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Pi State Educational Foundation

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A History of Achievement

The **Pi State Educational Foundation** was established in 2004, with the encouragement of the Pi State Finance Committee, as a non-profit corporation according to NYS and IRS regulations. It is supported solely through member contributions.

The purposes of the Foundation continue to be twofold:

1. To offer Pi State members a way to make tax-exempt donations and
2. To provide Pi State members a means of applying for financial assistance to support their literacy projects.

Although purposes may be the same, the **Pi State Educational Foundation** is a separate organization from the **DKG International Foundation**. The Pi State Foundation was established to serve only the members of Pi State.

A \$25.00 membership fee (*tax-deductible*) entitles one to a lifetime membership in the **Pi State Educational Foundation**. The Foundation also accepts donations *in honor of* or *in memory of* an individual or group of individuals. All donations are acknowledged and are tax-exempt. Membership and Contribution Forms are available on the Pi State website.

As a member of the Foundation, you may apply for a grant and for one of five Board of Directors positions. Applications for a Project Grant Proposal or Director Position may be found on the Pi State web site. Grant proposals submitted by Foundation members are reviewed by the Board of Directors twice a year, May 1st and November 1st.

Each spring the Foundation Board recognizes the Chapter with the highest percentage of members who have joined the Foundation. That Chapter receives an engraved plaque and recognition at the Spring Convention or Executive Board Meeting/Seminar.

If you have not yet become a member of the **Pi State Educational Foundation**, please do join today.

Encourage your Chapter sisters to join with you.

In this issue of Pi Lights: Refer to pages 9 & 10 for listing of Pi State Educational Foundation Lifetime Members.
Refer to page 8 & 10 for listing of Foundation Donations since 7.1.2011
Refer to page 10 for Foundation Project Grants 2005 - 2012.

Awards Committee

Are you feeling lucky?

Once again this year the Pi State Awards Committee is planning an **Awards Benefit Drawing** at the **Pi State 2013 Convention** in Buffalo April 19-21 to raise funds for State Scholarships, Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid. Each of the ten Area Councils will offer a gift card with a value of \$100 and some kind of **spark** from their area.

Benefit drawing tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are available through Chapter Presidents or you can contact Awards Committee Chair Kelly-Jo Riker, kellyjoriker@yahoo.com or Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, jmos29@aol.com

We hope you will be a winner!!!

Kelly-Jo Riker

Pi State 2013 Convention

April 19 – 21, 2013

Reminders

**Refer to Winter 2013 Issue of Pi Lights
and Pi State website
for Registration Forms, Tours,
Workshop Sessions,
Tentative Schedule,
Hotel Information and Reservations**

Early Registration due March 4, 2013 ...

Tour Reservation due March 4, 2013 ...

**Hotel Reservations for
The Hyatt Regency Buffalo at 1.716.856.1234**



"Be the Spark - Ignite the Flame"

Jeanne Schenk

Pi State President 2011 - 2013



The beginning of 2013 has proved to be a very busy time. On January 18, 2013, I was joined by twenty-five Pi State members at the United Nations for this year's CTAUN conference. The role of educators in advancing social justice focused on economic inequality and the United Nations' campaign against human trafficking. The keynote speakers and members of the panel discussions gave interesting yet disturbing information. A positive note expressed by one of the speakers is that education is the only thing that can change a nation in a generation.

As educators we are the instruments of change.

Throughout January, I received Annual Reports from Chapter Presidents. I appreciate the time and effort taken to complete these reports which gave me a better understanding of Chapter health. Many positive comments were included as Chapter Reports mentioned a variety of community service projects, literacy programs, scholarships for members and grants-in-aid for high school and college students. The fellowship, networking, emotional support and camaraderie among Chapter members were all cited as things that made Chapter Presidents feel proud.

The Chapter Report also asked Presidents to share issues their Chapters were facing. Many Chapters mentioned a concern about the "aging" of their membership. Because of the increased number of retired members in Chapters, some Presidents found it difficult to offer educational programs that were diverse and meaningful for all. Attracting new members, retaining older members and helping to relieve the stress of our working teachers are areas that Chapters want to improve. It is my hope that through leadership development and positive sharing, we can help Chapters solve some of these problems. A special workshop on strengthening Chapters will be offered at the Northeast Regional in Portland, Maine in July.

Finally, the members of the Northwest and Southwest Areas are planning a very special **2013 Pi State Convention**. I hope you will arrange your schedule to join us in Buffalo from April 19 – 21, 2013. Inspiring speakers, varied workshops, wonderful meals and the opportunity to meet with members from across the State are all waiting for you.

