pi State Achievement Award**

The **Pi State Achievement Award** was established in 1957 to recognize a member who has made outstanding contributions at the State level. The Award is presented at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Convention.

If you have been at a presentation of the Achievement Award, you may have wondered how the recipient was chosen. First, that recipient was nominated by her Chapter President with letters of support from others who are familiar with her work. The Achievement Award Committee received that nomination and letters of support and probably other nominations. Members of the Committee reviewed the nominations, considering which nominee has made the greatest impact on Pi State DKG. Each of the Committee members reported back to the Chair of the Committee with her choice to receive the Award. The nominee with the most votes became the recipient.

***Last spring's recipient was State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey ... now Pi State President.***

If a nominee is not selected the first year, her nomination is considered a second year. Additional letters of support may be submitted. A State President is not eligible to receive the award during her time as President. No member may receive the award more than once.

The Nomination Form is on the website [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org). A quick review of it will give you an idea of the kind of information you will need to make a nomination. Nominations should be made by Chapter Presidents and supported by letters of recommendation from members who are familiar with the nominee's work. **Nomination Form and letters are due by February 15, 2018.**

Pi State has many members who qualify for the Achievement Award. The Committee looks forward to receiving nominations for those very eligible members.

**A member should *not* know about her nomination as it is a surprise.**

*Agnes Becker*

**Policy for Submissions for New State Website**

All submissions for the new Pi State Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to:

**Pi State President, Mary-Martha Harvey,  
[mharvey@frontiernet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net).**

Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to Pi State will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

**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."

**Pi State Scholarships**

Pi State women are lifelong learners. Whether you are an active teacher or retired, Pi State has scholarship opportunities for you! Scholarships are available for:

**Master's Study**  
**Doctoral Study**  
**Post-doctoral Study**  
**Enrichment Study**  
**Research**  
**Educational Publication**  
**Road Scholar Programs Created by Elderhostel**  
**Continuing Education**  
**National Board Certification**

Applications are available on the Pi State website, [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org).

For further information, you may contact **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Pi State Scholarship Chair*, 105 Tomahawk Street, Yorktown Heights 10598, 914.248.5397, [rvw20@optonline.net](mailto:rvw20@optonline.net).

Applicants must be Pi State members in good standing for at least three years.

**All applications must be in the Scholarship Chair's email inbox or postmarked by February 15, 2018.**

See the Scholarship Committee webpage on the Pi State Website for further information.

DKG International also offers scholarships so check [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for those opportunities.

*The Pi State Scholarship Committee is here to help.*

*Rosemary Van Wart*

**Travel and Study Stipend**

**February 15, 2018** is the new application deadline!!

Members of the *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* chaired by **Patricia Turner** (*Alpha Theta*) wish to encourage all Pi State members to think about attending the International Convention in Austin, Texas, CTAUN or other DKG conferences or seminars.

Last year's recipients were **Leah Exner** (*Tau*) and **Christina Unger** (*Alpha Theta*). Leah attended the Northeast Regional Convention in Windsor, Ontario and Christina will be attending the CTAUN conference next April. They both have expressed much appreciation for Pi State in giving them this wonderful opportunity.

The Pi State Standing Rules note that there can be two Travel and Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00. Efforts will be made to award one Stipend to a retired Pi State member and one to a member currently employed.

Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

1. Number of years of membership and type of service to DKG
2. Major reasons for applying for the Stipend
3. The outcome of achievements obtained in attending the Seminar or event
4. The ways that the achievements will be used in the future of DKG and in one's professional and/or personal growth

We hope to be overwhelmed with many applications this year. The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2018**. The application can be found on the Pi State website or you can contact Pat Turner (*Alpha Theta*) at [tunes14@yahoo.com](mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com).

*Pat Turner*

**DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**due FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

Remember that there are up to 30 awards available -

**\$6,000** toward a Masters, second Masters or graduate level Special Area degree and

**\$10,000** toward a PhD or an EdD in an accredited program. For applications and information refer to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

**World Fellowship**

The 2017-2018 DKG *World Fellowship Committee* met through a Go-to-Meeting on August 28, 2017 to establish goals and activities. Members, including the Chair, are new to this Committee with exception of one member who served on the Committee in the past and another who shared with the Committee how receiving the award had been an honor for her when she was pursuing her Ph.D. The Committee reviewed the mission and previous activities of the Committee.

The goals of increasing Chapter awareness and participation in the World Fellowship fundraising as well as support for the global connection opportunities were discussed and made part of the focus for the next two years. Plans are underway to assign regions to each committee member to contact Chapters in those regions to learn about the World Fellowship activities currently in place as well as ways the Committee can support each Chapter's World Fellowship activities and the students in schools in the region of each Chapter.

The Committee agreed that there was a need for increased global connections, communication, and understanding through our NY DKG sister Chapters, DKG World Fellowship students, and our National/International Sisterhood. We hope that each Chapter will complete the upcoming survey from the World Fellowship Committee to help us understand what you do already and how we can be of further support.

*Kathleen M. Bishop, Ph.D.*

**Committees Subject to Endowments**

**The Bea Small Award**  
*Nominations due February 15, 2018*

One way you can participate in our State Biennium theme, "**Opportunities to Connect,**" is by nominating a Chapter whose current project deserves to be supported and recognized. Many of our State Chapters have projects that qualify.

Established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small, Omega**, the Bea Small Award recognizes a project that was originated by the Chapter and is on-going for a minimum of two (2) years. The project must respond to the needs of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. An application form for the Award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair and must include the signature of the Chapter President. A Chapter may receive this award a maximum of two times for the same project.

2017 Awardees include:

\* **Alpha Zeta "Project Personal Care"** with Project Director **Linda Greenblatt** and Chapter President **Kim Goldhirsch**

\* **Beta "GEMS (Girls Empowered and Motivated)"** with Project Co-Director **Sara Earl** and Chapter President **Deborah Vibbard**.

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 2018. Application forms are available on Pi State's website. **The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon on April 21 at the Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Latham.**

*Ellie Robinson*

**The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund**

In 1996 *The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* was established from a bequest of **Bea Small, Omega**, with additional contributions by **Barbara Woodworth**, Bea's daughter.

The interest made from the base money, which is not to fall below \$8000, is to be used annually or biennially for leadership development. This leadership development can take place at any of the following: a workshop for Pi State Officers, Committee Chairs, the Fall or Spring Seminar, or the Pi State Convention.

We strongly encourage Pi State members to contribute to this fund to continue to provide outstanding leadership development workshops in the future. Perhaps you might consider contributing in memory of a sister whom you felt exhibited strong leadership qualities.

