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2014 Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminar

April 25-26, 2014

Sheraton Syracuse Hotel & Conference Center
801 University Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210

Look for *Registration Form & Hotel Reservation/ Directions*
on pages 13 & 14 of *Winter Pi Lights* or on *Pi State* website.
Seminar Early Registration due by March 10th
Hotel Reservations due by March 21st

One of the ways *Dr. Joyce Tang* has challenged us to "*Invigorate Pi State*" is to grow our membership.
Please consider inviting an *Early Career Educator* or potential member to the *Executive Board Meeting & Seminar*.

Pi State Educational Foundation

Annual Meeting

Friday, April 25 ... 8:15 – 9:00pm

The Annual Meeting for the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held on Friday, April 25 at the *Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminar* in Syracuse. **Agnes Becker**, Foundation Chair, will introduce grant recipients and give updates on Foundation business. All lifetime members and interested Pi State sisters are welcome to attend.

Membership and donation forms are available on the Pi State website. Donations may also be given "in memory of" and "in honor of."

Foundation Project Grant Applications are due November 1 and May 1. Find forms on Pi State website. Applicants must be members of Pi State Educational Foundation. Projects must promote literacy but are not limited to reading. Projects may be new or ones that have already been started. They may be individual or Chapter projects.

Reminder to Pi State Executive Board

Please bring your copy of the **Changes to SR/BYLAWS** to the *Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminar* in Syracuse for vote on Saturday, April 26th.

You will find the information in this spring issue of **Pi Lights** on **page 5**. You may also print the pages from the Pi State website.

Save the Dates:

Pi State Leadership Development for New Presidents, **June 29-July 1, 2014** Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse
Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar, **October 17-18, 2014** Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls
Pi State 2015 Convention and Seminar, **April 24-26, 2015** Long Island Marriott, Uniondale

Deadline for Pi State
Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and
Grant(s)-in-Aid
March 1, 2014

More details included in Winter Pi Lights on p. 5.
Refer to the Pi State website for applications and further information.

Pi State Chapter Websites

Refer to the Pi State website.
Under *Pi State Area Council Information*, click on Chapter websites to find:

<i>Alpha Nu</i>	<i>Omega</i>
<i>Beta Kappa</i>	<i>Gamma Delta</i>
<i>Lambda</i>	<i>Rho</i>
<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	



“Invigorating Pi State”

Dr. Joyce Tang

Pi State President 2013 - 2015

Register NOW for the Spring Executive Board Meeting and Seminar in Syracuse!

The Office of the State President is busy as ever since the beginning of the year. While vacationing abroad, I was literally mixing business with pleasure. Pi State never sleeps, because information technology has enabled us to conduct the business of our State Organization 24/7. In addition to celebrating the holiday with family and friends, members of the Executive Committee (**Deborah Bedard, Karen Butters, Rosemary Van Wart, Jeanne Schenk, Beryl Szwed, Suzanne Patrick, Mary-Martha Harvey, Ellie Robinson, Barre Hall and Joan Slagle**) continued to work hard for the 2,500+ Pi State members.

Don't forget to register for the **Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar** and make reservations at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. Early registration ends MARCH 10 and DKG special room rate expires MARCH 21 at 5:00pm:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/DKG%20Registration%20&%20Hotel%20Directions%20Spring%20Seminar%202014.pdf>

Bring one or two prospective members to the Meeting and let them see firsthand the dedication and commitment of Pi State sisters to promoting excellence in education. Your Chapter's incoming President and guests can take advantage of the opportunity to meet State Officers, State Chairs and attendees, to find out what makes Pi State click and what Pi State can offer to current and prospective members. For example, new and experienced teachers don't want to miss two workshops: *“Supporting Early Career Educators: The Need and the Response”* and *“The Impact of the Common Core: Effects on What and How You are Teaching Students to Prepare Them for the Revised Learning Standards.”* Current and potential leaders will find three workshops **invigorating**: *“Membership and Expansion: It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter,”* *“How to Conduct a Chapter (Business) Meeting Effectively and Efficiently,”* and *“Chapter Communication: Expand and Invigorate.”* Whether you are a history buff or not, don't forget to catch a glimpse of women's contributions to an important chapter of the United States history from *“Women of the Civil War.”* If you are thinking about writing a memoir, *“Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories”* is for you. In addition to holding Benefit Drawings to raise funds for Pi State scholarships, grants, and awards, you are invited to a presentation on the first Strategic Action Plan for Pi State at the Spring Meeting General Session, Executive Board, Corporation, and Area Council Meetings, Financial Development Fund Sales, and the Awards Luncheon to celebrate the achievements and success of the winners of scholarships, grants, and awards.