This is your chance to ***"Be the Spark and Ignite the Flame in the City of Light."*** **Join Us!!!**



**Thank you, Jeanne, for your leadership, dedication and commitment to Pi State.
You are our *spark!***

Special *Thanks* to Pi State 2013 Convention Committee



The *Pi State 2013 Convention Committee* has met monthly throughout 2012 to plan the Convention. Members are (left to right) - back row: **Fran Romeo** (*Alpha Lambda*), **Kathleen Broderick** (*Beta Alpha*), **Patti Bartz** (*Gamma Gamma*), **Julia Schrader** (*Gamma Gamma*), **Diane Battaglia** (*Beta Nu*), Chair **Maria Weimer** (*Alpha Lambda*), **Maggie Smith** (*Beta Epsilon*), **Nancy Pankow** (*Theta*), **Mary Linda Williams** (*Alpha Sigma*) - center/front row: **Pat Turner** (*Alpha Theta*), Pi State President **Jeanne Schenk** (*Alpha Tau*), **Judy Hagen** (*Gamma Delta*), **Sharon Kulhanek** (*Alpha Lambda*). Missing from photo are **Ruth Houserman** (*Alpha Theta*), **Anne O'Geen** (*Beta Alpha*), **Ellie Robinson** (*Gamma Delta*), **Beryl Szwed** (*Beta Mu*) and **Mary-Martha Harvey** (*Omega*).

The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award was created in memory of **Verna Mulholland**, Past President of *Alpha Phi* and Pi State. She and her friend **Gladys Mersereau** were killed in an automobile accident driving home from a Pi State Convention Planning Meeting in Lake Placid. She envisioned the Award to honor a woman not in the teaching profession but who had made a major contribution to education. The Award is a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 and is given to a New York woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.

Initially, the Award was given to women with international/national acclaim, like Beverly Sills and a female Nobel Laureate. Today, the Award includes women of acclaim in local communities as well. Our last Award recipient was **Kelly Bradley** of Geneva, New York, who is the Executive Director of the Smith Opera House, recognized for bringing affordable live theatre opportunities to school children in a depressed, rural area.

We encourage members to think of women in their community or state, nationally or internationally, who have made significant contributions to education and nominate them for this Award. The nomination forms can be found on the Pi State website and are due March 1, 2013.

Harlene Gilbert

Reminder: Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipend and Grants-in-Aid are due March 1, 2013. Please refer to Fall '12 or Winter '13 issues of *Pi Lights* for listing and contact information and the Pi State Website for forms and information.

The DKG Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Pi State Achievement Award

Is there a member of your Chapter who always says “yes”? Does she also say “yes” when asked to serve at the State level, whether as a State committee member, as a member of a State Convention Committee or State Task Force? The *Pi State Achievement Award* Committee is looking for these hard working and productive members.

Why not nominate her for the **2012 Pi State Achievement Award**?

The *Pi State Achievement Award* is designed **to honor a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Society at the State level.** The nominee should have attended Pi State and International meetings, served on State committees and actively participated in Delta Kappa Gamma affairs in Pi State. This award is based on nominations submitted by the membership and will be judged by the Pi State Achievement Award Committee.

The nominee must be:

1. Nominated by a member
2. Approved by the nominee’s Chapter President
3. Supported by **three** letters of recommendations from Chapter and/or State members who have worked with the nominee.

Since this award is a surprise, please do not ask the nominee for information. Instead consult Chapter files, other members and/or the State Executive Secretary. All information received by the Committee is considered confidential.

The rules of eligibility are:

1. Only active members who have made outstanding contributions to education and have rendered exceptionally fine service to the Society at the state level shall be eligible for the Achievement Award.
2. Each nominee must have a minimum of **five** years of active membership in good standing.
3. No person may receive the *Pi State Achievement Award* a second time. A State President is ineligible for the Achievement Award during her time in office.

With the rules of eligibility in mind, look around you for a member who deserves this honor and submit an application for this outstanding woman. Many have done much for our Society and merit our recognition with this honor. Please send the completed nomination form **postmarked by March 1, 2012** (a requirement) to:

JoAnn Wallace, 6246 The Hamlet, Jamesville, NY 13078.

For additional information, contact jctedi@aol.com. **Nomination forms are available on Pi State website.**

In Remembrance *(November 1, 2012 - January 27, 2013)*

<i>Alpha Rho</i>	Ruth Della Luce	11/16/12
<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Susan Zimmerman	11/24/12
<i>Chi</i>	Barbara G. Gray	12/30/12
<i>Omega</i>	Donna J. Klage	1/2/13

Always in our hearts ...



Visitations 2012 – 2013

October 24	<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	Erin Merrill
October 27	Northern Area Conference	Erin Merrill
	<i>Lambda, Psi, Beta Mu and Gamma Epsilon</i>	
November 3	Northwest Area Conference	Jeanne Schenk
	<i>Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Beta Alpha, Gamma Gamma and Gamma Delta</i>	
November 7	<i>Beta Rho</i>	Jeanne Schenk
March 16	<i>Psi</i>	Deborah Bedard
May 7	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	Jeanne Schenk
May 16	<i>Alpha Eta</i>	Joyce Tang
May 16	<i>Tau</i>	Grace Murphy

Please note: Chapters are eligible for a visit from a requested member of the Executive Committee once every two years. *Refer to the Pi State website for request forms and further information.*

Membership Committee

When the word “*spring*” enters the conversation, it brings a smile to everyone’s face because it is the promise of being free from the grip of a long, cold winter. In Pi State, it also brings either a State Meeting or a State Convention. This year we can look forward to a Convention in Buffalo.