*Gail Rumsey*

**The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid**

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grants(s)-in-Aid* was established in 1975 to honor Past Pi State President (1946-1948) **Gladys L. Mersereau**, *Beta Rho*, who wanted to help women become teachers. The purpose of this Award is to provide funding to a non-DKG member(s) whose education was interrupted and who now need financial aid to complete certification requirements.

During your fall Chapter meetings, please take some time and survey your membership to see if you know of such a woman. All Chapters are invited to nominate worthy applicants.

Serving on the Board of Trustees are: Pi State President **Mary-Martha W. Harvey**, Chair, *Omega*; First Vice President **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; Immediate Past President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*; Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*; **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa* (2015-2020); and **Judy Parker**, *Nu* (2017-2022).

Questions may be sent to Chair **Mary-Martha W. Harvey**, [mharvey@frontiernet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net), 585-394-3409. The application form is due February 15, 2018 and is available on Pi State's website:

[http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_application\\_glm.pdf](http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_glm.pdf).

*Mary-Martha W. Harvey*

**Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award**

*Do you know an uncommon educator?*

*Do you know a woman who has been a member of Pi State 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 the new website go to Pi State, click on Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-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 by February 15, 2018 to **Chair Jennifer Lee-Alden**, 227 Fayville Road, Galway 12074, [teachmusic@nycap.rr.com](mailto:teachmusic@nycap.rr.com).

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

*Jennifer Lee-Alden*

**Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award**

**Verna Mulholland** was President of *Alpha Phi* and *Pi State President*. She and **Gladys Mersereau** were planning the State Convention to be held in Lake Placid at a future date when they were both killed in a car accident. Verna had always envisioned giving an award to someone who made an outstanding contribution to education but wasn't eligible for membership.

This Award is given annually to a woman who is not a member of *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* nor eligible for membership in the Society but rather someone outside the profession who has worked toward improving the educational opportunities of others. The Award consists of a plaque and a \$300 stipend to cover the cost of attending the *Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* to receive the award.

Chapter members and Chapters are requested to submit nominations for this award. The application form is available on the Pi State website. Complete applications are due February 15, 2018 to Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees* Emilie Stris, 41 Parkwold Drive East, Valley Stream 11580-2152, [ejstris@hotmail.com](mailto:ejstris@hotmail.com).

*Emilie Stris*

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2018**Refer to the Pi State website [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org) for applications and further information.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Send Applications to</b>
<b>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</b>	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the <b>criteria</b> set forth in <i>Pi State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i> : "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years." <i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th Pi State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	<b>Jennifer Lee-Alden</b> 227 Fayville Road Galway 12074 <a href="mailto:teachmusic@nycap.rr.com">teachmusic@nycap.rr.com</a>
<b>Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid</b>	Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past Pi State President <i>Gladys L. Mersereau</i> (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.	<b>Mary-Martha Harvey</b> 185 Park Street Canandaigua 14424 <a href="mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net">mharvey@frontiernet.net</a>
<b>The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</b>	This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.	<b>Emilie Stris</b> 41 Parkwold Drive East Valley Stream 11580 <a href="mailto:ejstris@hotmail.com">ejstris@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</b>	Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service. <b>Co-Chair Arlene Ida, 3 Sherwood Park Drive, Burnt Hills 12027</b> <a href="mailto:aiddski@gmail.com">aiddski@gmail.com</a>	<b>Co-Chair</b> <b>Susan St. John-Jarvis</b> 119 Chemung Street Corning 14830 <a href="mailto:susansjarvis@gmail.com">susansjarvis@gmail.com</a>
<b>Pi State Achievement Award</b>	The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.	<b>Agnes Becker</b> 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 <a href="mailto:ambecker13@gmail.com">ambecker13@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bea Small Award</b>	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i> , the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.	<b>Ellie Robinson</b> 625 Challenger Circle Victor 14564 <a href="mailto:ejb67@gmail.com">ejb67@gmail.com</a>
<b>Travel &amp; Study Stipend</b>	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>Pi State Standing Rules</i> . Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at DKG International and Pi State Events, Meetings, Conventions, Regionals and CTAUN.	<b>Pat Turner</b> 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 <a href="mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com">tunes14@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Pi State Scholarships</b> information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum. <b>International Scholarships</b> are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website <a href="http://www.dkg.org">www.dkg.org</a> .	<b>Rosemary Van Wart</b> 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 <a href="mailto:rvw20@optonline.net">rvw20@optonline.net</a>



**Pi State Leadership Development Committee**

Photo by Judy Wadsworth

Front row L to R: Pi State President Mary-Martha W. Harvey, Omega; Diane Bootie, Sigma; FDF Administrator and Past Pi State President Joan Slagle, Beta Omega

Back row L to R: Jean Sekel, Pi; Leadership Development Co-Chair and Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau; Pi State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, Gamma Delta; Dr. Faith Prather, Alpha Alpha; Pi State Executive Secretary and Past Pi State President Karen Crumley, Tau; Pi State First Vice President Sue Kenoyer, Psi; Leadership Development Co-Chair Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Alpha Alpha

Missing from Photo: Dr. Renee Funke, Kappa; Pi State Second Vice President Jennifer Lee-Alden, Beta Omega

This year's **Leadership Development Seminar** was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse, on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the appointment of new Committee Chairs, welcome back returning Chairs and prepare them to seamlessly transition into their roles. The Seminar was a great success.

Under the leadership of our newly elected President, **Mary-Martha Harvey**, the Pi State Executive Committee, and the Leadership Development Committee, an ambitious, two-day informative, interactive, yet celebratory Seminar came together as planned. Each session during the Seminar strived to keep attendees actively involved and focused.

Keeping with the theme of this Biennium, **"Opportunities to Connect,"** great emphasis was placed on encouraging new and returning Chairs to connect, communicate and collaborate with their membership, their liaisons and key individuals who might assist them to set and achieve Committee goals. This will ultimately assist Pi State in moving its agenda forward.

Among the topics discussed were effective leadership, team building, delegation, Pi State structure and effectively conducting meetings. Attendees were given an opportunity to participate in a trial GTM, create a list-serve, review the Biennium's Work Plan, and enjoy two skits. They were also given an introductory handout highlighting a Leadership Development Tool Kit to be linked under 'Leadership Development Resources' on the Pi State Website in Committees' menu.

There were two working sessions further underscoring the importance of connecting with Pi State membership. In the first working session, Chairs researched information on their Committees by utilizing State BYLAWS, Standing Rules, previous Biennial Reports and Committee website pages. During the second session, Chairs wrote a summary statement about the role of their Committee, composed their first GTM agenda, wrote an introductory email to their Committee members, and began drafting an article to be submitted for the fall issue of *Pi Lights*.