Your participation and involvement are essential for the success and growth of Pi State.

U.S. Forum Liaison **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, Past Presidents **Karen Crumley, Dr. Andrea Morris and Joan Slagle**, and I will attend the **2014 National Legislative Seminar** (organized by the DKG U.S. Forum) in Washington, D.C. from March 16 to 19: <http://deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/file/2014%20NLS%20Reg%20Form.pdf> There will be a report of the March National Legislative Seminar at a Saturday workshop, *“What is the U.S. Forum and Why Is It Important to Pi State members?”*

Meeting at Onondaga Community College on January 19, the **Audit Committee** Chair **Jean Sekel** and members conducted the Pi State semi-annual audit. On January 30, **Jeanne Schenk, Beryl Szwed, Deborah Bedard, Karen Butters** and I conducted a **Site Visit of the 2015 Pi State Convention**—Long Island Marriott in Uniondale. The

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Leadership Development Committee Chair **Ruth Ann Fultz** and members met at **Sheila Brady-Root's** home on February 17 to organize the Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming Chapter Presidents at the Hilton Garden Inn in Syracuse from June 29 to July 1. On March 5, **Awards Committee** Chair **Erin Merrill** and members will review the nominations for scholarships, grant(s)-in-aid and awards and deliberate on the award amounts at a Go-to-Meeting. To prepare an annual budget for adoption by the Executive Board at the Spring Meeting, **Finance Committee** Chair **Noreen LeCann** and members will have a meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Albany on February 28.

I am delighted to see announcements of the **2014 International Convention** in Indianapolis, Indiana at JW Marriott (*July 28 to August 1*) in numerous Pi State Chapter Newsletters that have arrived in my electronic and postal mailboxes, including but not limited to the *excellent* winter issues of **Alpha Eta** Chapter (*received February 4*) and **Beta Psi** Chapter (*received February 5*). Have you registered for the International Convention? Grab a friend and attend the Convention, organized for 85,000 DKG members in 18 countries:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/2014-international-convention-registration#node-6455>

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 29 for **"New York Dines Out"** organized by Pi State Second Vice-President **Karen Butters**.

The **2014 Seminar in Purposeful Living** in Ft. Wayne, Indiana (*July 23 to 26*) is also open for registration:

<https://www.dkg.org/content/2014-seminar-purposeful-living#node-6491>

Let's celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the following Pi State sisters:

- [1] - Pi State Past President and Chair of CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) and NGO/DPI (*United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations/Department of Public Information Executive Committee*) **Anne-Marie Carlson**, DKG UN/NGO representative **Grace Murphy**, volunteer-experts **Joan Goldstein**, and **Lochie Musso** organized another successful annual Conference "*Promoting Peace Through Education*" at United Nations Headquarters in cooperation with the United Nations Department of Public Information on January 31. For a sociologist's account of the Conference, go to my report on CTAUN in this issue of *Pi Lights* on pp. 7 & 8.
- [2] - **Maria Consoli Toulas**, a member of *Alpha Phi* and a retired social studies teacher who lives in Rockville Centre, New York, published *The Civil Servant: A Personal Story of an American Immigrant* (Bloomington, IN: iUniverse 2013). It is a memoir which tells the story of a Greek immigrant and Maria's husband for 41 years (Andreas) who longed to be an American civil servant. It also reaches back to Maria's roots in Italy and stretches across the American landscape to modern times. It is also a love story and a family history of immigration and acculturation into American society. Maria is the Chair of Pi State Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award (2013-15).
- [3] - **Jean Fontana**, a member of *Alpha Phi* and teacher-consultant-author, published *Me and That Asperger Kid: Audacious, Unique, Tenacious, Inquisitive, Solitary, Memorable* using the pseudonym A. Teacher (www.meandthataspergerkid.com 2014). Jean addresses two important questions:
 - [3.1] Can an autistic child, with audacious and obsessive behaviors, survive in a regular public-school classroom without special services or support from that school's hierarchy?
 - [3.2] What would enable such a child to do so and to flourish?
 Jean is a co-recipient of the 2013 Pi State Travel and Study Stipends.
- [4] - The International Golden Gift Fund Committee has selected **Della Ludwig** as one of the 30 DKG members to attend the *2014 Golden Gift Leadership Seminar*. The 2-week program will be held at the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas, Austin, from June 28 to July 11. Della is a Seventh Grade English Language Arts Teacher at Williamson Central School District, President of *Omega*, and a co-recipient of the 2013 Pi State Travel and Study Stipends. On May 17, I will attend the **Seminar for Early Career Educators** organized by *Omega* at the Trinity Hall in Geneva.

Appreciation also goes to the **Chapter Presidents** who sent in their 2013 Annual Reports for incorporation into the State President Annual Report for submission to International (74% response rate).

On behalf of **State Chairs** **Diane Bootie** (*Membership and Expansion*), **Sue Genthner** (*Communications and Publicity*), **Noreen LeCann** (*Finance*), **Jennifer Lee-Alden** (*Educational Excellence*), **Elaine McNulty**

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(*Scholarship*) and **Emilie Stris** (*World Fellowship*), I would like to thank the Chapters that have submitted their reports to the State Chairs.

The presentation on the **Strategic Action Plan for Pi State** at the General Session on Friday (*April 25*) in Syracuse will include an overview and analysis of the Chapter President's 2013 Annual Reports and 2013 Annual Reports to State Chairs. The SAP for Pi State will also include a roadmap of how to build on the strengths of our 61 Chapters to **INVIGORATE PI STATE**.

*See YOU at the Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar
in Syracuse on April 25 and 26!*

Dr. Joyce Tang

Personnel Committee Announces Pi State Job Openings

Full descriptions of each position and application forms are available at Pi State website, www.deltakappagamma.org/NY. **Applications are due April 2nd to Collene Richardson**, Chair Personnel Committee, 8 Robert Street, Riverhead 11901, collenerichardson@msn.com.

PI STATE Treasurer 2014-2018

*Have you ever been a Treasurer for a local organization?
Do you like to work with numbers and budgets?
Would you like to support Pi State in a meaningful way?*

If you can answer *yes* to these questions and love to travel, then you would be an excellent candidate for the position of **Pi State Treasurer**. This is a four year term, receiving a modest honorarium. Candidates must be participating members who are active and in good standing. The *Pi State Treasurer* must evidence strong record-keeping and organizational skills. Computer skills are required.

PI STATE Pi Lights Editor 2014-2018

*Do you have excellent organizational skills?
Do you like to write, edit and design newsletters?
Do you love our society and working with members?*

If *yes* is your answer to these questions and you enjoy travel, then consider applying to be **Pi State Pi Lights Editor**. This is a four year position, receiving a modest honorarium. Candidates must be participating members who are active and in good standing. The *Pi State Pi Lights Editor* must demonstrate leadership skills, administrative abilities and knowledge of information technology. Computer skills are required.

Awards Donations

This year, the Awards Benefit theme is **"Invigorating Pi State Members!"**

Each of the 10 Pi State Area Councils will bring a Benefit Drawing item, each valued at \$100, to the Pi State Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar in Syracuse on April 25-26, 2014. Drawings will happen throughout the weekend.