The Membership Committee has the honor of conducting the *Hour of Remembrance* at the Convention. In my opinion, it is one of Delta Kappa Gamma and Pi State’s most beautiful ceremonies since it gives us all a chance to honor our deceased sisters and remember their accomplishments with fondness and pride. It is very personal if it is one of your Chapter sisters being honored. At this Convention, we will honor nearly 80 women who passed away in the years 2011 and 2012. If you are attending the Convention, please join us to celebrate their lives and their legacy.

Another rite of “*spring*” in many elementary classrooms is a poetry unit. The promises of “*spring*” can bring emotions that seem to unleash the poet in everyone. Acrostics are a popular and easy form of poetry to enjoy. The following is a version of an acrostic poem inspired by “*Membership Basics from A to Z*”, an alphabetical listing of membership ideas from the *International Training Manual for State Membership Chairs*. We can spell out “*April*” with some ideas on membership to consider trying in our Chapters this “*spring*” or in any season:

- A** *Adult education, always, atmosphere, attitude:* Adult education programs have teachers who could be members. Always look for potential new members. Foster an *atmosphere* that welcomes guests and new members. Keep a positive *attitude* about the possibility of growth.
- P** *Piano, preschool, presenters, principals, projects:* One-on-one *piano*/music teachers and *preschool* teachers are potential members. Bring in a panel of *presenters* on a selected topic. Women *Principals*/Administrators will add diversity to membership. Your Chapter and State Organization *projects* promote awareness of our organization and bind members together in common purpose.
- R** *Refer, reinstatement, reorientation:* Refer acquaintances outside your immediate area to other DKG Chapters and State Organizations. Invite former members to be *reinstated*. Conduct regular *reorientation* to renew members’ commitment to the Purposes and Goals of the Society.
- I** *Information, initiate, international:* Have *information* at your fingertips about DKG projects and accomplishments at all levels. Have DKG brochures available to share with contacts. *Initiate* often and regularly. The *international* scope of our organization makes us unique.
- L** *Law makers, librarians:* Women *law makers* are potential presenters and honorary members for Chapters and State Organizations. *Librarians* are community leaders and can add new dimensions to membership.

Happy Spring! See you in Buffalo.

Rosemary Van Wart

Pi State Chapter Updates for Standing Rules Due by June 30, 2013

All Chapters need to update their Chapter *Standing Rules* by June 30, 2013. Completed Chapter *Standing Rules* need to be sent to **Karen Crumley**, Pi State BYLAWS and Rules Chair, **Jeanne Schenk**, Pi State President and **Ellie Robinson**, Pi State Parliamentarian. Their addresses may be found in the *2012 - 2013 Pi State Directory*.

After the **2013 Pi State Convention**, all Chapter Presidents and State Chairs will receive a newly revised edition of Pi State’s *Bylaws and Standing Rules*. Members may access these online by going to our state website www.deltakappagamma.org/NY.

If you have further questions, comments or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact me:

Karen Crumley, PO Box 51, Rock Hill, NY 12775, 845-434-6022 or kcrumley@hvc.rr.com.

Karen P. Crumley

Historical Records and Scrapbook

“Looking for your Chapter Photos”

Do you have some great photos of your Chapter meetings, special events or a recent conference?

The **Scrapbook/ Historical Records Committee** would like you to send them via e-mail to be included in the DVD of Pi State activities for the Spring Convention. Please refer to the *Digital Photo Workshop* notes on the Pi State website for instructions.

As you view your photos, please edit them and caption each one (*We like to know who you are!!*), rather than sending a whole file of unedited photos.

We are looking for more participation in digital scrapbooking as we move into the electronic era in Pi State. Please send files to lindaevans2343@gmail.com.

Linda Evans



WORLD FELLOWSHIP

DKG Supporting Women From Around the World

The *Pi State World Fellowships Committee* promotes the work of the *Delta Kappa Gamma International World Fellowships Committee* in

granting world fellowships to women educators who are not DKG members and who live in countries other than the United States and Canada. The granting of fellowships is supported through contributions from Chapters and individuals.

Chapters and individuals may contribute. Refer to www.dkg.org for forms and a complete listing of recipients.

If you would like more information, you may contact *Pi State World Fellowships Committee Chair, Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha*, meanmom5@rochester.rr.com.