The Seminar ended with attendees making a recommitment to Delta Kappa Gamma and Pi State. A *special thanks* to all who attended and helped to make this a rewarding experience! We hope these **"Opportunities to Connect"** will lead to a very successful biennium.

*Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott and Jeanne Schenk*

**Fun Fact:** In 1938, the women of DKG were securing their convention hotel rooms in Denver, Colorado for \$4.00 (single+bath) and \$3 (double+bath).





*Suzanne Patrick, Mary-Martha Harvey, and Karen Crumley at Pi State Executive Board Meeting*

**Leadership Development Seminar**

**July 7-8, 2017  
Hilton Garden Inn, E. Syracuse**

*Photographs Courtesy of  
Judy Wadsworth and Katja Stevens*



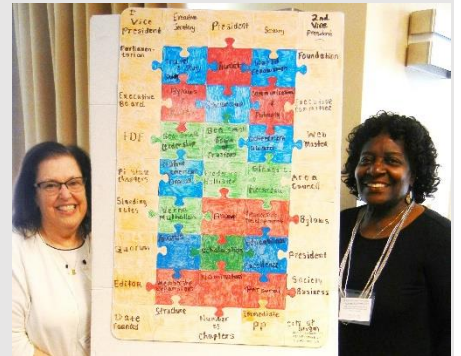
*Putting the Pi State puzzle together*



*Pi State leaders hard at work*



*LDS Chairs Jeanne Schenk and Margie Lovett-Scott.*



*President Mary-Martha Harvey and Co-Chair Margie Lovett-Scott with the completed Pi State puzzle*



*Jeanne Schenk welcomes everyone*



*Jean Sekel and Jean Wagner*



*Ellie Robinson and Friends give an "angelic" presentation*



*Suzanne Patrick, Pi State Treasurer*



*Emilie Stris and Rosemary VanWart*



*Shopping at the LDS Store*



*NY group at reception before the Presidents' Banquet:  
Front Row - Jane Tanner, Sue Kenoyer, M.M. Harvey, Mary Bacalles  
Back Row - Ginny Dudko, Karen Crumley, Ann Walker, Peg Misner*

*Photo by Deborah Bedard*

**Presentation at NERC –  
“How We Helped to Solve a  
Problem – Together”**



*DKG Interim Executive Director Dr. Judith R. Merz with Karen Crumley, DKG Chair Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund and Pi State Past President & Executive Secretary.*

*Photo by Sue Kenoyer*

**President's Banquet**



*President Mary-Martha Harvey  
at President's Banquet*

*Photo by Deborah Bedard*

**NY Dines Out Boat Cruise at NERC**

*Photos courtesy of Leah Exner*



*Skyline of Caesar's Resort, Windsor, Ontario*



*Past Pi State President Anne-Marie Carlson  
with her husband Don and Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey*



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## Pi State US Forum Update, Fall 2017

### *Fiscal Year 2018*

Congress will return to session September 5. For the next several months they will need to work on Budgeting to ensure that authorizations and Fiscal Year 2018 funding are addressed. All are set to expire on September 30, 2017. Take this time to touch base with your representatives and Senators and urge them to take action.

A Reference Source: Richard A. Hertling, Kaitlyn McClure, August 12, 2017, *The Congressional Agenda for 2017*, The National Law Review, Retrieved from: [www.natlawreview.com](http://www.natlawreview.com).

### *Health Care Act*

There is a movement to end Congress Obamacare bailout. The Affordable Care Act and Obamacare names have been used intermittently in the news media, Congressional discussions and articles. It has been noted with the conventional press that the two titles refer to the same material. After spending several months on reform legislation, we are asked to have Congress look at ways they can improve the bill and address issues. Interested participants are urged to discuss with their Congressional leaders how to correct the issues with Obamacare and strength the policy to meet the needs of the people. **Please join me in urging your Senators and Congressmen to work together for the benefit of our Society.**

### *Opioid Addiction, A National Emergency*

President Trump's recent move to declare Opioid Addiction a National Emergency was urged by the White House Opioid Commission led by New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. According to a variety of sources, acting on this would enable funding to be opened through the Stafford Act or the Public Service Act. The Stafford Act would open up funding that will have federal and state agencies working on the opioid crisis. Monies could be used to assist law enforcement and addiction treatment in response to the crisis.

The Public Service Act would involve the Secretary of Health and Human services and open up medical funding. A formal declaration would enable either law to allow Section 11.35 waivers for Medicaid which would allow states to open up treatment options. Under the current Social Security Act, Federal Medicaid funds cannot be used to reimburse treatment facilities that work with mental health/addiction patients with more than 16 beds. This would also scale up treatment and allow more access for the use of naloxone, a drug that is used in treatment. [Source: German Lopez, *what is declaring a national Emergency over the Opioid Epidemic could actually do*, updated by on 8/10/17 3:28pm. Retrieved from [www.Vox.com](http://www.Vox.com)]. **Please join me in urging Congress to present a nonpartisan approach to dealing with epidemic which affects all levels of our Society.**

### *NE Regional US Forum July 13, 2017*

228 NE Sisters attended the US Forum program at Caesar's in Windsor, Ont. The featured speaker Shelley Gilbert, Coordinator of Social Work Services of Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) at the University of Windsor discussed Human Trafficking and work to assist victims from the streets to the courtroom. LAW involves students from the School of Social Work and Faculty of Law at the University. LAW has the lead role in the determined human trafficking initiative WEFIGHT. Through partnering with Windsor agencies, the program works on solutions for the barriers that are created by laws and changes needed. The Forum discussed CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) and Supported a motion made by members of the NW Forum.

The following motion was approved by DKG US Forum members at the Northwest Regional Conference: Motion: ***Move to forward the CEDAW motion for presentation to the Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest Regional members of the United States Forum for consideration.***

The following motion was approved by the Northeast US Forum: Motion: ***In order to acknowledge the efforts of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), We move that the DKG Northeast Regional Members of the United States Forum support and endorse CEDAW.*** This motion was approved. The motion generated at the NW US Forum was voted on and approved at the Southwest and Southeast Forums. Look to the US Forum website for future information on this. Please feel free to contact me for further information and updates at [barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com).

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, NE Representative to U.S. Forum*

## New! Two-Minute Activist Mobile

Announcing the next step in AAUW advocacy:  
[Two-Minute Activist Mobile](#)

This exciting new tool will allow AAUW to send more timely and targeted communication straight to your cell phone via text message. That means we can provide you with more strategic opportunities to take action when your advocacy can make the difference.

