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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 this Issue on pp. 4-7: Schedule, Registration Form and Workshop Presenters & Descriptions  
It's not too late to register!*

### Leadership IQ

Do you recognize yourself or someone in your Chapter with leadership qualities ...?

- L**ikeable
- E**ngaged
- A**ccountable
- D**edicated
- E**nergized
- R**esourceful
- S**elf-motivated
- H**elpful
- I**nspiring
- P**ositive

*DKG fosters leadership for all members. DKG Chapters are looking for YOU as election of new Chapter Officers and plans for the new biennium are made!*

***Please volunteer and accept leadership!***

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**Leadership Development Seminar  
“On the Road”**

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### ***“Opportunities to Connect”***

**Mary-Martha Harvey**

*Pi State President 2017 - 2019*

**See you at the April 20-21, 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminar at The Century House.**

As we prepare to welcome spring after this challenging, unpredictable winter season, it is also the time in DKG to present our future Chapter leaders for the next biennium 2018-2020 for election. It will be a time of renewal and a time for us all to create unity, retain and reinstate members and strengthen our Chapters.

International President **Carolyn Pittman** reminds us to “SIMPLIFY.” This current practice has been well received by our Chapters. *It is certainly a welcome trend!* As new Chapter Officers are installed, ready for the various surprises that leadership brings, perhaps they will bring new venues, diverse speakers, multi-generational programs, new locations and even different times and dates as well as traditional, successful meetings.

Research confirms that the quality of the leader sets the tone for creating the type of environment that allows an organization to prosper. *“DKG is an organization where all are valued, where opportunities to build lasting and meaningful relationships exist, where talents are put to good use, and where people can continue to feel useful and productive.”* (Shirley McCoy, IOTA Virginia State Membership Chair) It is the dedication, commitment, creativity and engagement of the leader that guides the Chapter as members collaborate, plan and face each new challenge.

*I wish you all a successful Officer election and wonderful new biennium.*

You have received ***The DKG News: Special Amendments Edition, March/April issue***. It is important for everyone to read this issue, consider the amendments' impact on your Chapter and our Society if approved and have questions ready to ask at the 2018 International Convention in Austin. The amendments will be grouped by category for the vote: *Simplify, Names, Committees and Boards, Latitude, Voting, Regional Conferences/Training, Resolve and Membership*. Refer to the International website for the narratives for some of the proposed amendments. *In the spring, I will be asking Chapter Presidents to poll their members to determine their comments on these important proposed changes to the International Constitution.*

Some of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules include:

- \* Change to “*Women Educators International (DKG)*,” referred to as the Society
- \* States known by geographic names
- \* Changes to classifications of membership:
  - Fifty year+ members classified as “Emeritus”
  - New members “inducted” not initiated
  - Prospective members may apply to become a member but can still be invited.
  - A new classification of “Collegial” for a woman in college or university, enrolled in an education degree, eligible for active membership without holding elected office; International dues \$20.
- \* Changes in the Constitution every two years instead of every four years
- \* Change to membership year to July 1 to June 30; dues due June 30
- \* Changes in structure for Committees, Meetings, Conferences, Conventions and publications

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**Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey's Message***Concluded from page 2*

Our State Executive Committee and Committee Chairs want to *thank you* for the significant contributions of our members and Chapters ... for sharing ideas and accomplishments ... every member, every Chapter counts, as "*the heart of our Society.*" I hope to see many of you at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar and look forward to having every Chapter represented by their President or designee at the Executive Board Meeting on April 21 in Latham.

*WE ARE LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS  
IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE.*

**Pi State Visitations 2017-2018**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter(s) / Area</b>	<b>State Representative</b>
<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 5	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	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>	March 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>
May 2		<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Karen Crumley
May 7		<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson
May 11		<i>Beta Psi</i>	Karen Crumley
May 11		<i>Rho</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
May 21		<i>Beta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
June 7		<i>Alpha Lambda</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
June 25		<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
<b>Fall 2018</b>	September 22	<i>Eastern Area Council Conference</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	September 29	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey

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

**Hear Ye! Call for State Editor Nominations**

The **Personnel Committee** announces that it has received **no** applications for the position of **Pi State Editor**. However, the position is open. Interested members can still be nominated from the floor at the Spring Executive Board Meeting April 21, 2018. The job description can be found on the Pi State website.

*The position of Pi State Editor requires some time and some learning, but it also comes with a great deal of support and the opportunity to learn, grow and be a part of a dynamic group of women educators.*

*Grace Murphy*

## The 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars Schedule-at-a-Glance

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

1:00-3:00pm Executive Committee Meeting  
 3:00-8:00pm Registration  
 2:00pm FDF/Setup  
 4:00pm FDF Sales  
  
 5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner  
 6:30-7:15pm Workshop Session I  
 7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session II  
 8:20-9:15 Opening Session  
  
 9:15pm Dessert Reception

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

8:00-11:45am Registration  
 6:00-8:00am Breakfast  
 8:00-8:15am Executive Board Sign-In  
 8:15-10:30am Executive Board Meeting/  
 Corporation Meeting  
 10:30-11:30am FDF Sales  
 10:40-11:25am Workshop Session III  
 11:45-1:30pm Awards Luncheon  
 1:30-2:15pm Educational Foundation  
 Annual Meeting

### A Letter from State Award Chair Erin Merrill

Thanks to you Pi State sisters, the scholarships available to members and non-members continues to thrive!! In 2017, Pi State members contributed \$5,896. What an amazing commitment from all of you!

**Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey has set the 2018 goal for \$6,000.**

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

1. Check out the Pi State website ([www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)) for a list of awards, scholarships and grants-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 grants-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 meetings this year!