Bridget Bishop

Dates to Remember

March 1	Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends, and Grant(s)-in-Aid due
April 19-21	2013 Pi State Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Buffalo, NY
May 1	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant due Pi Lights Summer issue information due
July 7-9	New State Chairs Leadership Development Seminar, Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse
July 24-27	2013 Northeast Regional Conference, Portland, ME

The Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

Applications due March 1, 2013

The Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award was established in 1988 from a bequest of Past Pi State President **Frederica Hollister**. Along with honoring the recipient of this Award, it also honors the memory of Frederica Hollister, whose contributions to education and women educators were exceptional. This annual Award recognizes a current Pi State member and her commitment to education.

After March 1, the Committee spends time with the applications. It is always a difficult task to choose the most deserving recipient. All the nominees are deserving of the Award with their varied and intense commitment to education.

(Note: A member's nomination can be carried over for consideration to the following year.) Most of the Committee communication is via US mail

and e-mail. As Chair, I want to personally thank the current and out-going Committee members for their time and service to this prestigious Award:

Annette Varcoe (*Beta Rho*), **Deborah Bedard** (*Alpha Epsilon*) and **Mary-Martha Harvey** (*Omega*).

Erin Merrill

DKG Vision Statement:

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

Gladys L Mersereau Grant-in-Aid

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grant-in-Aid* is given to non-members whose education was interrupted and who are now in need of financial help to complete certification requirements. This award was initiated in 1975 by Pi State President **Gladys Mersereau**, *Beta Rho*, who wanted to help women become teachers. Applications are due March 1, 2013.

Jeanne Schenk

Pi State Educational Excellence Committee

At the beginning of the *2011-2013 Biennium*, one of the goals for the Pi State Educational Excellence Committee was to have one meeting to get to know one another and to discuss our goals. It didn't take long for me to realize that with Committee members from across the State, this would be very difficult. Most of our communication has been through e-mail. We did touch base at Pi State Meetings in between workshops and meetings.

Then it happened!

With the assistance of Pi State President **Jeanne Schenk**, we were able to have a *Go-to-Meeting* on January 14. Committee Members **Grace Murphy** (*Alpha Beta*), **Jennifer Lee-Alden** (*Beta Omega*), **Barbara Bostwick Quinn** (*Beta*), and **Karen Butters** (*Beta Mu*) met online with Chair **Sue Sharon** (*Sigma*) and Pi State President **Jeanne Schenk**. At the time, Karen was in Alaska, visiting her daughter, son-in-law and new grandson! Go-to-Meeting gave us the opportunity to review our goals, discuss our roles at the upcoming Convention and to talk about the changes in goals for the *Educational Excellence Committee*. It was wonderful to be able to talk to one another and answer questions during discussions. I am so pleased that we were finally able to "meet." I want to thank **Jeanne Schenk** and Committee Members for making the *Go-to-Meeting* so productive.

Over the past two years, we have presented workshops and shared information relating to the two International initiatives: *Schools for Africa* and *Supporting Early Career Educators*. **Karen Butters** has served as our Music Representative and **Grace Murphy** has continued as UN-NGO Representative.

There is a great deal of information on the *Delta Kappa Gamma International* website. If you have specific questions, please contact me at suze0079@aol.com; 315.363.7948.

Sue Sharon

Pi State Welcomes Initiates 2012 - 2013

Chapter	Initiates	Initiation Date
Beta Delta	Babette Bennett	10.17.2012
	Linda Brewer	
	Melissa Lilyea	
	Jacqueline Brown	
	Michele Pane	
	Mary Ellen Kernan	
Lambda	Ginger Armpriester	11.8.2012
	Patti Fisher	
Alpha Rho	Jill Edwards	12.1.2012
	Kathleen Sempler	
Beta Xi	Jean deGutierrez-Mahoney	12.4.2012
Beta Phi	Kelsey Wood	12.5.2012
	Cynthia Wood	
	Nan Woodworth-Shaw	
Alpha Iota	Deborah Amati	4.9.2013
	Susan Jones	
	Karen O. Miller	
	Shirley H. Sherwin	
Alpha Alpha	Annie Tran	5.1.2013
	Mary Ann Geonie	
	Dr. Dawn Jones	

Reminder to Pi State Executive Committee

Please bring your copy of the **Changes to SR/BYLAWS pp. 1-3** to the *2013 Pi State Convention* in Buffalo. You will find the information in your Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* on pages 12, 13 and 14. You may also print the pages from the Pi State website.

Congratulations to:

***Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld**, *Alpha Phi*, for her article, "*Demystifying Teacher Action Research: Lessons Learned from a Graduate Education Capstone Experience*," selected for the Winter 2013, Vol. 79-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*

***Diana (Dee) Katovitch**, *Beta Delta*, on her recent book publication, [The Power to Spring Up: Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Students with Significant Disabilities](#). Dee is the Assistant Director of the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education at Syracuse University and is currently teaching EDU 100/300 Inclusive Adult Educational Practices at SU.

"Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence."