Ready to take your advocacy to the next level? Text the word "AAUW" to phone number 21333 now to join Two-Minute Activist Mobile!



## Pi State US Forum Liaison 2017-19



Joan Slagle (*Beta Gamma*)

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## Travel & Stipend Recipient Report



*Travel & Stipend Recipient Janet Jury with Deborah Bedard at DKG International Convention (Nashville, TN)*

I wish to acknowledge the funds from the *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* that provided the opportunity for me to attend the **2016 DKG International Conference** at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee this past July. This was an energizing and exhausting experience to say the least.

My schedule was carefully planned with sessions I thought would be the most interesting and relevant to our Chapter. As with most conferences, there was so much to choose from it was overwhelming. I tried to take a little bit of everything so I could bring back as much information as possible.

As amazing as the workshops and the keynotes were, I would have to say that the most interesting moments were not spent in the sessions themselves: it was in the informal interactions with other attendees and the unique, personal, and insightful conversations I had with other DKG woman that really taught me what this amazing organization is all about.

*Janet Jury*

***Pi State = 81 years Honoring Key Women Educators***

## Area Council Update

### Autumn Greetings, Pi State Sisters!

I hope that Chapter Presidents have forwarded invitations to the Fall slate of Area Conferences happening in September and October. Three of our Area Councils have planned a nice variety of programs and workshops offering opportunities for personal and professional growth. It may not be too late to register for some of these events. You will find more information and conference registration forms on the State website [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org) under the **Pi State** button, **Area Councils**. Please direct your questions to the Area Conference Chair listed in the chart below.

If your Area Council is still in the planning stages for your next Conference, please reference the website to find guidelines, directions and forms to assist with preparations. A Pi State Executive Committee member has also been assigned as a resource for each Area Council (see listing on *Area Councils & Conference Schedule* chart on website). Please reach out if we can help in any way!

*Jennifer Lee-Alden*

## References on Pi State Website for Area Councils

*Refer to menu PI STATE ... Area Councils ...*

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  - o Pi State Finance Committee

*Note: Area Councils vote on their nominations to both Nominations & Finance Committees.*

## Congratulations to our Fall 2017 Area Conferences

### North Central Area Conference,

September 23, 2017

8:00am-2:00pm

GS Steamers, Quality Inn & Suites Riverfront,  
Oswego

*“Safe Passage to Oswego”*

Includes historic sites of The Maritime  
Museum, Fort Ontario and The Safe Haven  
Museum

Conference Chairs: Jill Walch & Agnes Wilk  
[jillwalch@gmail.com](mailto:jillwalch@gmail.com)

### Capital Area Conference,

October 14, 2017

10:00am-2:00pm

Century House, Latham

*“Two Workshops:*

*Growth Mindset and Turning Your Home  
into a Safe Haven”*

Conference Chair: Deborah Bedard  
[Dmbedard29@yahoo.com](mailto:Dmbedard29@yahoo.com)

### East Central Area Conference,

October 19, 2017

5:00-8:00pm

Club 86, Geneva

*“Women’s Night Out”*

With 22 Vendors and Pi State FDF Sales  
Conference Chair: Jacinda Lisando

[cindalisanto@gmail.com](mailto:cindalisanto@gmail.com)

Look for **Registration Forms for  
Area Conferences** on the Pi State  
Website, *Pi State* menu ... *Area  
Councils*.

Biennium Area Conferences will be  
announced as scheduled in *Pi Lights* and  
on the Pi State Website.

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**VISION STATEMENT:** *Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.*

**THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the State Convention in Cooperstown and hearing about the exciting projects that the Foundation funded this past year. As was discussed at the Annual Meeting and reported previously, the Foundation grants last year were almost twice what our income was. Therefore, we encourage you to "*dig deep!*" and remember the Foundation when giving a gift *in honor* or *in memory* of someone. The holiday season will be on us soon--a Foundation gift might be the perfect choice for someone on your list! Donation forms are available on the Pi State website.

**"18-by-18 Challenge"**

We are continuing our "*18-by-18 Challenge.*" Since our local Chapters are into the second year of their biennium, we have challenged them to reach the goal of having at least 18 Foundation Members by 2018! (*And for the smaller Chapters, we have adjusted that challenge for a lower number, of course.*)

*Together we can support wonderful literacy and learning projects throughout Pi State.*

*Ginny Dudko*

**ATTENTION:  
FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the Pi State 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars at The Century House, Latham on Saturday, April 21, 2018 after the Awards Luncheon.

The Agenda and time will be announced.  
*Watch for information in the winter issue of Pi Lights*

**Pi State Foundation Directors**

**2014-18**

Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau*, Chair

**2015-19**

Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer

**2016-20**

Jean Sekel, *Pi*, Secretary

Sheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*

Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

**2017 Grants and Sponsors**

Barbara Cook, *Gamma Zeta*, is receiving a grant for their Chapter project entitled "*Salvation Army Backpack Program.*" Members of their Chapter partner with the local Salvation Army and local churches to provide backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for needy students for the upcoming school year. They have been doing this program since 2008. The grant is for \$600.

Patricia Thompson, *Beta Omicron*, is receiving a grant for \$800 for their Chapter project, "*Totes for Tots.*" This has been an ongoing project for the last four years for children who visit their local hospital emergency rooms and health clinics. Children receive a tote bag. Items in the bag include a stuffed animal, a reading book, coloring book and crayons that all help to calm upset children and give them something to do while waiting for treatment.

Debora Minor, *Alpha Tau*, is being awarded a grant for \$500 for their Chapter project, "*Books for Yates County WIC.*" Their Chapter purchases and distributes books for babies and pre-schoolers who come to the Yates County WIC offices. The grant will allow them to give out more books.

**Foundation Project Grant Applications due November 1, 2017 and May 1, 2018**

## St. Agnes School Students Benefit from DKG Pi State Educational Foundation Grant

**Cindy Zhe** (*Beta Tau*) received a \$1000 grant from the Pi State organization network's **Educational Foundation**. The monies from this grant enabled literary artists, authors and a storyteller, to enrich the educational experiences of the children at St. Agnes.

The students at St. Agnes School in Avon could enjoy visits by two local authors and a professional storyteller this spring. Pittsford author **Marsha Hayles**, Conesus author **Elizabeth Falk** and Dansville storyteller **Cris Riedel** visited the children this spring and exposed them to professionals who shared their love of reading, writing and storytelling.