Some suggested Awards Benefit Drawing ideas to demonstrate this theme are:

- * *Invigorating the Mind*—books, music (I-tunes), museum gift card
- * *Invigorating the Body*—exercise, outdoor activities, LL Bean gift card
- * *Invigorating the Palate*—restaurant gift cards, cooking store gift cards
- * *Invigorating the Wardrobe*—clothing gift cards, jewelry, shoes
- * *Invigorating Members*—gift cards

Chapters are being challenged to have each member purchase at least one Benefit Ticket with the goal of a \$100 contribution from each Chapter. To date, \$251 has been contributed from *Mu* and *Pi* Chapters and a member's donation.

WE CAN DO THIS!!!

Here is a look at the contributions in the last five years:

2009--\$5251

2010--\$5095

2011--\$5500

2012--\$4476

2013--\$4020

2014--\$6100 (*proposed*)... *When each Chapter makes the suggested \$100 contribution.*)

All the money raised from the sale of Benefit Tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Fund.

Erin Merrill

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pi State Proposed Standing Rule Changes for April 26, 2014

Karen P. Crumley, *Tau*, Chair

Please bring this page with you to the Spring Executive Board Meeting at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY.

Amend **Section 7 Executive Board** by adding 7.13

To Read:

7.13 Any funds remaining after all Executive Board meeting expenses have been paid shall be distributed back to the Pi State Available Fund.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

Amend **Section 6 Meetings: Conventions which reads**

6.24 Any funds remaining after all Convention expenses have been paid, including the Presidents' Banquet expenses for the past Pi State Presidents' dinners shall be distributed as follows:

By deleting *including the Presidents' Banquet, expenses for the past Pi State Presidents' dinners*

To Read:

6.24 Any funds remaining after all Convention expenses have been paid shall be distributed as follows:

Rationale: This is redundant wording as it is addressed in SR2.21.

Amend **Section 9 Scholarships which reads**

9.04 In non-Convention years, recipients may receive their scholarships and be recognized at an area conference or Fall/Spring Seminar. The luncheon costs for scholarship recipients shall be a biennial set item of expenditure in the host's financial plan.

By deleting *an Area Conference or Fall as well as in the host's financial plan*

To Read:

In non-Convention years, recipients may receive their scholarships and be recognized at the Spring Seminar. The luncheon costs for scholarship recipients shall be a biennial set item of expenditure at the Spring Seminar.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

Awards Committee Benefit Drawing

Thanks to you Pi State sisters, the scholarships available to members and non-members continues to thrive!!! *Thank you for your help.*

“How am I helping?” you ask. Well here are two ways...

1. **Check out the Pi State website**

<http://deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html> for a list of awards, scholarships 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 Awards Benefit Tickets at your Chapter meetings.**

The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Fund.

2014 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name _____
Chapter _____
Phone _____

Drawing at *Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*
April 25-26, 2014

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

Thank you for purchasing Benefit Tickets! The power and pride of Pi State members is what is “*Invigorating Pi State!*”

Erin Merrill

Pi State Visitations 2014

Date 2014	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
March 26	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Jeanne Schenk
March 29	<i>Beta</i>	Deborah Bedard
April 24	<i>Alpha Chi & Nu</i>	Joyce Tang
April 24	<i>Pi</i>	Beryl Szwed
May 7	<i>Mu</i>	Jeanne Schenk
May 15	<i>Alpha</i>	Jeanne Schenk
May 17	<i>Omega</i>	Joyce Tang
May 21	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Jeanne Schenk
May 30	<i>Rho</i>	Joan Slagle
June 5	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Jeanne Schenk
October 25	<i>West Central Area Council</i>	Jeanne Schenk

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

Pi State 2014 Area Conferences Scheduled

Capital Area Conference

April 5

The Proctor Theatre
432 State St., Schenectady
“Guided Tour of
Proctor’s Theatre”

Contact Registrar Jean Sekel,
jeanbsekel@yahoo.com.
Refer to Pi State website for
Registration Form.

Southwest & Northwest Area Conference

October 4

The Roycroft Inn
East Aurora

“Teachers: The Core of
Education”

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wendy
Paterson, Dean School of
Education, SUNY Buffalo State
Registrar TBA

West Central Area Conference

October 25

The Avon Inn
Rte.5, Avon

“The Genesee River with Authors
John and Sue Babbit”

Contact Co-Chairs
Sheila Brady-Root,
sroot@sjfc.edu and
Mary Lou Galasso,
mgalass1@rochester.rr.com.