Dr. Helen Popovich, Past Chair Educational Excellence Committee DKG International

Communication: One of our Most Desired Goals

A Pi State Communications Committee Request

Just think of how powerful a personal conversation is in conveying purpose, emitting value between those engaged and listening, allowing for immediate feedback and a lasting memory.

Our Chapters Need You to Converse More!

Your Chapter, Area Council, Pi State, DKG Society International thrive on well-attended programs and business meetings that have been planned by hard-working Committees. Your presence encourages the lifeline of personal conversations that give further meaning to our professional growth, DKG membership and appreciation of those who have stepped-up to leadership positions.

Our DKG Society encourages us as *Key Women Educators* to bring potential Early Career members into the “conversation” that has fueled our own growth in leadership over the years. The network for this exchange of innovative thinking is in place internationally, statewide, regionally and through our Chapters.

Now is the Time to Connect Globally: DKG International – www.dkg.org

Dr. Beverly Helms, International President 2012-14, has invited us to read her Blogs and those of DKG Administrators from the Society’s home page. You can connect through the Pi State website which continues to bring us the well-edited and informative *Pi Lights* as you read the current *Spring 2013* issue. We visually connect to “*The Pride of Pi*” through the photos and events that create the “*Buzz*,” our stories throughout the state.

Thank you to **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Pi Lights* Editor, and **Barre Hall**, Pi State Web Administrator.

Capture the Moments of Chapter History Digitally for Scrapbooking and Sharing the Photos through your Chapter’s own Website!

Maintaining our Pi State History is of utmost importance not only to the **Historical Records Committee**, chaired by **Linda Evans**, but to each Chapter to assure their place in the ongoing Pi State legacy of commitment to community and education. **Please share your digital photos from Chapter meetings or your Area Conferences for our state DVD.** For further information, contact lindaevans2343@gmail.com.

As Pi State celebrates 77 years, the challenge is stronger than ever to reach beyond communicating solely with our local Chapters and membership but to utilize social media to connect globally to further attract strong educators. Kudos to our latest new website designed and administered by **Lori Burch** of *Alpha Alpha* and **Judy Wadsworth** of *Alpha Alpha* in this collaborative venture: www.dkgalphaalpha.org

Members of our Pi State Communications Committee are presently inquiring within their Areas for interested members who wish to create their own Chapter website before or during this summer. Please contact me at subeart@aol.com with further interest, suggestions and feedback.

See you in Buffalo!

Sue Genthner

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations since 7.1.2011

• Kathleen Clark, *Alpha Theta*, in memory of Edward Leanen
 • Patricia Montaldi, *Gamma Delta*, in memory of Laura Kose
 • Anne Price, *Gamma Zeta*, in memory of Stuart Becker
 • Carrie Gilbert, *Beta Xi*, in memory of Gertrude Koop
 • Annette Varcoe, *Beta Rho*, in memory of Kris Merry
 • Chris Storie, *Beta Kappa*, in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Joan Green, *Beta Kappa*, in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Bonnie Nash, *Beta Kappa*, in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Sharon Testone in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Arlene Rainone in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Joan Page, *Beta Kappa*, in memory of Susan Zimmerman
 • Agnes Becker, *Gamma Delta*, in memory of Susan Zimmerman

Beta Xi in memory of Elisabeth Lopham
Alpha Chi in memory of Gary J. Schenk
Alpha Chi in memory of Brian S. Harvey
Alpha Delta in memory of Barbara LaSpina
Alpha Delta in memory of Kay Dowling-Pelish
Alpha Delta in memory of Lillian Hertlin
Nu in memory of Gary J. Schenk
Alpha Delta in memory of Nora Floody
Nu in honor of Jeanne Schenk
Gamma Delta in honor of Jeanne Schenk
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Alpha

Patricia E. Hershberger
Deborah D. Hill
Joan Bivona
Mary Grade McCue

Beta

Barbara Bostwick Quinn

Delta

Suzanne H. Shelton
Julia Hoover
Margaret Connoly

Kappa

Jane Lindboom Winter

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Kristina A. Kowalchuk
Susan H. Marquart
Rachelle Romoda

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Barbara McCaffery
Ruth A. Hicks

Nu

Rise Messmer

Xi

Dianne Salvemini
Gail Christensen

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Elaine McNulty
Susan M. Summerfield
Rebecca M. Carter
Jean Sekel
Sharon Marie Perrella
Lori Shuster

Rho

Suzanne Patrick

Sigma

Linda Evans

Tau

Mary Keiter McCarty
Karen P. Crumley
Virginia Dudko
Elizabeth C. Dennis

Upsilon

Patricia Obrizok

Phi

Nancy J. Rodgers
Jane Anderson
Anne-Marie Carlson
Lori Shuster

Chi

Sue Ann Pennock
Marian M. Opela

Omega

Lois M. Ludwig
Della L. Ludwig
Deborah S. Trombino
Judith A. Kiehle
Marguerite Wiegand