**Marsha Hayles** spoke with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class after they had finished reading her book, *Breathing Room*. The children were enthralled as Ms. Hayles explained the writing process, how the book was illustrated, how the characters were created, and how she came up with the idea for the book. A lively discussion developed as students asked questions about the book and how the life of the author influenced her writing. As a follow up, students created projects which included letter writing, poetry, prose, and art experiences.

**Elizabeth Falk** shares her love of local history in three of her books, *Council Fire*, *Freedom's Fire*, and *Lettie's North Star*. The fourth grade Social Studies curriculum highlights New York State. Ms. Falk, a former Fourth Grade teacher, brings the study of our local Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, and the Underground Railroad to life with her writing. She brought along a quilt that she had created which helped to explain the secret code messages that the squares represented. These codes were signals to slaves as they rode the Underground Railroad to freedom. Children gained appreciation for our local connections to this Underground Railroad. The St. Agnes Fourth Grade used *Freedom's Fire* to learn about our country's fight for freedom. Ms. Falk explained the writing process to the children, as well as telling them what it takes to get a book published.

**Cris Riedel** is a retired school librarian and a professional storyteller. A twenty-year veteran of performing stories, Cris likes best to tell the old ones: folktales of those who solve the problem—and save the day—with their wits. She has performed at the Stone Soup and Lehigh Valley Festivals, and is celebrating ten years of telling for summer reading programs in her native western New York State. The whole school was treated to a taste of Cris Riedel's storytelling. Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 learned that stories have been told for thousands of years. Many cultures used stories to explain what was observed in nature. Stories from curriculum the areas of the Seneca Nation, China, and Japan reinforced what had been taught in the classroom. Among other things, the children found out why cats wash their paws after they eat, why the rooster wakes up the sun, and why there is only one sun in the sky.

Author and storyteller visits are very important for encouraging reading, broadening knowledge of literature, promoting writing, and understanding the writing process to children. Such visits encourage reading and writing, inspire pupils to be writers, build confidence, and broaden their knowledge of literature. **The school and special guests thank Pi State!**

*Submitted by Cindy Zhe*



**Beta Tau members (l-r) Vicki Rose, Cathy Dickinson, and Cindy Zhe with Storyteller, Cris Riedel (second from left), who participated in the Pi State Educational Foundation Grant awarded to St. Agnes School in Avon.**

*Photo submitted by Cindy Zhe*

Since January 2005, the Pi State Educational Foundation has awarded \$21,777.08 to Chapters to support literacy projects.





## The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CTAUN Conference at the UN

**“Stepping Up to Protect the World’s Children”**  
**Friday, April 6, 2018**  
**9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

*Registration will open on or about October 1, 2017.  
 Check [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org) for details and continued updates,  
 as well as reports from past conferences.*

**Note:** CTAUN *Excellence in Education Award* nominations are due November 20, 2017.



***Save the Date!***

**The 2018 DKG International Convention**  
**JW Marriot Austin (Austin, Texas)**  
**July 16-20, 2018**

### **Do You Have the DKG APP?**

It is free by going to the “store” for your device. Download the app by searching for “Delta Kappa Gamma Society International,” and then watch the instructional webinar, *This App’s for You*, linked from the DKG website home page and available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQqiFC4CApE>. Tools on the home page of the app will inspire and connect you to all things DKG and include direct links to announcements, DKG News articles and other publications, member and project spotlights, blogs and social media.

### **Best of DKG Blog**

Founder Annie Webb Blanton (i.e., a voice representing Blanton’s perspective) and six International Committees are blogging with gusto to reach out to inspire all members to connect and engage. The DKG Society International (DKGSI) blog was born in 2015 and gained steam in 2016. In 2017, the number of blog posts more than doubled. Currently, close to 100 posts are available to view and spark your thinking.

**To follow the DKG blog**, click on the blog button on the home page of [dkg.org](http://dkg.org). To be notified when a new blog is posted, go to the blog page as noted above and enter your email address in the “Follow by Email” box to the left. Hit submit. You will receive an activation message from “Feedburner;” complete that activation to be notified of updates!

### **Examples of Blogs**

**Why We Founded DKG**  
**45 Publicity Ideas to Create Buzz: Part 1**  
**PROPOSE TO ME – The JOY of De-Cluttering**  
**Focus on Finance: Dues Collection**  
**EEC Inspiration**  
**New Resources Foster Chapter Health**

### **Videos to Inspire**

See this collection of videos about DKG and the pride you can feel as a member. Videos provide a great way to share DKG with potential members.

***Videos to Inspire Key Women Educators***

<http://dkgi.blogspot.com/2017/05/videos-to-inspire-key-women-educators.html>



## ALASKAN GLACIER CRUISE

with DKG



**11 DAYS | AUGUST 29, 2018**

Starting from \$2,899

Cruise out of Seattle to discover classic gold rush towns and spectacular seascapes. Alaska will thrill you with its winding waterways, towering glaciers and rushing waterfalls, all within camera-shot of the ship's deck. Keep your eyes peeled and you're likely to spot an array of whale species breaching in the waves. After a week on the water, return to civilization in Victoria, beloved for its blooming gardens and mild weather.

*Your tour includes guided sightseeing, handpicked hotels, local cuisine and more.*

**GROUP COORDINATOR CONTACT:**

Carolyn Rants

Group Number: 67954919

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*Enroll before December 1, 2017. Pricing is subject to change after this date.*

**DKG Benefit: Help after Disaster**

With the recent hurricane in Texas we are all aware that disaster can happen to anyone. The **DKG Emergency Fund** is available not only for disasters on a grand scale, but also personal disasters. One Pi State member got funds after her kitchen burned. A member of one Pi State Chapter had more than three feet of water in her home and she received a check from DKG within two weeks of the incident! The procedure below shows how simple it is to get help

**Emergency Fund recommendation process\***

Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their Chapter and State Organization Presidents to receive a U.S. \$500 Emergency Fund Award.

- **Inform State Organization President** - Chapter President informs State Organization President of member(s) affected by natural disaster. Use interactive form to expedite process.
- **Contact Society Headquarters** - State Organization President contacts Executive Director with name of member, member's Chapter, exact nature of disaster sustained and current mailing address.
- **Approved request leads to check** - Executive Director approves the request and mails a check from Society Headquarters. It is possible that the Executive Director will ask for additional information to determine whether the loss was caused by natural causes.

**Responding to Disasters Since 1948**

Following a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon, a plea for help in the *DKG NEWS* resulted in more than \$3,000 that became the **Emergency Fund**. The fund continues as natural disasters affect members. Contributions demonstrate the Society's "genuine spiritual fellowship."