Note:

Area Conferences for Eastern and Northern will be announced soon.

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

In the 2013-15 Biennium, “plan to *Invigorate Pi State*” by “growing our membership ... enhancing the efficiency of our operation ... and enriching the content of our programs” - Dr. Joyce Tang

The Fifteenth Annual Conference “*Promoting Peace through Education*,” organized by the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) www.teachun.org in cooperation with the United Nations Department of Public Information, was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on Friday, January 31, 2014, 9:30am – 4:45pm.



Anne-Marie Carlson, CTAUN Chair, and Peter Yarrow
Photo by Karen Butters

A Sociologist’s Account of “Promoting Peace through Education”

On a chilly Friday morning, I attended my second CTAUN conference, “*Promoting Peace through Education*.” It is the fifteenth in a series of annual conferences at the United Nations since 1999 organized by the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations in cooperation with the UN Department of Public Information.

The one-day conference was kicked off with a video presentation of the Charter of the United Nations (UN), “*Determined to Save Succeeding Generations from the Scourge of War*,” to remind the audience of the costs, human sufferings and massive destructions of conflicts and violence. The UN and the international community have gained grounds in promoting social progress and tolerance. However, military conflicts, aggression and violence have skyrocketed since the last half of the 20th century. The irony begs the questions: “*Why are we not able to live together in peace with one another?*” and “*What does it take to achieve peace?*”

According to the Conference organizers, volunteers and presenters, **EDUCATION** is the key to achieving lasting peace. How do we go about

doing that? In UN Secretary-General **Ki-Man Ban**’s opinion: “*It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies.*” As **Malala Yousafzai** put it simply, “*Let us pick up our books and pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.*” In 2012, she was shot in the head by the Taliban on her 16th birthday on her way to school in Pakistan. In short, the Conference organizers put the advices of Ban and Yousafzai into practice and empower us to promote peace.

After the welcoming remarks by CTAUN Chair **Anne-Marie Carlson**, I joined 465 registrants (including Pi State First Vice-President **Deborah Bedard**, Second Vice-President **Karen Butters**, Secretary **Rosemary Van Wart**, Immediate Past President **Jeanne Schenk**, Executive Secretary **Beryl Szwed**, **Ann Walker**, **Margaret Connoly**, **Sharon Patrick**, **Emilie Stris**, **Rita Chiachiere**, **Jean Fontana**, **Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar**, **Dr. Andrea Morris**, **Dr. Vasiliki Lagakis** and other Pi State sisters, educators, concerned citizens, Fulbright scholars from 18 countries, and students and faculty from Nassau Community College of the State University of New York) to get a better understanding of :

- [1] The collective efforts of the United Nations and international organizations in eradicating threats to peace,
- [2] The practical strategies for peace education and
- [3] The solutions for peace.

The UN Director and Deputy of High Representative for Disarmament **Virginia Gamba** underscored the importance of disarmament to achieve peace and offered the basic guide to disarmament. The first panel of peace researchers and activists (**Dr. Robert Scott**, President of Adelphi University; Ambassador **Janine Felson**, Belize, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN; and **Dr. Rima Salah**, Assistant Clinical Professor, Yale School of Medicine Child Study Center and former Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF) informed us of the implications of climate change for political and environmental issues. The physical, economic, political, and social impact of climate changes transcend geographical boundaries. Global warming [a] raises global temperatures, [b] affects living conditions (*i.e.*, food supply, disasters, agriculture, nature, and diseases), migration, and competition for resources, and [c] most importantly increases security and military threats. To address the consequences of climate change, the UN focuses on prevention, conflict resolution, and diplomacy. We were also made aware of children being exposed to structural and social violence in many countries where rules of law do not exist. Many children in these war-torn

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A Sociologist's Account of "Promoting Peace through Education"

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and impoverished nations want to go to schools and universities and contribute to peace (not wars). The discussions reminded us of the importance of investing in children so that they can become the agents of peace. A case in point is **Public School 119 The Magnet School of Global and Ethical Studies** in Brooklyn, New York. It is a community that educates for a culture of peace and understanding. The School is committed to teaching every child utilizing a holistic approach. Its goal is to create well-rounded, socially aware students who have enthusiasm for learning, pride of accomplishments, self-discipline, self-esteem and consideration for the ideas and values of others.

The Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the National Peace Academy **Tony Jenkins** kicked off the afternoon session with an overview of the practical strategies for peace education. He urged the audience to take on the role of "peace educators" and brainstorm ideas for educating students about peace in and outside the classroom. Jenkins is an advocate of the development of "learning communities" of educators who may learn with and from each other to transform manifestations of violence through education.

It was followed by a second panel, "*Solutions for Peace*," organized by **Grace Murphy**. Moderated by **Dr. Lorna Edmundson**, President Emerita of Wilson College, peace experts (**Charlotte Mouriot**, Teacher of UN International School; **Dr. George A. Lopez**, Vice President of the Academy for Conflict Management and Peace Building of the United States Institute of Peace; and **Minerva Diaz**, Affiliate Director of Peace Jam New York) described and discussed the pros and cons of individual and institutional efforts in peace resolutions (*e.g.*, dispute resolution through mediation, economic sanctions, introducing students to the thoughts and accomplishments of Nobel Peace laureates). However, in the absence of political reforms and economic redistribution across boundaries, being able to live together in peace with one another is just a hope for all.

Keynote Speaker **Cora Weiss**, President of the Hague Appeal for Peace, gave an inspiring address on the role of education in creating and sustaining international peace and justice. Drawing from her experience in working with the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs and peace educators in Peru, Albania, Niger, and Cambodia, Weiss stressed the importance of integrating peace education into the curriculum for teacher training and into primary and secondary schools. In her opinion, education is the catalyst for eradicating a culture of violence and building a culture of peace.

The Conference was concluded with a musical presentation by **Peter Yarrow** of the group, Peter, Paul and Mary. The Founder of the non-profit *Operation Respect*, Yarrow believes that its classroom-based "*Don't Laugh At Me*" program, utilizing music and the arts in schools, can help create a less divided and more peaceful world. On January 31, his performance mobilized the audience to work toward the creation of a better (and peaceful) world.

REALITY CHECK:

What did we learn in a one-day conference on the relationship between education and peace?

Education is an investment (not an expense). Education can be used to promote peace. In addition to climate change, threats to peace include hunger and poverty, illiteracy and gender and economic inequalities. Promoting peace through education at the grassroots or at the community level may be able to raise public awareness of the astronomical costs of violence and military conflicts. But who should bear the responsibility of educating the power-to-be around the world about the benefits of tolerance, negotiations and sanctions? The UN and the international community are the "peace educators" for children, students and concerned citizens. Who are the "peace educators" for world leaders?

Finally, the 2013 Conference reminds me of Professor Emerita **Metta Spencer** (1931-) who inspired me to be a sociologist after taking a course, "*Introduction to Sociology*," with her as an undergraduate at the University of Toronto in 1981. Dr. Spencer's textbook, *Foundations of Modern Sociology* (1976), was subsequently published in four American and seven Canadian editions. A Canadian sociologist and peace activist who serves on the Steering Committee of the International Peace Bureau (an organization that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910), Spencer always started her "*Intro*" class with briefings of her nuclear disarmament efforts. In addition to being on the faculty in the Department of Sociology, she taught regularly in the University's Peace and Conflict Studies Program, which she founded in 1989. She has been involved in climate change activism and supported "edutainment" (*i.e.*, social change through storytelling). Television, in Spencer's opinion, could be a force for health and social change.

Dr. Joyce Tang



Dr. Vasiliki Lagakis, Alpha Phi, with her students from the Multicultural/Achilles group of Nassau Community College in front of the United Nations Headquarters at the 2014 CTAUN Conference.

(Dr. Lagakis is standing in front of the blue UN sign.)