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F. Carol Ramsey
June Renner
Mary-Martha W. Harvey

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Gretchen Hughes
Sue Ann Genthner
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Lenora E. McCabe
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JoAnn Wallace

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Harlene Gilbert
Ruth Ann Fultz
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Collene Richardson
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Noreen F. LeCann
Gertrude Koop
Irene Hope Gazza
Beverly Rostin Krouse
Eileen Petrillo

Beta Rho

Deborah J. Pichette
Annette Varcoe

Beta Tau

Joan A. Irwin

Beta Phi

Suzanne Walker

Beta Chi

Susan St. John-Jarvis
Deborah Joseph

Beta Psi

Catherine McDonnell
Loretta Detweiler
Michele Smith
Frances R. Brida
Catherine Olinger
Phyllis Voegeli

Beta Omega

Joan C. Slagle
Jennifer Lee-Alden

Gamma Alpha

Dr. Rita King

Gamma Gamma

Julia V. Schrader

Gamma Delta

Nancy Heiman
Judy Hagan

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Lifetime Members (Concluded from page 9)**Gamma Delta** (continued)

Karen Mauro
Mary L. Lorich
Mary Jane Fonte
Beverly Anker
Agnes Becker
Joan Holesko
Eleanor Robinson
April Carere

Gamma Epsilon

Patricia Washburn

Gamma Epsilon (continued)

Charlotte Garofalo
Patricia E. Bell
Ann M. Adams
Rebecca Buckingham
Sandra Plimpton
Cynthia Wilson
Joyce Yianoukos

Gamma Zeta

Sally Dutcher
Mary H. Bacalles

Gamma Zeta (continued)

Teresa M. Graham
Diane M. Masters
Audrey C. Phelps
Janet W. Richardson
Doris K. Roy
Judith H. Dwyer
Doris A. Knowles
Dr. Geraldine Wolfe
Catherine Honness
Anne Galvin

Gamma Zeta (continued)

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Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz
Barbara Cook
Patricia Kent
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Ethelea M. Wardner
Loucynda Barker
Barbara Jane Coger
Mary Franklin
Diane Huggler

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations since 7.1.2011

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Beta Lambda

Reports about the Pi State Educational Foundation will be a regular feature in *Pi Lights*.

Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grants 2005 - 2012

DATE	APPLICANT	CHAPTER	TITLE OF PROJECT	AMOUNT REC'D
January 2005	Beverly Krouse	<i>Beta Xi</i>	"Read to Me"	\$ 400
June 2005	Karen Crumley	<i>Tau</i>	"Born to Read"	\$ 400
June 2006	Susan Summerfield	<i>Pi</i>	"Family Math Night"	\$ 450
January 2007	Kristina Kowalchuk	<i>Lambda</i>	"Born to Read"	\$ 400
June 2008	Patricia Washburn	<i>Gamma Epsilon</i>	"Children's Books & School Supplies"	\$ 500
June 2009	Sheila Brady-Root Dr. Roselyn Freedman Baum Wanda Ward	<i>Alpha Xi</i>	"Backpacks and Supplies"	\$ 300
June 2009	Kathleen Clark	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	"Read to Your Baby"	\$ 750
December 2009	Susan Genthner	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	"A Child's Journey in Literacy"	\$ 950
June 2010	Barbara Cook	<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	"School & Backpack Program"	\$1,000
June 2010	Judith Dwyer	<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	"Music Needs Maintenance"	\$ 800
June 2011	Patricia Washburn	<i>Gamma Epsilon</i>	"Memories"	\$ 560
December 2011	Mary Jane Fonte	<i>Gamma Delta</i>	"Creative Cuddle Time at Carolyn's House"	\$ 300
June 2012	Lenora McCabe	<i>Alpha Eta</i>	"Warm Hands - Active Minds"	\$ 400
December 2012	Anna Bonafide	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	"Helping Girls with Choices"	\$ 700
TOTAL AWARDED				\$7,910



DKG Facebook Focus

Join In, Share and Stay Up-to-Date

DKG has an official *Facebook* page. If you are a *Facebook* user and want to learn more about the International level of our Society, log in and go to <http://www.facebook.com/dkgorg>. Meet other members and gain a greater understanding of the work of International Committees. Share what your State Organization and Chapters are doing to meet the purposes of the Society. Join the conversation and stay informed:

- * What are you doing to Support Early Career Educators?
- * How are you keeping members involved?
- * What kind of attendance does your Chapter have at State Organization Conventions, Regional Conferences and International Conventions?

*Have any of your members considered presenting at a Regional Conference this summer?

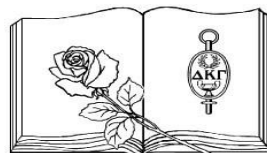
*Show your slate of officers for the upcoming State Organization Biennium.