**2010-2015:** Record storms, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes (Sandy et al) and wild fires resulted in checks in excess of \$125,500 for 283+ members.

**2000-2009:** In 2000-01 Emergency Fund checks increased from \$200 to \$500. Florida remembers 2004's Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne. Gulf Coast state organizations remember Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, when approximately \$400,000 went to members. Hurricane Ike stormed his way into the Gulf Coast and inland North America in 2008. Members in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin suffered from flooding, forest fires and tornadoes.

**1990-1999:** Hurricanes, floods and forest fires hit members in Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, New Mexico and Texas.

**1980-1989:** The 1980s brought earthquakes, fires, tornadoes and hurricanes (including Hugo) for members in 21 state organizations.

**1970-1979:** Mud slides, flooding and tornadoes meant that members in 18 state organizations received **Emergency Fund** checks.

**1960-1969:** Hurricane Camille, earthquakes and tornadoes hit members from Alaska to Louisiana.

**1948-1959:** From initial funds sent to Vanport evacuees to help 72 teachers and their families start anew, the **Emergency Fund** continued to aid members in Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and other states. Members from nearly 60 state organizations received Emergency Fund checks.

\* From DKG International Website

## Beta Tau's Jane Barnard Recognized for Volunteer Work



Congratulations to 99-year old **Jane Barnard** (*Beta Tau*) who was recently featured on WROC-TV and was *Beta Tau's* 2017 Woman of Distinction. Jane was recognized by WROC for the volunteer work she does at the Honeoye Lake Food Pantry.

"I live by myself in a big old farmhouse," said Barnard. "So, it's nice to see people."

"It's just amazing -- her energy for 99 years old -- what she does," said Don Fox, coordinator of the Honeoye Food Pantry. "It's just incredible. I hope I can do that when I'm just 20 years older than I am now."

"They let me work at the registration desk at the Red Cross blood drives, even though they have a computer and I can't use the computer, they still let me, which I very much appreciate," said Barnard. "They let me sell tickets at the church spaghetti supper and at the Easter star spaghetti supper."

Barnard is a staple at the Honeoye Food Pantry. In fact, organizers say it really should be called Jane's Food Pantry. This 99-year-old firecracker shows no signs of slowing down, but couldn't understand why her community nominated her for this recognition.

"No, I'm not extraordinary," said Barnard. "The only thing extraordinary about me is I'm still alive and I don't know why."

Allison Warren (WROC) asked Barnard her secret to life. Barnard says her secret is eating chocolate.

*Excerpts and photo taken with permission from story by Allison Warren (WROC)*

## Congratulations Alpha Phi Members

**Congratulations** to Alpha Phi members, all faculty at Nassau Community College:

- \* **Kelly Gilpin** became Assistant Tenured Professor.
- \* **Debra Mendelson** was promoted to Associate Professor.
- \* **Joyce Stern**, Full Professor, organized and chaired a very successful conference under the aegis of Nassau Community College and the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center – "*Lessons from the Holocaust: The Path to Justice and Equity in Higher Education*" on May 16, 2017.
- \* **Judy Suh**, Full Professor, received an award for Best Practices in Retention.
- \* **Dr. Valerie Lagakis** was promoted to the rank of Full Professor in March 2017 and was awarded the prestigious *Service Learning Award for Distinguished Accomplishment in Applied Learning* in April 2017.

*Dr. Valerie Lagakis*



## A DKG Key Woman Educator is...

*A potential leader  
Able to bring out the best in others  
Authentic  
A conceptual thinker*

*Responsive to feedback  
Results oriented  
Adaptable  
Motivated to make a difference*

**Celebrating New Initiates to Pi State**

**Alpha Phi**



l to r: **Initiate Kelly Gilpin** (Assistant Professor of Reading and Basic Education at Nassau Community College (SUNY)) and **Initiate Judy Soh** (Professor and Educational Counselor in the Department of Student Personnel Services at Nassau Community College) with **Past President Rowena Cosa**

**Beta Nu**



l to r: **Marie Proudman**, Pioneer Central School District (Special Education); **Angela May**, Holland Central School District (AIS); **Marcole Feuz**, Springville-Griffith Institute (Principal); **Danielle Delude**, Holland Central School District (Special Education); **Sarah Crowe**, Holland Central School District (Spanish); and **Sharon Brush**, Pioneer Central School District (Business)

*Photo by Elaine Stumpf*

**Beta Tau**



l to r: **Anne Mosher**, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Livonia Central School, and **Audrey Taylor** Middle School Science teacher, East Rochester School.

*Photo by Patty Genereux*



l to r: **Initiate Joyce Stern** (Reading and Basic Education Professor at Nassau Community College), **President Dr. Valerie Lagakis**, and **Initiate Debra Mendelson** (Adjunct Professor of Nursing at NCC, Adelphi University and Molloy College)

*Photos by Mireille Taub*

**Congratulations Christine Bennett (Omega)**

Omega member **Christine Bennett** was recently featured in an article in Community Health, "Peace of Mind," by Karen Marley where she was recognized for her work in providing *Welcome Back Breast Pump Kits* for nursing teachers returning to the classroom.

When Christine returned to teaching English in the Palmyra-Macedon Central School District, five months after having her son, she wanted to be able to continue breastfeeding her baby. Christine was relieved to find that her needs were met but thought that the situation could be better. She wanted her school district to do more to support nursing teachers.

Christine applied for funds from the District's *Wellness is Now* Committee to create a program that provides breast pumps and supplies for nursing teachers to use while at work. There are now six *Welcome Back* breast pump kits available. It is Christine's hope is that by having the kits available, more new mothers will feel comfortable about returning to work sooner.



**Christine Bennett**  
(Omega)



**Welcome Back Breast Pump Kits**

*Excerpts from Community Health article*  
*By Karen Marley*

**"Opportunities to Connect"**

2015 – 2017  
Biennium Theme

## Alpha Theta Celebrates Sixty Years



*Alpha Theta members Phyllis DiMiero, Pat Turner, Jeanette Lindke and Louanne Hogan help celebrate!*

Alpha Theta sisters recently marked their Chapter's 60th birthday! We celebrated with a party at the Lockport Town and Country Club. Our hostesses, **Peggy Hanavan**, **Pat Turner** and **Diane McKee**, did an amazing job of orchestrating a wonderful evening of fun and remembrances. After a delicious dinner, everyone enjoyed choosing a slice of birthday cake from the variety of cakes baked by our own **Peggy Hanavan**. *Special thanks to Christina Unger* for keeping us on track with an excellent PowerPoint display, Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** for being our special guest and speaker, and the "Trish Stacey Trio" (**Trish Stacey**, **Carol Blumrick** and **Pat Turner**) for the fabulous musical number! A highlight of the evening was President **Barb Filipiak's** announcement of our 2017 Woman of Distinction: **Phyllis DiMiero**. Congratulations Alpha Theta!