\*\*And a note to members who spend the winter away, purchase your tickets this fall at your chapter meeting. \*\*  
 We can all take advantage of *“Opportunities to Connect”* by supporting the Pi State Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

*Erin Merrill*

**The 2018 Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar  
will be in Corning, NY at the Radisson Hotel on October 12-13, 2018.**

**Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminar Workshops**

<b>TITLES</b>	<b>WORKSHOP Program Descriptions</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
<b>World Fellowship</b>	DKG opportunities to promote collaboration and understanding through the World Fellowship participants and their mission will be presented through the stories of the Fellowship recipients. This will include their experiences during the fellowship and what the educational opportunity has meant to participants through the stories of the women. Given the stresses in the world today, especially for women around the world, the mission of the World Fellowship is even more essential to the overall mission of DKG to mentor young women pursuing the field of education. We hope that you will attend this presentation to learn about the women supported through this Fellowship and understand the difference the program has made for the women who become educational leaders in their countries.	Dr. Kathleen Bishop and World Fellowship Comm.
<b>The Adolescent Mind: Learning, Literacy, and Achievement</b>	The adolescent brain develops rapidly and accelerates or impedes learning during the middle years of education. Due to motivational factors (Growth Mindset) and learning behaviors, girls achieve at higher rates in literacy than boys and the progression impacts college enrollment rates and graduation. A shift in the instructional model and curriculum is necessary to close the gender gap.	Doreen Croyle
<b>Transform Your Home into a Safe Haven</b>	Empower yourself by being a forward-thinker! Attractive, intuitive, universal design features can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make your home visitable</li> <li>2. Bring you peace of mind</li> <li>3. Provide you and your family with comfort and ease of living for many years to come</li> <li>4. Give you viable living options for the future</li> </ol>	Sue Gruber
<b>Chapter Resources to Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate Members</b>	We will present the new part of the Pi State Website as it pertains to the Membership & Expansion documents section. We will show the video “ <i>The Big Picture</i> ” and how to access it online. We will talk about each of the documents on website and how Chapters can use them to <i>Recruit, Retain and Reinstate</i> members.	Sue Kenoyer and Membership Comm.
<b>UN: Global, Local and You!</b>	Whales in the Hudson River – Really? A Ph.D. for everyone – Really? Is climate change really real? <i>Join us and find out!</i>	Lochie Musso
<b>Debunking the Myths of Poverty or Effect of Poverty on Lives and Learning</b>	Poverty impacts children and young people in multiple ways. In this workshop we will begin to answer the question, “ <i>As community members, caring citizens and educators, how can we better understand poverty so our efforts to support children are not misdirected?</i> ”	Dr. Lesli C. Myers

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TITLES	WORKSHOP Program Descriptions	Presenter(s)
<b>Google Docs Basic</b>	An introduction to using Google Docs. Participants must have a Google (gmail) account and their own device.	Suzanne Patrick
<b>Transitioning the Chapter Presidency</b>	This workshop is for both outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents and will offer information about Chapter materials to share, keep and store. Presidents will have the opportunity to share “ <i>Glums and Glows.</i> ”	Jeanne Schenk and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott
<b>Learn about Pi State Finances</b>	Ever wonder where your dues money goes? Ever wonder where money for Scholarships comes from? Ever wonder where the money from the Benefit Drawing goes? Ever wonder about Pi State Finances? <i>Then this workshop is for you!</i> Come and learn about Pi State Finances. Time will be given for questions.	Suzanne Patrick

**Key Note Speaker for Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars***Lisa Meade*

**Lisa Meade**, *Beta Omega*, is the Assistant Superintendent for Education and Accountability for the Hudson Falls Central School District. Prior to working in Hudson Falls, Lisa served as the Middle School Principal in Corinth, NY. Lisa was named the 2015 Middle School Principal of the Year for SAANYS and NASSP. Most of her career experience has been in the field of special education as a teacher, CSE Chair and Director of Student Services. Lisa considers herself a connected educator and uses Twitter to expand her PLN and professional development. Lisa was a member of the 2015 New York Educator Voice Fellowship. She currently serves on the Editorial Board for SAANYS’ Vanguard Magazine and writes a regular book column for the same magazine. Lisa has had guest blog posts published in EdWeek’s Finding Common Ground (DeWitt), Leadership 360 (Myers and Berkowicz) and NYSASCD’s Newsletter. Some of her experiences as a Middle

School Principal were also referenced in two leadership books: Collaborative Leadership: Six Influences that Matter Most by Dr. Peter Dewitt (2017) and Principal Professional Development by Dr. Joe Sanfelippo and Dr. Tony Sinanis (2015). Lisa has over 20 years as a professional educator.

**See Lisa Meade & Kirsten Grünberg speak on Friday, April 20 during the Opening Session (8:20 pm)**

**Social Media Platforms***Kirsten Grünberg*

**Kirsten Grünberg**, *Gamma Alpha*, is currently a Children’s Librarian at the Yonkers Public Library where she develops bilingual (English/Spanish) multicultural services and programs. She holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) with an Advanced Certificate of Digital Humanities from Pratt Institute and a Master of Education (MEd) from Framingham State University. She has also completed the required courses without the dissertation from the PhD Program of Social and Cultural Studies of the University of Costa Rica. She received a Fellowship granted by the Graphic Media Development Center in The Hague (The Netherlands) and an Art Education Certificate from the Centro de Altos Estudios Universitarios (CAEU) of the Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura (OEI) (Spain).