Contemporary Initiation Ceremony Available

The **International Membership Committee** continues to design membership resources for the 21st Century. DKG members have given accolades to the new *Contemporary Initiation Ceremony*. The focus is less on the past and more on bringing together qualified and diverse women educators. The Contemporary Initiation focuses more on the needs of educators serving in a broad spectrum of educational fields, emphasizing the pursuit of worthwhile projects that make a difference in communities around the world.

The Committee believes members will respond in the same way to new **Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and Ceremonies** book.

*Even though DKG's membership is international,
the heart of the Society is at the Chapter level.*



These documents provide Chapters with guidance and support regardless of their location on the globe. They take into consideration our Society's diverse membership and stress the pride of being a key woman educator. The **Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and the Ceremonies** book will be available at the DKG store at www.dkg.org in March or early April.

Promote and Share Fine Arts Talents

The Fine Arts play an integral part in excellence in education as well as excellence in personal and professional growth of individuals in all walks of life. The **International Educational Excellence Committee** is encouraging Chapters and State Organizations to promote personal growth through the Fine Arts this biennium by integrating Fine Arts programs and activities into Chapter and State meetings and conventions.

The Fine Arts are a tool of expression, felt and enjoyed in every language and culture. A resource of Fine Arts ideas can be found on the International website www.dkg.org in the library. This site is continuously updated with more and more ideas featured every month.

Available on the **DKG Network** is the **DKG Artists Group**. This group is comprised of DKG artists of all types (*music/dance/theatre/comedy/visual arts*). This is a place to network with Fine Arts sisters from all over the world! It is also a resource for DKG members in search of quality artists for a variety of DKG needs.

Have you joined?

The **DKG Fine Arts Gallery**, located in the library of the DKG Network, contains photographs of paintings, crafts, needlework, songs and drama created by some of our DKG members. There is even a picture of a doll crafted by a DKG sister! This past summer, the SE Regional Conference included a dramatic musical performance of *Anna*, from *The King and I*, by a DKG sister who showed a picture of her performance in the DKG Gallery!

Do you possess a fine arts talent?

Have you shared your ideas and your work in the DKG Network? *It is easy to access!* Click on "DKG Network" at the right hand corner of the International website; type in your e-mail address and password, which is delta 01; then click on "DKG Artists" or "Library." *It is that easy!*

Let's network through the arts! You will find wonderful new fine arts friends and ideas!!!

Have you visited the **DKG website library lately?**

The **electronic library on the DKG website** is the place to find information about a broad spectrum of Society activities. **Blogs** by the International President, Executive Director, Information Services Administrator, Membership Administrator and the Operation Services Administrator require a click on a link. Learn what these women are doing each month. Another feature includes **Program Ideas** for fine arts, **Society Purposes, Projects** and a **Founder Quiz** that could be used as a Chapter meeting program. The library also includes **Documents** usual to members. You may also find **Power Point Templates**, the **Strategic Action plan** and tips for **Creating a Chapter Action Plan**. Resources from **International Committees** can be found quickly. Researchers have access to past issues of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* and the *DKG NEWS*.

Many more shelves await visitors to explore.

TIPS FOR STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING

on DKG website www.dkg.org

“As the SAP Rise” is a resource with tips for Strategic Action Planning.

The first edition of the tip sheet was recently posted to the Society website and provides help on how to begin, write and share resources for developing a State/Chapter Strategic Plan.

Also available is a power point that was developed by **Dr. Beverly Helms**. The program explains why **SAP** is important and outlines how to lead a State Organization or Chapter through the planning process.

To view these resources go to www.dkg.org and type **SAP** in the search box at the top of the screen. These two resources, the tip sheet and power point, are then accessible.

DKG now on YouTube

DKG is now a *YouTube* member. Many Delta Kappa Gamma members have posted our song and other videos on *YouTube*. The DKG official channel is <http://www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin>. Search DKG or Delta Kappa Gamma to view what members are doing. Add your videos to the site.

2013 Northeast Regional Conference

Holiday Inn by the Bay

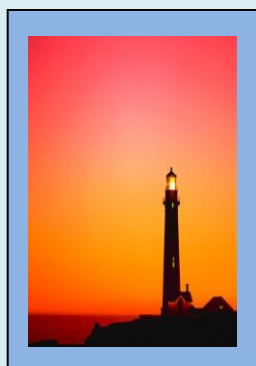
Portland, Maine

July 24 – 27, 2013

Refer to DKG International website

www.dkg.org

**For Registration, Hotel Information, Events, Speakers,
Workshops, Tours, Schedules and more**



Go to the DKG International website: www.dkg.org

You can: * Join social network; use resources; refer to Committees; learn Conference details; refer to *Ideas & Projects*; learn about Grants & Scholarships & **find lots more!**



Anne-Marie Carlson,
Phi, CTAUN Chair

For 14th Annual CTAUN Conference Summary and Guest Speakers, other CTAUN Events in the United States, Conference Archives, Best Practices Awards, Powerpoints, iPhone App, Teacher Resources and more, refer to website:
www.ctaun.org.