*Pamela Hays*

*Photos by Pamela Hayes and Christina Unger*



*Chapter President, Barb Filipiak, & guest speaker, Deborah Bedard*



*"Trish Stacey Trio" (Trish Stacey, Carol Blumrick, and Pat Turner) present a fabulous musical number!*

## Did You Know? Featuring Celeste Crawford (Alpha Theta)

Alpha Theta member **Celeste Crawford** was recently featured in "Resident Highlights" for Elderwood Village at Williamsville. Celeste...

- Was educated in a one-room schoolhouse until third grade
- Was an elementary school librarian for 30 years
- Has traveled 48 out of the 50 United States, including Alaska and Hawaii
- Has a passion for genealogy and traced her ancestors as far back as the 1600s She has ties to 13 different Presidents and two Presidential wives!
- Enjoys knitting, crochet and tatting.



## Assemblyman Billy Jones Honors Pi State Members



*Photos l-r: Judy Austin and Sue Stubbs of Lambda Chapter were honored for Volunteerism. Psi Chapter member Sue Kenoyer was honored at the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony for her commitment to education.*

On Saturday, April 15, **Assemblyman Billy Jones** from the 115<sup>th</sup> District held his first *Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony*. Three Northern Area Pi State members were among the seven women who were honored in six categories. Billy Jones said: *“The remarkable women who make a difference throughout our region deserve to be recognized for their contributions. This year’s Women of Distinction Awards honor outstanding women who are doing their part to make our community an even better place for all of us.”*

**Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*, was honored at the ceremony in Plattsburgh City Hall for her commitment to education and helping students succeed. Sue has taught many levels of mathematics for almost 40 years. Prior to moving to New York, she taught at Michigan State University, Dixie County High School in Florida, the University of Florida and Kansas University. She is retired from teaching high school at Northern Adirondack Central School and is currently an adjunct in the Mathematics Department at SUNY Plattsburgh.

**Sue Stubbs** and **Judy Austin** of *Lambda* Chapter were honored for Volunteerism. They are Co-Chairs of Brasher Falls’ Community Christmas Basket Program. They began working with the program in 1977 as teachers from St. Lawrence Elementary School and have guided the program for the past forty years. They were honored for their unselfish guidance and assistance to the North Country community during the holiday season.

*Sue Kenoyer*

*Photos provided by David Kenoyer*

## 2017 Convention Choir



*Pi State is grateful for the contributions of the members of the Pi State Choir at the 2017 Convention, directed by Pi State EEC Music Representative Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha.*

## Congratulations April (Gamma Delta)!



*Gamma Delta member April Carere, Instrumental Music Teacher, was inducted into the North Tonawanda Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame.  
Photo by Jill Carere-Fetterman*

### Famous Ladies Join Beta Mu Tea



l to r: **Sue Norris** as **Sally Ride**; **Fran Yardley** as **Martha Ruben**, **Karen Glass** as **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**; **Lia Loomis** as **Julie Margaret Cameron**; and **Hallie Bond** as **Amelia Bloomer**



l to r: **Joan Slagle**; **Fran Yardley** portraying **Martha Ruben**; **Sue Norris** portraying **Sally Ride**; **Jennifer Lee-Alden**; **Lia Loomis** as **Julie Margaret Cameron**; **Deborah Bedard**; **Hallie Bond** as **Amelia Bloomer**; **Karen Glass** portraying **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**; **Sharon Patrick**, **Alpha Kappa**; and **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, **Beta**

Women from two centuries joined *Beta Mu* for their High Tea in May. **Julia Margaret Cameron**, a famous photographer from the British colony of India, and **Martha Reben**, a TB patient who was cured by camping in the Adirondack woods, were both played by professional storytellers. The other three women, **Amelia Bloomer**, **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Sally Ride** were portrayed by *Beta Mu* members. Beautiful tables with linens, china, tea pots, flowers and delicious food enhanced the Tea. Some women wore elegant hats and dresses to complete the ambiance. We were delighted to have State Officers and friends from around the State join us. It was our first *Famous Ladies Tea* and everyone had an amazing time.

*Photos & Text by Sue Norris*

### Beta Mu's Famous Ladies Tea



*Pi State Past President and FDF Administrator Joan Slagle, Immediate Past President Deborah Bedard and Second Vice President Jennifer Lee-Alden at Beta Mu's Famous Ladies Tea*

### Psi Chapter Tea with Famous Women



*Psi Chapter members and guests Dr. Maggie McCurry and Deborah Bedard commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NY State granting women the right to vote at a their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea with Famous Women.*

*Photo by Anne Bailey*



## ***Congratulations Gertrude Noden (Beta Delta)!***



*Ithaca Area Students present at DPR Youth Briefing with Gertrude Noden of GEM, Ithaca Mayor Myrick (left, Yu Ping Cha UN ODC with Stacy Cangelosi TCADC (front), Lillian Fan & Michelle McElroy STAP (rear center, and Jane George & Kerry DeLisa teachers (right)*



The **Youth Voices on Substance Abuse: A Guide to Empowerment and Action** program engaged over one hundred upstate New York high school students in studies of key Human Rights documents, such as the UDHR and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, followed by readings and classroom discussions exploring the causes and results of potentially addictive substance use. Working with their teachers, with informed health and policy experts, and with resources and guidance by project organizer **Gertrude Noden**, from *Words into Deeds* and *Global Education Motivators*, participants developed fact-based perspectives then designed outreach projects to raise awareness among their peers and also provide direct support for local service organizations.

On April 20, 2017, eighteen of these students presented their perspectives on the opioid pandemic and recommended approaches to dealing with this health crisis at a public briefing held under the auspices of the UN Department of Public Information. Students were joined by Ithaca Mayor **Svante Myrick**, whose *Ithaca Plan: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drugs and Drug Policy* advocates expanded supportive and recovery services, and **Michelle McElroy** from Southern Tier Aids Program, which supports regional counseling and needle exchange programs. Also presenting were **Yu Ping Chan** from the UN Office of Drugs and Crime, who provided a global perspective, and **Jeff Brez**, UN Director of NGO Relations and Advocacy.