**REGISTRATION FORM****2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar****April 20-21, 2018****The Century House**997 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110

(518) 785-0834

www.thecenturyhouse.comPlease **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) for Badges \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration Fee includes Dessert Reception, Luncheon and meeting materials.*Early Registration Fee (Due by March 10<sup>th</sup>) **\$60.00** \_\_\_\_\_Late or On-Site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 10<sup>th</sup>) **\$70.00** \_\_\_\_\_**Friday, April 20****Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm***Petite Wedge Salad, Rolls and Butter, Bistro Steak with Sautéed Mushrooms, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Plated Cookies on every table; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee; Tea Selections***\$36.00** \_\_\_\_\_**Dessert Reception 9:15-10:15pm****Included in Registration***Viennese Pastry Shop: Oh Cannoli, Spogadael, Tarts, Éclairs, Biscotti, Ginettes, Cheesecakes, Shooters, Pies, Tortes, Cakes and Petite Cookie Jar filled with a Variety of Mini Cookies; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea Selections***Guest Charge \$21.00** \_\_\_\_\_**Saturday, April 21****Awards Luncheon 11:45am-1:30pm****Included in Registration***Century Salad, Rolls and Butter, Roasted Chicken with Truffle, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Seasonal Cobbler; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee; Tea Selections***Guest Charge \$36.00** \_\_\_\_\_**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make check/money order payable to *Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State*.Mail to: **Karen Jones, 8 Holly Lane, Latham, NY 12110**e-mail: [kjones20@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kjones20@nycap.rr.com) phone: (518) 785-9910Refunds and Cancellation Policies:Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 10, 2018. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 10, 2018 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 10, 2018. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.**Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with The Century House, (518)785-0834.**Mention DKG to receive room block rate.

## ***Pi State Membership Committee Survey Results***

Thank you to all the Chapters who completed the **Pi State Membership Committee Survey** that was sent to Chapter Presidents in February. We had 41 of the 54 Chapters complete the survey. *We know there are many tasks that require your time and attention and appreciate responses.* The information you have provided is very important to us as we strive to provide supports and services to our Chapters.

**Here is a summary of some of the results:**

**Question 1:** Have you used DKG International resources to assist with recruitment?

80% of Chapters have used the resources.

**Question 2:** Which resources?

85% have used the New Member Information Kit.

88% have used Society Brochures.

48% have used the DKG Prospect Card.

**Question 3:** Has your Chapter used the DKG presentation, “*Pride in the Big Picture,*” to assist with explaining about DKG to potential new members?

36% of Chapters have used this resource.

**Question 4:** Have you/your Membership Chair viewed the DKG Recruitment/Membership Plan on the DKG International website?

73% have reviewed the DKG Recruitment Plan.

**Question 5:** Is your Chapter struggling to initiate new members?

65% are struggling to recruit new members.

**Question 6:** If yes, what reasons do you see for this problem?

69% of Chapters say they have reached out but not enough candidates have accepted the invitation.

62% of Chapters do not have enough connections in local educational institutions.

51% of Chapters feel members are not actively seeking new members.

**Question 7:** If no, what is your Chapter doing to recruit new members?

97% of Chapters invite potential members to conferences, meetings, events.

57% of Chapters have current membership that is actively involved in growing the Chapter.

**Question 8:** Would you use DKG recruitment materials if they were easily accessible on the Pi State website?

76% of Chapters say they would.

**Question 9:** What actions has your Chapter taken to reach out to former Chapter members to encourage them to reinstate their membership?

78% have made a personal contact via telephone or email.

31% have sent a letter inviting them to a meeting/event.

25% have sent out newsletters regarding Chapter activities

**Question 10:** What would you like your Pi State Membership Committee to do to assist you in gaining/retaining members?

Many Chapters expressed that they felt this was a Chapter issue, not an issue for the Pi State Committee and that the Committee is already doing a very good job.

Several Chapters felt that maybe a dues reduction, especially for retired members, may help.

Additionally, keeping Chapters informed about what successful Chapters are doing to recruit and retain members would be useful.

The full results will be shared with the Pi State Membership Committee at our next Go-to-Meeting (GTM) in March. We will use the information from you to help guide us in supporting Chapters and increasing membership in DKG and especially Pi State.

Stay tuned to upcoming editions of *Pi Lights* for continued articles concerning membership.

*Annmarie Santorelly*



## ***“LDS on the Road”***

The *Leadership Development Seminar for New & Incoming Chapter Presidents* is going to be delivered in a new format. The hope is that more Chapter members will attend to hone their leadership skills. *New Chapter Presidents* ... please fill your car and attend an **LDS in your area**. **This will not involve an overnight; just one day out of the busy lives of our members.**

*Any Chapter Member is invited to attend.*

The Leadership Development Committee Co-Chairs Jeanne Schenk and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott will be travelling to each area as well as Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey, Pi State First Vice President Sue Kenoyer and Pi State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley. The members of the Executive Committee and the members of Leadership Development Committee from the region where we are meeting will be in attendance to meet and greet you.

### ***This is the plan:***

#### **Region 1:**

*Northwestern, Southwestern, West Central and East Central*

**June 28, 2018**

**Legacy at Fairways, 681 High Street, Victor 14564**

#### **Region 2:**

*Northern, North Central and South Central*

**June 30, 2018**

**The Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool 13088**

#### **Region 3:**

*Capital, Eastern, and Southeastern*

**July 2, 2018**

**The Nanuet Public Library, 149 Church Street, Nanuet 10954**

### ***PLEASE NOTE ... VERY IMPORTANT:***

If you are not able to attend on the date in your region, you might consider attending in the adjoining region. Some of you may live closer to another region and you are welcome to come to the adjoining region.

**Lunch** will be served. Each session will begin at either 9:00am or 10:00am depending on when the facility opens. Your sessions will be completed by 4:00pm so you can travel back to your respective homes.

**Watch for more information as the plans are developed.**

**Registration Forms** will be available at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, on the Pi State Website and from Chapter Presidents.

*We're excited about this new way of delivering Leadership Development within Pi State. I hope to see all new Chapter Presidents and Chapter leaders at one of these three venues.*

*Karen P. Crumley*

***Pi State = 82 years Honoring Key Women Educators***

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

**WHAT'S NEW ON PI STATE'S WEBSITE?****Home****Pi State****Committees****Officers****Chapters****More**

The State Website is designed to provide the information you need about our State Organization, upcoming events, applications, Committees, procedures and much more.