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

**Alpha Alpha, Alpha Xi, and Beta Eta
Legislative Brunch**



Panelists Dr. Linda McGinley, Dr. Christine Murray, Alpha Alpha, and Diane Maurer, Alpha Alpha

Photo by Elaine Leshnow

The changing landscape of public education as created by recent federal and state legislation and regulation were discussed by a panel of educators at the annual **Legislative Brunch** sponsored by the *Alpha Alpha, Alpha Xi* and *Beta Eta* Chapters on January 25. More than 40 members of the West Central Area Chapters of *Alpha Alpha, Alpha Xi, Beta Eta, Beta Gamma, Beta Tau* and *Mu* and East Central Area Chapters of *Omega, Alpha Tau* and *Beta Theta* attended the Legislative Brunch to learn more about these issues.

Speaking on the challenges facing field experience programs, panelists for the January 25 program were: **Dr. Linda McGinley**, Associate Superintendent for Instruction, West Irondequoit CSD speaking on the effects of reforms on K-12 education; **Dr. Christine Murray**, Professor and edTPA Coordinator, Department of Education and Human Development, The College at Brockport, SUNY speaking on the effects of edTPA on teacher preparation; and **Diane Maurer**, Director of Field Experience and Certification, Professional Education Unit, The College at Brockport, SUNY.

Judy Wadsworth

**Native American
Grant Recipient**



Jennifer Martin attends St. John Fisher and received the Native American Grant for both fall and spring semesters.

Golden Gift Fund Recipient



DKG Golden Gift Fund Committee announced that Della Ludwig, Omega, was selected as one of thirty DKG members to participate in the 2014 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. This is a two-week program held at the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, June 28-July 11, 2014.



Congratulations to Beverly Lanoue, Omega, for earning National Board Certification in Literacy: Reading & Language Arts. She teaches in Phelps-Clifton Springs. As one of 136 NYS educators to earn certification this year, she is recognized in February's NYSUT United Teachers magazine.

Nominations Sought for Committee Chair, PI STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS & SCRAPBOOKS

The Executive Committee requests nominations for the **Chair of Pi State Historical Records and Scrapbooks Committee**. If you know any members who are willing and available to take on the responsibility of heading the Committee, please encourage them to contact **Dr. Joyce Tang** directly, 718.997.2839, erindale@verizon.net.

The *Historical Records and Scrapbooks Committee* is charged to:

- [a] Assemble, organize and preserve materials essential to the continuation of the history of Pi State,
- [b] Encourage the writing and updating of Chapter histories if the Chapter has a Committee member in this position, and
- [c] Encourage electronic means to record photos of Chapter members and activities.

The Chair of the *Historical Records and Scrapbooks Committee* will be working closely with the *Communications and Publicity Committee*.

Dr. Joyce Tang

Attention All Musicians

Are you planning on attending the *Spring Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar on April 25 and 26th in Syracuse?*

**Sign-up to sing with the
Pi State Choir!
Instrumentalists, too!**

The sign-up form is located on the Pi State website www.deltakappagamma.org/NY under the *Educational Excellence Committee*.

Our rehearsal will take place on Friday, April 25th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Come early and SING!!

Please contact Music Rep. **Bridget Bishop**, 585.637.2422, meanmom5@rochester.rr.com with questions.

Bridget Bishop

In Remembrance

2013 to January 21, 2013

These sisters will be honored at the next Hour of Remembrance at the 2015 Pi State Convention.

<i>Omega</i>	Donna Klage	1.2.13
<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	Gretchen Holzhauser	3.20.13
<i>Gamma Delta</i>	Elma R. Patterson	5.21.13
<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Annette DeLyser	6.15.13
<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Lois Hahn	6.16.13
<i>Beta</i>	Dr. Laretha Leyman	6.19.13
<i>Beta Alpha</i>	Charlotte Conable	7.19.13
<i>Beta Delta</i>	Marcia Altimari	8.10.13
<i>Chi</i>	Paula Wardwell	9.17.13
<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	Helen Cackener	9.24.13
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Always in our hearts ...



Attention: New York Dines Out!