At the briefing, several students shared very personal accounts of the effects of drugs on families. Students emphasized that scare tactics and “*just say no*” approaches are ineffective. Educators need to provide information about the range and effects – both positive and negative – of potentially addictive substances, beginning during elementary years and reinforced frequently. This allows youth to make decisions based on authentic information rather than misinformation from peers and others.

In their assessment of the Youth Voices program, students shared these comments:

*“Being at the UN is one of the best things I have ever had the opportunity to do. It was empowering, and it made me feel important, like I could make a difference.”*

*“Through this process my biases have been shattered and my unconscious stereotypes irrevocably changed for the better.”*

*“Everyone is so afraid to talk about addiction that we end up hiding the truth about it from children. We are not helping anyone by keeping them in the dark.”*

*“I learned the importance of fighting for human rights in my town and globally.”*

*“This project taught me what it is to be a global citizen and how to take action to help your community.”*

One audience member shared this reflection, “The poise and grace with which they held themselves in front of a worldwide audience was amazing to witness. If these students are representative of our future leadership, we are

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**Congratulations Gertrude Noden (Beta Delta)!**

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in good hands!”

Following the conference, students continued their outreach through interviews with reporters from print and radio media. The program culminated in a community celebration held at a local theater in Ithaca, NY. In addition to student presentations and posters, the event featured artists whose performances were based on Human Rights advocacy and experiences with Substance Abuse.

*Photo and article by Drew Noden*

**Alpha Theta Makes and Donates Fleece Blankets to Local Head Start**



*Nelda Callard bundles one of the over twenty finished blankets that Alpha Theta donated.*



*(l-r) Alpha Theta members Diane Lanzo, Peggy Hanavan, Heather Petroziello, Barb Filipiak and Lois Donavan pose with one of their finished fleece blankets.*

*Photos by Pam Hays*

**Congratulations Dr. Aggie Seneway**



*Dr. Carol St. George, Alpha Alpha; Assistant Dean Dr. Brian Brent; Dr. David Hursh; Dr. Aggie Seneway, Alpha Alpha, and Dr. April Leuhmann— pictured at Aggie’s Dissertation Defense. All but Aggie are faculty members at the Warner Graduate School, University of Rochester.*

**Pi State Membership**

*(April 1, 2017)*

Active	2041
Reserve	208
Chapter Honorary	51
Active Life	3
Initiates before 4.1.17	55
Initiates after 4.1.17	31

*Suzanne Patrick*

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education*

## Alpha Rho Member Recognized by the American Hospital Association



*Alpha Rho members and volunteer presenters (l-r) Ellen Hicks, Marge MacPherson, and Sue Fahnestock help Marge receive the HAVE Award.*

*Alpha Rho* member **Marge MacPherson's** Poison Prevention Program for 3-6-year old children received the **HAVE Award** by the American Hospital Association for being the #1 community outreach program in the United States. By using two stuffed bunnies (*Twitch & Twiggle*), Marge teaches young children to stay away from poisons. Since 1994, records show that over 77,000 children have heard Marge's presentation with the help of nine volunteers. Pediatric poisoning at the local hospital has dropped from three per week to none! At age 92, Marge still goes to local schools to present the program. *Congratulations Marge!*

*Susan Fahnestock*

## Gamma Delta Member Celebrates Sixty Years of DKG Membership



*Mary Lorich passes the DKG light to Scholarship Recipient Maryelizabeth Rustowicz.*

Lighthouses have been around for centuries, helping sailors navigate through stormy times and gentle seas. Lighthouses have an endearing place in Pi State's memories and hearts as they show the way. The sisters of *Gamma Delta* knew that we had a special colleague in sixty-year member, **Mary Lorich**, but it wasn't until a recent planning breakfast that we realized how far in time and space that Mary's guiding light has shone right within our very group.

*Gamma Delta* President, **Donna Krayenvenger**, describes Mary's impact on her life as follows, "Mary has held many titles while working at Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY. My brothers and I were all born prematurely. My brothers had frequent hospitalizations as babies due to breathing difficulties and asthma. Mary was either a ward nurse, charge nurse or Director of Nursing for the pediatric unit and could have either taken care of us or supervised other personnel who did during this time. When I moved back to Buffalo from Nebraska I happened to transfer to Mary's Chapter. But I never knew how close a connection we really had!!"

*Gamma Delta* member, **Katie Sclafani**, a teacher at Niagara Charter School says that Mary's impact on her own family predates Katie's own birth. As Mary was a Clinical Supervisor during her tenure at Niagara University, she mentored Katie's Mom in 1978-1979 on developing nursing care plans, professionalism and holistic nursing care.

**Joan Panepinto**, RN-BC, RD, CDN, CDE was quoted as saying, "Ms. Lorich was a true mentor, a wise and trusted teacher, for me as a young Niagara University nursing student. She promoted confidence in a positive, encouraging and soft-spoken way. I am most grateful for her inspiration and stellar example as a compassionate, well-prepared and patient-focused nurse. Ms. Lorich was a star to countless patients and students alike!"

Mary continues to shine brightly in our Chapter with her bright and cheery demeanor and can-do attitude. We the sisters of DKG's *Gamma Delta* Chapter feel blessed to continue to benefit from Mary's guiding light and hope that her light remains steadfast for many years to come as together we continue ...

*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.*

*Mary Jane Fonte, Donna Krayenvenger and Katie Sclafani*

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## Pi State Due Dates 2017-18

- November 1 - Pi State BYLAWS & Standing Rules Recommendations for Changes** due to BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair
- November 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Grant** application due
- November 10 – All Chapter dues/forms** to Pi State Treasurer
- November 15 – IRS Form 990** due to IRS by all Chapters
- November 15 - Workshop Proposals** due to EEC Co-Chair for *Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars*
- November 15 - Pi State Elected Personnel Nominations Forms & Support Letters** due to Pi State Nominations Chair
- February 1 – International Scholarship** applications due
- February 1 – Chapter Annual Necrology** due to Pi State Membership Chair
- February 15 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms** due to Committee Chairs (*See Summary on Pi State Website & Pi Lights.*)
- May 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant** application due.
- May 15 – New Chapter Officers Form** to International & Pi State

### Save the Dates:

The **2018 CTAUN "Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children"** will be held at United Nations in NYC April 6, 2018.

The **2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminars** will be in Latham, NY, April 20-21, 2018 at The Century House.

The **2018 Pi State Leadership Development "Traveling" Seminar** will be held on June 28, 30, and July 2, 2018 at locations TBD.

The **2018 DKG International Convention** will be held in Austin, Texas July 16-20, 2018 at the JW Marriot Austin.

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