**Home Page:**

- Initiate Slideshow is continually updated.
- Button for immediate access to the archive for weekly Education News Updates, compiled by **Judy Wadsworth**, *Alpha Alpha*, for the Monroe County School Boards Association ... The publication is a vital connection for members for up-to-date news in education.
- A direct link to Pi State's Page on *Facebook* by the SEARCH bar
- Featured photos with links for information

**Officers:**

- The quarterly Executive Committee Activity Reports – July 2017-June 2019 are posted.

**Pi State:**

- Pi State Events features new information on the *Spring 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* and the *Pi State 2018 Leadership Development Seminars*. You may also access these topics by clicking on the picture on the Home Page.

**Chapters:**

- Membership Resources includes important resources and forms for your Chapter to Retain, Recruit and Reinstate members and a new section References includes the following:  
<https://www.dkgnystate.org/membership-resources.html>
- Recruitment Tools and Ideas Being Used by Pi State Chapters
- Chapter Meeting Ideas to Strengthen Membership
- Issues that Chapters May Be Experiencing That Keep Them from Retaining and Creating an Active Membership
- Proven Ways of Meeting Prospective New Members

*Mary-Martha Harvey***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.**

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."

**Call for Submission of Chapter Initiates and Photos**

Please continue to send photos of your Chapter Initiates to State Editor **Katja Stevens** ([katja\\_stevens@outlook.com](mailto:katja_stevens@outlook.com)) and President **Mary-Martha Harvey** ([mharvey@frontiernet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net)). Be sure to include Initiate names, area/grade/subject that they teach and where. Please include at least one photo of just the Initiates for a new feature on the Home Page of the State Website which is a slideshow of our Initiates with photo and caption of Chapter name and Initiates' names. Photos should be sent in jpg format.

## Benefits of Membership: Being in Touch

*Editor's Note: This is the ninth article in the series, "DKG Benefits of Membership." All articles are archived on the Pi State Website.*

### Is There a Shopper in the House? Do you like Bargains?

Do you like shopping from home on the computer? Do you like saving money? Do I have a DKG Benefit for you!!!

Go to International Website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) and click on "About Us" then...

Click on "How to Become a Member"

Click on "Discounts"

This is the Society online shopping mall. [Good Shop](#) acts as a referral to all your favorite shopping sites too numerous to mention. You will also be eligible for discounts through some of the vendors. You just need to go to [Good Shop](#), register and search for where you like to shop. You will be amazed! The Society receives a percentage of all purchases. Remind your family and friends they can also shop this way and help benefit DKG." They will send emails with discounts listed. What a great idea for you, your family AND your friends. Let them know too.

*ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO DELTA KAPPA GAMMA*

*Jean Sekel*

## US Forum Update



### 2018 Proposed United States Forum Operational Guidelines

The Chair of the 2016-2018 US Forum Steering Committee, **Carmela DeMarco**, appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to revise the 2011 US Forum Operational Guidelines. The Ad Hoc Committee is pleased to share the proposed 2018 United States Forum Operational Guidelines with you. Members can find the proposed guidelines on the US Forum Website <http://www.usforumdkg.org/operational-guidelines.html>.

All United States DKG members attending the 2018 International Convention are eligible to vote on the proposed Operational Guidelines at the Forum. The Forum will be held from 2:00 to 4:00pm on Friday, July 20 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Austin, Texas. Amendments will be considered during deliberation of the proposed guidelines during the Forum.

The 2016-2018 Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the United States Forum Operational Guidelines includes:

**Dr. Elizabeth Tarner**, Chair, 1996-1998 US Forum Chair

**Dr. Angela Bedenbaugh**, 2010-2012 US Forum Chair

**Carmela DeMarco**, 2016-2018 US Forum Chair

**Carrie Frye**, 2014-2016 Southeast Representative, US Forum

**Jean Gray**, 2002-2004 DKG International President; Parliamentarian

**Peggy King**, 2005-2007 US Forum Chair

**Linda McCrary**, 1994-1996 US Forum Chair

**Carolyn Pittman**, *ex officio*, 2016-2018 DKG International President

## Area Council Information

The Pi State Website is chock full of information for **Area Councils**. *Area Council References* can be found in the **Pi State** menu under Area Councils. Click on the reference you want and save or print. You will note a new form, *Area Council Conference Date Request*. When your Area decides on your Conference date, please complete this form and send to our Second Vice President **Jennifer Lee-Alden**. It is her responsibility to schedule the Area Council Conferences and to notify the Executive Committee Area Council Liaisons. Please note that if you have already scheduled your Conference, this form is not needed.

### Area Council Information

Guidelines for Area Conferences  
 Area Council Conference Date Request  
 Area Council Visitation Request Form  
 Area Council Visitation Guidelines  
 State Map Showing Chapter Area Councils  
 Area Councils and Conference Chart  
 Area Councils Rotation Chart 2015-2024  
 Area Council Financial Report  
 Sample Area Council Evaluation Form  
 Area Council Chart for Nominations and Finance Committee  
 Terms of Office

When your *Area Council Conference Registration Form* is completed, please email to President **Mary-Martha Harvey** as an attachment. The Registration Form will be posted on the State Website in the section, Flyers and Registration Forms for Area Councils, with the date.

If you would like to schedule an *Area Council GTM* (Go-to-Meeting), please contact President Mary-Martha Harvey with the date, time, attendees and organizer at least two weeks prior to your requested date. GTM is used by our State Committees. GTM may be particularly helpful for members who are unable to travel and is a significant time-saver for your members. Meetings are held from the comfort of their homes on their computers with audio and visual. If you would like more information, please contact Mary-Martha Harvey.

Please be sure to include your Area Council Liaison from our Executive Committee and President Mary-Martha Harvey in your email address group when sharing *Area Council Minutes*. This is an important connection.