If you are attending the **DKG International Convention in Indianapolis** this summer **July 28-August 1**, reserve **Tuesday evening, July 29** for sisters (and guests) to gather for dinner. A sign-up sheet will be available at **Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Syracuse, April 25-26**.

Details forthcoming!

Karen Butters

Pi Lights for Summer Issue (mailed) – Due May 1, 2014

Look for features, Chapter highlights, Initiates, service projects, photographs and information.

E-mail articles, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to:

Mary-Martha Harvey mharvey@frontiernet.net.

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Pi Lights Deadlines for 2014
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Building Chapter Leadership Capacity Strategies

Chapters need strong leadership and supporting members. Below are a few strategies developed in 1998 and revised in 2013 that can offer some thought provoking pathways to follow.

DEVELOPING RECIPROCAL RELATIONSHIPS

Possible strategies include:

- Solving problems
- Mentoring new members

CREATING A SHARED PURPOSE

Possible strategies include:

- Finding shared values
- Engaging in Chapter-wide collaborative research
- Running effective Chapter meetings

MOVING TO COLLABORATION

Possible strategies include:

- Involving everyone in Chapter-wide conversations
- Using dialogue, not monologue, consistently
- Using conflict-resolution skills

SUSTAINABILITY

Possible strategies include:

- Revisiting the shared vision of the Chapter regularly
- Creating multiple means of participation
- Attending to succession planning

Source: Derived from Building Leadership Capacity in Schools, Linda Lambert, ASCD, 1998

Prepared by Nita R. Scott for 2013 Regional Conference Sessions:
"It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter"

Please continue to recruit new members and seek ways to re-instate members that have let their membership lapse. *Diane Bootie*

Ad Hoc Travel Stipend

There are three **Ad Hoc Travel Stipends** available to attend the *2014 International Convention* in Indianapolis, Indiana July 28- August 1. Applications are due March 1st. There will be three recipients who will each receive \$1,000 to attend this event.

Members with one to five years of membership are encouraged to apply for this one time award. It is one way to gain a better understanding of the Society not only at the local and State levels but at the International level as well. You will experience genuine fellowship with members from 18 countries. There will be keynote speakers at each General Session as well as a wealth of workshops ranging from Society business to promoting your professional interests and your personal growth.

Encourage all members with one to five years of membership in our Society to apply for three stipends of \$1,000.00 each to attend the *2014 International Convention*.

The application can be found on the Pi State website or contact Chair **Karen P. Crumley**, kcrumley@hvc.rr.com, **Jeanne Schenk**, *Alpha Tau*, or **Joan Slagle**, *Beta Omega*.

Karen P. Crumley

Educational Excellence Committee News

Greetings, Pi State Sisters! I hope you have found a few minutes to peruse the Schedule of Workshops for our Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in the winter issue of *Pi Lights* or on the Pi State website under EEC. Our offerings include opportunities to increase your experience and understanding in the areas of **"advancing excellence in education"** (sessions I.A, II.A), **"empowering women"** (sessions II.B, III.A), **"increasing global awareness"** (session III.B), and **"promoting growth and meeting protocols of our Chapters"** (sessions I.B, I.C, and II.C).

Bridget Bishop, our Music Representative, is putting the finishing touches on the program for April – selecting musical selections to honor our organization, our country and even the late Pete Seeger (*Can you guess which one?*) I encourage all Sisters to share their musical talents, either by volunteering to join the Chorus or by playing an instrument. This year, we will have our rehearsal on **Friday, April 25, from 4-6 p.m.** to allow participants to attend the workshops. A sign-up form can be found on the website under EEC or you can e-mail Bridget at meanmom5@rochester.rr.com. Music builds a sense of community and strength within our organization.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Chapter Presidents and Program Chairs who submitted the *EEC Chapter Biennial Report (Form 26)* by the February 1st deadline. Your punctuality allowed me time to complete the necessary documentation for International. It was **invigorating** to read all that is being done to support education through our DKG initiatives! If I can be of further assistance to your Chapter, please contact me at teachmusic@nycap.rr.com.

I hope to see you in Syracuse, April 25-26!

Jennifer Lee-Alden

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