



Pi Lights

Join Pi State Sisters at the
Fall 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar
**“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by
Exploring the Challenges of Change”**

October 14-15, 2016

Woodcliff Hotel, Conference Center & Spa

199 Woodcliff Drive

Fairport NY 14450

www.woodcliffhotelspa.com

Look for **Registration Form p.5 & Hotel Reservation/ Directions on p.4** of this issue.

Schedule at a Glance

Friday, October 14th

12:00-4:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
2:00-9:00pm	Registration
4:00-5:00pm	Music Rehearsal
4:00-8:00pm	FDF Sales
5:00-6:00pm	Optional Dinner
6:15-7:00pm	Workshop Session I
7:15-8:00pm	Workshop Session II
8:15-9:30pm	General Session
	President’s Welcome & Keynote Address
9:30-10:30pm	Dessert Reception & Info Fair (See p.6)

Saturday, October 15th

7:30-9:00am	Registration
7:00-8:15am	Optional Breakfast w/coupon
8:15-8:30am	Executive Board Sign-in
8:30-11:15am	Executive Board
8:30-11:15am	“Membership Make-over” for Chapter Membership Chairs & Representatives (See p. 6)
11:15-11:45am	Hotel Check-out
11:30-12:15pm	FDF Sales
12:30-2:30pm	Legislative Luncheon

Workshop Proposals due July 15

To **Barbara Keis**, Pi State Educational Excellence Chair

Find **Workshop Proposal** on Pi State Website in box, **Application Forms**



Regent **Beverly L. Ouderkirk**

Keynote Speaker, Friday, October 14th

Beverly L. Ouderkirk was appointed to the New York State Board of Regents on March 10, 2015 for a five-year term effective April 1, 2015. She proudly represents the students, educators, parents, and communities within the eleven counties comprising the major geographic portion of the North Country. Regent Ouderkirk brings to her appointment over fifty years of experience in public education in New York State.

Regent Ouderkirk began her professional career as a kindergarten teacher. She continued teaching for seventeen years in various elementary and

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Photo Courtesy of Ann Walker

“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”

Deborah Bedard

Pi State President 2015 - 2017

See you at the October 14-15, 2016 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa

I would like to *thank* all Chapters who have invited Pi State Representatives for a visit this spring. These visits provide us with a snapshot of all the wonderful events that are occurring in our Chapters throughout New York State and help us to stay connected with the issues facing our Chapters. A Chapter visit allows a unique opportunity to reach out to members that we might not see at a State or Area Council event. As your State Representatives, we are working diligently to provide the support and resources to assist and support the needs of our Chapters and members throughout the State. As Chapter Officers and members, we hope that you will reach out to us to support your membership in whatever way we can. We are but a phone call or email away!

As **Melanie McDonald**, our Pi State Membership Chair, recently said after a *Rho* Chapter visit, *“I have made wonderful new best friends.”*

I am very excited about the plans for our ***New & Returning Presidents Training on August 1-2 at the East Syracuse Hilton Garden Inn.*** As a new President or returning President, training will assist you in developing your own personal leadership skills, increase your knowledge of our Society and share important materials that will assist you in leading your Chapter. You will also have a chance to network with Presidents from your Area Council and across our State. What a wonderful opportunity to find out what is happening in other Chapters. If you have not yet registered, please visit our Pi State website and do so today!

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend our ***Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Woodcliff in Rochester on October 14-15.*** ***“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by Exploring the Challenges of Change”*** is the theme of this Meeting. Change is a constant in all our lives. In our professional careers we are certainly challenged with changes on all fronts! Our standards are being revised. Testing is under revision. We are embarking on a new standard to judge the effectiveness of our teaching. **Regent Beverly Ouder Kirk** will be our Keynote Speaker on Friday evening to address the climate of change facing each of our classrooms.