*Sue Kenoyer*

## Thanks to Area Council Chairs For their Leadership!

### Northwestern Region

Donna Krayenvenger (*Gamma Delta*) and  
Barb Filipiak (*Alpha Theta*)

### Southwestern Region

Mary Ann Hebert (*Beta Epsilon*)

### West Central Region

Claudia Cerasani (*Beta Gamma*)

### East Central Region

Jacinda Lisando (*Beta Theta*)

### Southcentral Region

Molly Drum and Annette Varcoe (*Beta Rho*)

### Northcentral Region

Jill Walch and Agnes Wilk (*Alpha Iota*)

### Northern Region

Stephanie Allen (*Lambda*)

### Capital Region

Deb Bedard (*Alpha Epsilon*)

### Eastern Region

Leah Exner (*Tau*)

### Southeastern Region

Grace Murphy (*Alpha Beta*)

## Fall 2018 Area Conferences

### Eastern Area Conference

September 22, 2018

Mount Saint Mary College  
Newburgh, NY

Chairs: Leah Exner & Annmarie Santorelly

### Northwestern/Southwestern

#### Area Conference

September 29, 2018

Michael's Catering and Banquets  
Hamburg, NY

Chairs: Barb Filipiak and Donna  
Krayenvenger

### South Central Area Conference,

September 29, 2018

Location TBD

Chairs: Molly Drumm and Annette Varcoe



**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.

I was thrilled to see in the last *Pi Lights* that there were **sixty-nine** new Foundation members listed! What wonderful news and great progress in our 18-by-18 Challenge! There is still time to add members as the year is not over!! Thank you SO much to the Chapters and Chapter Presidents who have undertaken "*The Challenge*" and are working hard to enroll new members. We already have a couple Chapters who have "*Met the Challenge!*" . . . and a couple more who are very close!!

We are looking forward with great excitement to celebrating the 15th Birthday of **Pi State Educational Foundation!** The Foundation was officially incorporated on October 30, 2003, and so the Board of Directors has decided to mark the occasion at the 2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting. Pi State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** has graciously given us time to do so at Saturday's luncheon, October 13, 2018. We will be recalling a bit of the Foundation's history and achievements and honoring each Foundation member in attendance with a special gift. We will also be recognizing Chapters that met the 18-by-18 Challenge at this time.

Over the winter I was asked by one of our grant winners, **Leah Exner**, to go to her school to present the Foundation check for her literacy project. Her school wanted to do a press release about the project, the *Pi State Educational Foundation* and *Delta Kappa Gamma*. This gave both the Foundation and our Society very positive coverage. Remember that one of our Directors is willing to visit your Chapter to share information about the Educational Foundation . . . just ask!

*Ginny Dudko*

## **Pi State Educational Foundation Turns 15 Years Old!**

**2003-2018**

**Be a part of the celebration at the  
2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting.**

*Saturday, October 13, 2018  
Saturday Luncheon*

**Has your Chapter met the  
CHALLENGE?**

**~18 x 18 Challenge~**

**18 new Foundation  
members in each Chapter  
in 2018**

### **ATTENTION: FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the Pi State 2015 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars at The Century House on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 1:30-2:15pm. The Agenda will be announced.

### **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*

*Foundation Project Grant Applications due May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>*



**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**

**SPECIAL HOTEL** rates are available for Conference attendees. A block of rooms has been reserved for April 4, 2018 – April 8, 2018 at the Hampton Inn, located at 43rd Street, a short walk from the UN. These rates will be available until March 4th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. For details, go to [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org).

Check [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org) for Registration Form and detailed hotel information, as well as reports from past conferences.

*Wednesday, July 18*

*7W Marriott*

*Lone Star Ballroom*

# SAVE THE DATE

*Dinner, dancing, fun,  
and entertainment  
all night long!*

FOR THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF AUSTIN



## DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING EVENT

*A spectacular dinner and entertainment event featuring different styles of Texas cuisine, talent from local artists, and line dancing.*

*Tickets may be ordered on the Convention Registration Form.*

### **Order Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015 Booklets**

Order forms for the *Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015* booklet are still being accepted. Orders are mailed as they are received. Booklets will be available for sale at the *Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*. Order Forms are on the State Website.

**Digital Newsletters in a Social World**

In an atmosphere where social media garner significant attention and are often considered the first choice for keeping in contact with friends and family, newsletters have taken a backseat. Newsletters, however, still have a place in communicating and publicizing *Delta Kappa Gamma* State Organizations and Chapters. Digital newsletters are proving to be an inexpensive, quick and efficient way to keep members informed and involved.

Digitally distributing a newsletter means sharing an electronic file—such as a document created in Word, Publisher, InDesign or Pages—through email, a website or cloud storage. Distribution usually involves exporting the file as a PDF or an open source document that is easily read across all platforms and devices. One of the biggest advantages of digital newsletters is the cost saving derived from not printing and mailing the newsletter. For example, each year DKG saves more than \$23,000 by publishing the July/August issue of the DKG NEWS online only. A digital newsletter can go out to members faster than a print issue, and updates, if needed, can be made more easily. Hyperlinking to web addresses, videos, email addresses or other pages in the newsletter makes it easy for readers to find more information with a single click of the mouse or tap on the screen. Digital newsletters also offer a convenient, space-saving way to preserve the history of Chapters and Organizations. Additionally, digital publications save paper and thus trees and are good for the environment.

Whether digital or print, newsletters help build strong relationships with members by keeping them up-to-date and engaged. They are proven, effective communication tools.

*From the January/February 2018 “Get Connected” Newsletter*

**Does DKG International have your up-to-date contact information?**

Your contact information includes your address, phone number, email and other pertinent information. If you have not used your “My DKG” account at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) or updated your information, please update your account asap. This will assure that you receive International and State mailings and information you can use. Update your “My DKG” account each time you have a change of address, phone number or email. Your username is your member number. You may obtain the password from a State Officer or your Chapter President. You will be able to change your password after your first log in. *Thank you for your immediate attention.*

**International Convention  
Breakout Sessions**

*(Sponsored by Communications/Publicity)*

**Breakout 1: Editor and Webmaster Networking**

Editors and webmasters of all levels are invited to share ideas, resources, concerns, and successes! Meet and network with editors and webmasters throughout the Society. Go away energized with new ideas to try.