14th Annual CTAUN Conference
January 18, 2012 – United Nations, NYC
 North Lawn Building ECOSOC (*Economic and Social Council Chamber*)
“ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS”
Focus on Economic Equality and Human Trafficking

Anne-Marie Carlson, *Phi*, Chair of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), welcomed a very diverse audience of 456: including UN staff, NGO representatives, United States educators at all levels, 53 Fulbright scholars representing 25 countries in Asia, Africa, South America, Europe and Middle East, teachers and students from the Tri-State area and 25 Pi State sisters. Anne-Marie stated that the day’s focus would be on *“economic equality and human trafficking ... The improvement of which, we at CTAUN regard as essential to achieving greater justice.”*

UN Under-Secretary General Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal stated that he believes that we develop **social consciousness** among our students through our own connectedness, our identification with justice, social equity and morality and our sense of a larger purpose and meaning in life. Likewise, he believes that students, when presented with real-life stories that illustrate strong moral character and social responsibility, can reflect on their own behavior and better understand the contribution they can make towards building a better world.

Maher Nasser, UN Director of the Outreach Division, Dept. of Public Information (DPI), gave an example of the **global and local impact of economic inequality**, comparing Norway, which appears as the richest country per capita, with a population of 5 million, a gross domestic product per head of \$100,340, and a purchasing power of \$63,690, with Zimbabwe, which has a population of 12.7 million, with a GDP per head of \$197 and a purchasing power of \$204.

Carol Jean Willie, NGO representative of the Sisters of Charity Federation, focusing on the **impact of climate change**, stated: *“While preventing the risk of a future climate catastrophe means cutting emissions immediately, we have passed the point of preventing the consequences of climate change in the decades ahead. The challenge now is to avoid the unimaginable and manage the unavoidable.”*

Kevin Cassidy, Communications and External Relations Officer for the UN’s International Labor Organization (ILO), *“Lasting peace,”* he said, *“can only be based on social justice. Labor is not a commodity, they’re people. Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere.”*



CTAUN Vice-Chair Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*, is seated front row left with Conference participants.



UN Under-Secretary General Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal addressed the Conference.



Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University, and Adjunct Professor of Law, Yale Law School, was keynote.



Ramu Damodaran, Director of the United Nations Academic Impact, introduced the **UN iPhone App** for use by students around the world. The goal is to expand student knowledge of the history and workings of the UN through English language and communications lessons. Other features include vocabulary, audio-text of the lessons, games, mini-crossword puzzles, and UN-TV news and information feeds. Future Apps are planned.

Carol Jean Willie, NGO representative of Sisters of Charity Federation, spoke about climate change.



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***Rita King, Gamma Alpha, Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta, and Eileen Venezia, Alpha Delta,** for their notes from the 14th Annual CTAUN Conference that served as framework for the Conference Summary on the CTAUN website, www.ctaun.org.

* **Dorothy Killackey, Alpha Pi,** on the publication of her new book Musings and her recent successful sales and book-signings.

Memories of My Years Attending CTAUN



Jean Fontana, Alpha Phi

I have attended almost all of the CTAUN Conferences since what I believe to have been the organizational meeting held in the **Dag Hammarskjold Library**.

One conference had us dancing in the aisle with girls transported to NYC from the Gambia for the event which was held that year at UNICEF HQ. This was followed by a luncheon in another building where we were stepping

over shards of glass and debris to get inside because it had been bombed a day or so before. That fact didn't deter Pi State members or the UN Singers, who entertained -- true NY moxie.

While walking around in the reception area of the UN at another conference, UN police told us to freeze as Iranian President Ahmadinejad was passing by.

Other conferences enabled members of our Chapter, *Alpha Phi*, my daughter an RN, and me to meet and have conversations with **Walter Cronkite** and **Robert Kennedy Jr.** My conversation with Kennedy centered on the debate over dredging the Hudson by Fort Edward.

Meeting **Nane Annon**, the Secretary General's wife and author, was nice but what was amazing was the note she sent me in January 2002 apologizing because she was delayed in autographing my children's book because she had been out of the country. Could the delay have been because she was in Oslo, Norway in December 2001 with her husband when he accepted the Peace Prize? At least that is what I want to think.

Anne-Marie Carlson continues to do a marvelous job organizing this annual event with so many different organizations and people assisting. It is to her credit and DKG's that teachers are now invited to attend and participate in a meeting at the UN. *Imagine that!*

Jean Fontana

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Look for more features, Chapter highlights, photographs, Initiates, Educational Foundation membership and contributions and lots of information. E-mail articles, Area Conference information, photos, *Pride of Pi* highlights to:
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Pi Lights Deadlines for 2013

May 1, 2013 ... September 1, 2013 ... December 1, 2013