Change is also occurring in our Society. International is embarking on a new initiative to assist Chapters in attracting members. **Melanie McDonald**, our Pi State Membership Chair, has been working to bring to this new initiative to our Pi State members. During the same time period as the Pi State Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, October 15, Melanie will be hosting a workshop for Membership Chairs and/or Chapter Representatives, ***“Membership Make-Over,”*** explaining this new approach. We hope to see many Pi State Chapters represented. Adopting and adapting this new initiative will assist Chapters who are experiencing difficulties gaining members. Attracting new members is only part of the job facing Chapters. Once members have expressed interest and joined, we need to ensure that we retain their membership. Meaningful Chapter service projects, interesting and varied meeting presentations that address the interests of both active and life-long members and promote the vision and purposes of our Society will help retain members.

All members of Chapters should be involved and add their voice and support as Chapters have important

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Pi State President Deborah Bedard, 50-yr Member Florence Mugglin (102 yrs. Young) and Pi State Membership Chair Melanie McDonald

Pi State President Deborah Bedard's Message*Concluded from page 2*

discussions about changes that will strengthen and focus efforts to continue to attract and retain members.

We at the State level are also adapting to meet the needs of our membership. Previously, our **Pi State Directory** has been published each year. During the Spring Executive Board Meeting Chapter Presidents and other Board Members voted to revise the way our Directory is published. This fall our full Directory will be published and distributed, as always. In the fall of 2017 a Directory Supplement will be published. The Supplement will contain the changes in your State Leadership as well as State Committee Membership along with updates and corrections. We hope this change will save resources, time and money - *all precious commodities!*

I hope your summer is filled with enjoyable opportunities to spend time with your Pi State Sisters, family and friends. I am looking forward to enjoying all the opportunities our International Conference in Nashville will offer! It is not too late to make your plans to join your fellow New York Sisters in Nashville.

Pi State Visitations 2015-16

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Fall 2015	October 14	<i>Joint Beta Mu, Gamma Epsilon, Lambda and Psi Chapters</i>	Beryl Szwed
	October 17	<i>North Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	October 20	<i>Alpha Psi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 24	<i>Capital Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 25	<i>Alpha Beta 60th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 27	<i>East Central Area Council</i>	Karen Butters
	November 14	<i>Alpha Iota 56th Anniversary</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	November 18	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	November 19	<i>Beta Delta 50th Anniversary</i>	Karen Butters
	Spring 2016	April 9	<i>Psi</i>
April 20		<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
April 27		<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Ellie Robinson
May 3		<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson
May 4		<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
May 5		<i>Alpha Chi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
May 5		<i>Delta Founders' Day</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
May 12		<i>Pi</i>	Melanie McDonald
May 17		<i>Beta Mu</i>	Deborah Bedard
May 18		<i>Joint Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Deborah Bedard
May 18		<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
May 20		<i>Beta Omega</i>	Sue Kenoyer
May 24		<i>Mu</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
June 3		<i>Rho</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
June 3		<i>Phi</i>	Ginny Dudko
June 11		<i>Beta Eta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2016		October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 21	<i>Sigma</i>	Deborah Bedard
	November 5	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner

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

Pi State **Keynote Speaker: October 14, 2016****Beverly L. Ouderkirk****“Changes in Education”***Concluded from page 1*

special education classrooms in the Jordan-Elbridge and Weedsport Central School Districts as well as for the Onondaga-Cayuga BOCES. She served as Elementary Principal, Director of Elementary Education, COH Chair (Committee on the Handicapped) and Deputy Superintendent in the Gouverneur CSD. Regent Ouderkirk was Superintendent of Schools at Morristown CSD, Tioga CSD, and Valley CSD before becoming a BOCES District Superintendent at Genesee Valley in Western New York. Following her first retirement, Regent Ouderkirk served four additional districts as an Interim Superintendent over a ten-year period. The culminating activity of her long career was as a Shared Superintendent for the St. Regis Falls and Brushton-Moira Central School Districts, a first in New York State.