**Breakout 2: Sharing Our DKG Pride**

Stories from the Heart as a Marketing/Recruiting Tool  
What is your DKG story? How did you learn about DKG? Who inspired you? How can your story be used to promote DKG and attract potential members?  
Experience EZ-PZ approaches to sharing your story to market DKG and attract new members.

*From the March/April 2018  
“Get Connected” Newsletter*

**Check out the New DKG  
International Website**

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

The website has been updated with a new flow for easy access of information. Once signed in, members have access to information such as Ceremonies, Application Forms, Resources and Tools.

## The New DKG App is Here!

Download and Log-In Instructions:

**First, please delete the old app!**

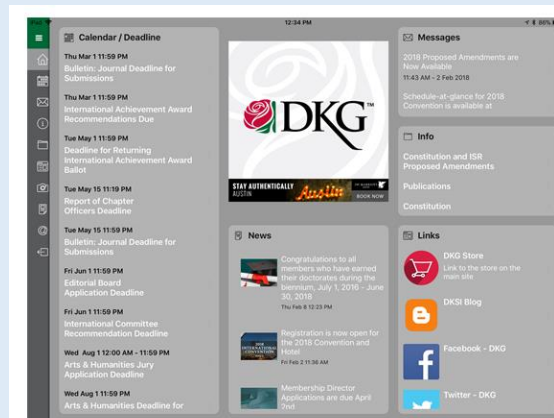
The new app is free to download and is password protected. Once you have accessed the app, you will be prompted to log in. Please use the email that the DKG has on file for you, then push the 'Email Password' button. You'll receive an email walking you through how to establish the password of your choosing. Once completed, login to the app with your email address and new password and explore! Navigate using the Menu button (3 horizontal lines) in the upper left corner.

To get the Delta Kappa Gamma 365 mobile app:

- iPhone and iPad users--search "DKG 365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Apple App Store.
- Android users--search "DKG365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Google Play Store.

• Blackberry, Windows, laptops--go to this address on your smartphones or computer browsers (omit www):

<https://dkg.gatherdigital.com>



### A Message from DKG International President Carolyn Pittman

The 365-component of the DKG International app is now ready. Look for the announcement on the rotator on the DKG International homepage. Clicking on the image will direct members to the instructions and information for downloading and using the APP.

***Make sure you log on to the website first with your member # and password.***

If this is your first time, contact your Chapter President for the default password. After you log on, you'll be able to change your password to the one you want.

***Access the app yourself and spread the word to fellow members!***

We have 49,081 emails of approximately 70,000 members. Clearly, the need to "connect" all our members is ongoing! The efforts of the HQ technology team, the Communications and Publicity Committee, and all the HQ staff have helped to expand those connections.

**Remember to delete the previous DKG app and to download this new one.**

### Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Austin, TX  
July 16-20, 2018

J.W. Marriott



Hotel block opens on January 2.

Registration opens by February 1.

Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to stay connected and informed!



## **Some Thoughts from “A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World” Newsletter**

### **The Power of Positive Posting**

Help students combat cyberbullying with Posting Positive. **Posting Positive** is posting a positive comment on social media, a photo of an act of kindness or a video of someone helping. *“It’s a movement to stand up, share and feel the good in all of us instead of using digital space to complain, criticize, gossip or even make an insensitive comment.”* Challenge children to take a moment to celebrate someone in their life, creating a new normal on social media.

<http://postingpositive.org/>

### **Word Walls of Kindness**

A word wall is a collection of words which are displayed on a wall, bulletin board or other surface in a classroom. The word wall is designed to be an interactive tool for students and contains an array of words that can be used during academics.

Why not create a **Word Wall of Kindness** in your classroom or for your whole school?

*Source: Fall 2017, page 2 <http://dkgct.weebly.com>*

*(Curriculum of Hope is a Standing Committee of DKG Alpha Kappa State Connecticut.)*

### **DKG International Convention July 16-20, 2018 Austin, TX**

*Start making your plans now to attend the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas, the headquarters of DKG!*

\* **Benjamin Zander**, co-author with **Rosamunde Zander** of *The Art of Possibility*, will be a 2018 International Convention speaker. Known worldwide as a teacher of thousands of musicians and as a celebrated speaker on leadership, Zander will combine the possibilities found in leadership, optimism and the arts.

\* **Nadia Lopez**, Principal/Educational Leader/Author, will be the keynote speaker. She is founder and Principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy in Brownsville, Brooklyn, a school she founded in 2010 to address the downward trend in a neighborhood that had given up on its students. Lopez will inspire and motivate as she tells how lives have changed and how she helps her students, all of whom live below the poverty level, connect to the world. Mott Hall Bridges Academy broke the school-to-prison pipeline with a stunning 98% graduation rate among its first three graduating classes.

**Visit the DKG website to get the latest information on the Convention: reservations, program, schedule, trips and lots more ....**

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

### **Convention Checklist** (taken from DKG News)

- ✓ Sign up to make music at the Convention
- ✓ BYOCB – Bring Your Own Convention Bag
- ✓ Prepare to discuss and vote on proposed amendments
- ✓ Enjoy the Educational Foundation fundraiser
- ✓ Shop ‘til you drop at the Marketplace on Wednesday and Thursday
- ✓ Learn at the Global Awareness Forum
- ✓ Vote for 2018-2020 International Officers and Related Personnel
- ✓ Tour Society Headquarters





# 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.*

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

***Omega Hosts Scholarship Auction***



*Susan Cunningham (Omega) auctions member-made items.*



*Jerry Fletcher and Bev Lanoue (Omega) check out all the auction items.*

Congratulations to ***Omega*** members for raising \$4218 at their annual November "Make It, Bake It, or Fake It" auction!! This money will be awarded to 2018 women graduates from *Omega's* members' schools who plan to matriculate in the field of education.

*Submitted by Gail Burr*

***Beta Theta Announces 2017 Mary Putnam Recruitment Grant Recipient***



*Abram Collier  
2017 Mary Putnam Recruitment  
Grant Recipient*

***Beta Theta*** Chapter offers the Mary Putnam Recruitment Grant of \$1,000 annually, given in four installments to a male or female high school senior who is interested in pursuing college study leading to a career in education. The student must attend one of our seven local ***Beta Theta*** Chapter schools of Central to East Wayne County.

***Abram Collier***, a 2017 graduate of Williamson Central Schools, is our 2017 Putnam Grant Recipient. He is attending Nazareth College to study Music Education. Collier will continue to pursue his interest in music at Nazareth College, both vocally and instrumentally. His primary instrument is the saxophone and his favorite musical genre is jazz.

*Submitted by Marcia Waterman*

### **Presentation on DKG Alaska Glacier Tour**



*Karen Crumley*

Sights and sounds of Alaska beckoned 15 members to attend the workshop on the upcoming DKG Alaska Glacier Tour at the Connecticut State Organization Fall Conference presented by **Karen Crumley**, Pi State Executive Secretary. Attendees were informed of the cost, dates and details of the trip. Non-members may also attend the Alaska Glacier Tour. Flights to and from the departure point in Seattle, WA can be arranged by Go-Ahead Tours. Most importantly, the sense of camaraderie was stressed. The group size will be 18-35 people.

Karen is a 32-year member of DKG. She has served as President, Secretary, Parliamentarian and Standing Rules Chair for her *Tau* Chapter. She has held the offices of Pi State President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and currently Executive Secretary. Karen was the 2012 Steering Committee Chair of the DKG

International Convention in New York City. She is a member of the International Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund (2012-2018) and is currently serving as Committee Chair. She recently received the Friend of the Year award from her local library Board of Trustees for serving the Friends group as their longtime Treasurer. She serves as the Lay Pastor of the First Church of Monticello, Presbyterian. Karen is retired after 45 years of teaching first grade in the Monticello Central School District.

*Mary-Martha Harvey*

### **Congratulations to Judy Fuller, Alpha Alpha**

The Irondequoit Chamber of Commerce recognized Rick and **Judy Fuller's** business, Simply New York Marketplace & Gifts, as the featured business for October 2017. Simply New York Marketplace & Gifts opened in 2010 to offer a one-stop-shop for purchasing items made in America and in New York State. Many of the items sold at Simply New York are also found at local festivals, including bath and beauty items, jewelry, clothing, books and games, home goods and décor, and specialty foods. Simply New York's website is [www.simplynystore.com](http://www.simplynystore.com) and can also be found on *Facebook*.



### **Students Participate in Creating UN Climate Action Plan**

Eleven students of **Gertrude Nogen**, *Beta Delta*, and Global Humanism Teacher Jane George from Trumansburgh's Charles O. Dickerson High School participated in the Student Leadership Conference on Development at the United Nations in February. Students helped to develop and ratify a Climate Action Plan with 320 students from seven international schools. Their work focused on three conference sub-themes: science facts and predictions, local to global policies, and migration caused by climate change. Their responsibilities now focus on completing tangible local and global impact projects.

**Gertrude Nogen** is founder of *Words into Deeds* which creates programs promoting students to engage in human rights issues and to design and use projects leading to local and global community service.



*Gertrude Nogen, Beta Delta, (third from left) with her students at the Student Leadership Conference at the United Nations in NYC*



DKG Pi State Organization was organized on April 18, 1936 in New York City.

## *Alpha Beta Hosts Holiday Gala and Auctions*

*Alpha Beta* had its annual Holiday Gala on December 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Staten Island. Over 45 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious dinner and lots of catching up with our sisters.

Baskets were auctioned off for two scholarships for high school seniors entering the field of education. The scholarships are the Dr. Mary Mead Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 and *Alpha Beta* Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 which rotates among all the High Schools on Staten Island.

Three long-time members of *Alpha Beta* Chapter who passed away this year - **Pat Campbell, Lilian Popp** and **Grace Petrone** – were honored at the start of the event. All three were. Both Chapter Presidents, Pat joined in 1975 and Lilian in 1970. Grace joined in 1968 and would have celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with DKG in September 2018. Grace served as a Chapter Treasurer and Auditor for many years.

Pat Campbell and her husband Bob always attended the Holiday Gala. Pat was an acclaimed artist and for many years donated a watercolor painting for the raffles. Her paintings were treasured and anyone who was lucky enough to win had a true work of art. This year her husband graciously donated a painting for the grand prize. In addition to her paintings, Pat together with her Watercolor Class always donated \$250 to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Pat, you will always be remembered.

Baskets donated by our members and guests were auctioned. DKG Memorabilia, collected over the years by **Dr. Andréa Morris**, were wrapped and put in a basket with a sign, “*Donate a dollar and take home a DKG Memory.*” Thank you, Andréa, for collecting, wrapping and parting with your precious DKG mementos for the benefit of our Scholarship Fund.

**Patricia Odessa** always chairs this event with her army of “*Angels.*” **April Angarola, Penny Tuzio, Kathryn Riviello Hall** and **Lois Restrepo** all have their roles to make this event a success. April and Kathryn conduct the auction at the party and make phone calls to members asking for basket donations. Lois makes an ornament for everyone attending. Penny decorates the tables with poinsettias. All their work was well rewarded as we earned about \$1800 for the Scholarships. I cannot say thank you enough to this group and all our members and guests who donated baskets and hand-crafted Holiday items.

This year, Yolanta, guest of **Grace Murphy**, donated a lovely still life of roses she painted. In addition, Yolanta made Holiday cards for everyone to take home. Thank you, Yolanta, for your thoughtful donations.

All our sisters and guests working together is what makes the Holiday Gala a resounding success each year.

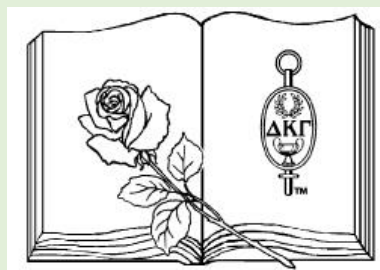
*Mary Ann Baldari*



(l to r): Penny Tuzio, Katherine Hall, Patricia Odessa, April Angaola, Lois Restrepo and Mary Ann Baldari.



*An amazing auction spread at the Alpha Beta Holiday Gala*



## ***Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Joint Legislative Seminar “Impact of Trauma on Learning and What We Can Do About It”***

The *Joint Legislative Seminar* was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Elaine Wilson Formal Lounge, Haffey Hall, St. John Fisher College. The annual seminar and brunch is sponsored by *Alpha Alpha* and *Beta Eta*.

The presenters were **Elizabeth Meeker** and **Sara Maurer**. They described how trauma affects brain development and the ability to cope with life and learning. Elizabeth Meeker is the PsyD Director of Training and Practice Transformation, Coordinated Care Services, Inc. and Clinical Consultant, Monroe County Office of Mental Health as well as a Private Practice Clinician. Sara Maurer is the LMSW Primary Therapist, Rochester Regional Health, Unity ACT Team and a Private Practice Clinician.



*Program Committee Chair Diane Maurer, Alpha Alpha, (right) introducing presenters Dr. Elizabeth Meeker (left) and Sara Maurer.*



*Past Pi State President Wanda Ward with Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey*

*Mary Martha Harvey*

## ***Leah Exner Receives Literacy Grant***



*Pictured left to right: BOCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour, Leah Exner, Tau, Pi State Educational Foundation President Ms. Ginny Dudko, Tau, and Superintendent of Fallsburg Central School District, Dr. Ivan Katz.*

*Photo courtesy of Larry Schafman*

**Ginny Dudko**, *Tau*, Pi State Educational Foundation Chair, presented a \$950 Literacy grant to **Leah Exner**, *Tau* Chapter President and Benjamin Coser, elementary education teacher. The \$950 monetary award will support the "BOCES Indoor/Outdoor Trail Literacy Center."

*Patricia Segar*

## *Alpha Alpha Members Team Up for #read4luv*

Two *Alpha Alpha* Chapter members, **Laura Delahanty**, Director of the Teaching Learning Institute at East High School in the Rochester City School District, and **Dr. Carol St. George**, Director of Reading and Literacies at the University of Rochester's Warner Graduate School of Education, teamed up to support a read aloud Initiative called **#read4luv**. This annual social media campaign asks people to share their love for reading by posting photos of reading with children or photos of their favorite childhood books in hopes of igniting and nurturing reading at home and in the community.

The Initiative, #read4luv, shows that reading aloud daily to children improves their long-term reading success and sets them up for a lifelong love of books and reading. Reading for just 15 minutes a day to children of all ages sets them up for a lifelong love of books and reading.

Professor St. George directs Project READ, a privately funded strategic literacy intervention where Master's students in literacy work directly with first grade students in the Rochester City School District.

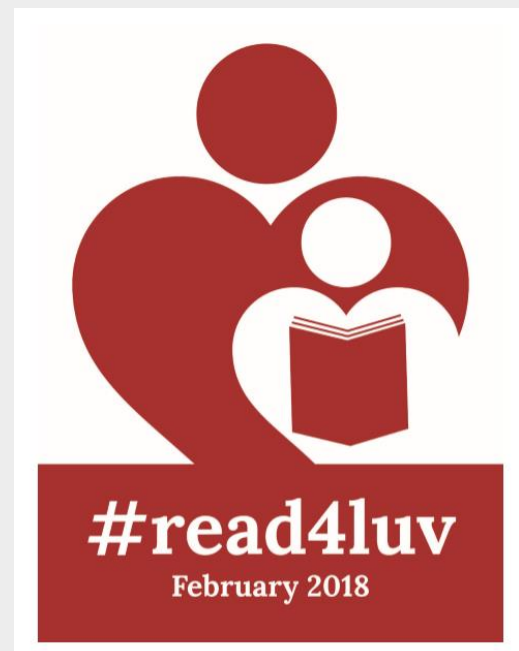
Mrs. Delahanty's Teaching and Learning Institute at East High School is a four-year magnet program for future educators and leaders. Each year of high school, students take seminars in education and perform internships at local elementary schools where they get the chance to put their skills to the test. For over 20 years, TLI has introduced students to careers in education and helped prepare students for success in college. The long-term goal of the program is to help grow our own teachers and to diversify the teaching corps. We are proud to have many of our graduates back working in the RCSD and other area schools serving as teachers, administrators and counselors.

To celebrate the importance of reading aloud to kids, dozens of eleventh-grade students in East High School's Teaching and Learning Institute (TLI) along with the literacy interns from Project READ brought the love of reading to first graders on Valentine's Day. They read aloud and made bookmarks with about 200 first graders. *The goal is to help these young kids build that lifelong love of reading.*

*Carol St. George*



*Alpha Alpha members Laura Delahanty (l) and Carol St. George (r)*



**Pi State is part of the DKG Northeast Region that includes:**

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

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### Save the Dates:

The **2018 CTAUN Conference** will be held at United Nations in NYC,  
April 6, 2018 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

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

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

The **Pi State Leadership Development Seminars for New & Incoming  
Presidents and Chapter Leaders, "LDS on the Road"** will take place on  
June 28, June 30 and July 1, 2018

The **Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar** will take place on  
October 12-13, 2018 at the Radisson Inn in Corning, NY.

The **Pi State 2019 Convention** will take place on April 26-28, 2019 at  
the Ramada Inn, Geneva, NY.

The **Northeast Regional Conference** will take place July 30-August 1,  
2019 at Foxwoods Resort & Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut.

The **Pi State Leadership Development Seminar for New State Chairs**,  
will take place on August 16-17, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn, in East  
Syracuse, NY.

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

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### Information for Summer Issue of *Pi Lights* (print) Due June 1, 2018

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### **Pi Lights** Deadlines for 2018

June 1, 2018... September 1, 2018 ... December 1, 2018