Regent Ouderkirk’s continuing goal is to make a difference in public education for children.

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**Woodcliff Hotel, Conference Center & Spa Elan**

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Fairport NY 14450

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Woodcliff Hotel & Spa is located on the highest elevation in Monroe County. You’ll see breathtaking views of Rochester’s hills in the Finger Lakes region. There are hiking, biking and running trails, a 9-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center and full service spa with several nearby shopping venues.

From Rochester International Airport: Take 390 North to 490 East. Take exit 28 to Route 96. Turn left onto Route 96 and proceed East approximately ¼ mile to first traffic light. Turn left onto Woodcliff Drive. At top of hill turn left at the Hotel sign.

From the NYS Thruway: Take exit 45 (Rochester 490 Exit) and follow signs to Route 96 North. Turn right on Route 96 (Pittsford-Victor Road). At the 7th traffic light, turn right onto Woodcliff Drive. At top of hill turn left at the Hotel sign.

Room Reservations: To make your ROOM RESERVATIONS, call the *Woodcliff Hotel directly* at 585.381.4000 or 585.248.4810 or 1.800.365.3065. **Mention DKG to receive room block rate. If you have a roommate(s), please give all names. The room cost, including taxes, is \$142.25 for single, double or triple.** The room block is now open and closes 9.13.16.

Room check-in is 3:00pm and **check-out** is 12:00pm.

REGISTRATION FORM

Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminars

October 14-15, 2016

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____ Position _____

Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception, Saturday Legislative Luncheon & meeting materials.

Early Registration Fee (Due by September 18th) \$61.00 _____

Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after September 18th) \$66.00 _____

Friday, October 14

Optional Dinner Buffet 5:00-6:00pm \$42.00 _____

Vegetable Lasagna with marinara; Grilled Marinated Flank Steak with sautéed mushrooms and red wine demi-glaze; Tomato Cucumber Salad with red onion, basil, mint and red wine vinaigrette; Cous Cous Salad with carrots, cilantro, fried shallots and ginger dressing; Mixed Green Salad with balsamic vinaigrette and ranch dressings; Rice Pilaf; Warm Breads & Butter; Homemade Apple Crisp with cinnamon and whipped cream; Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf, Tazo Teas

Dessert Reception (Viennese Table) 9:30-10:30pm **Included in Registration**

*Chocolate covered strawberries, chocolate drizzled cream puffs and Raspberry lemon meringue tartlets
Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaf and Tazo Teas*

Guest Charge \$12.00 _____

Saturday, October 15

Optional Continental Plus Breakfast 7:00-8:15am \$18.00 _____

Freshly Baked Breakfast Breads, Muffins & Pastries; Bagels, Butter & Preserves; Plain & Light Cream Cheeses & Peanut Butter, Whole Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juices; Bottled Water; Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf, Tazo Teas and Hot Chocolate

Legislative Luncheon 12:30-2:30pm **Included in Registration**

Please select one of the following (Includes Chef's Choice Seasonal Soup; Warm Bread & Butter; NY Style Cheesecake with Seasonal Berries & Fresh Whipped Cream):

___ **Stuffed Chicken Breast** in Marsala Sauce with Mushrooms and served with Herb Roasted Potatoes

___ **Crusted Baked Haddock Fillet topped with Jumbo Lump Crab** with Tomato & Butter Chive Sauce and served with Rice Pilaf

Guest Charge \$35.00 _____

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: Mary Anna Russo, Registrar, 287 Daley Rd., Rochester, NY 14617

e-mail: marusso@rochester.rr.com phone: (585) 330-7718

Refunds and Cancellation Policies:

Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before September 27, 2016. Cancellation and refund requests received after September 27, 2016 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after September 27, 2016. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.

Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with Woodcliff Hotel 585.381.4000, 585.248.4810 or 1.800.365.3065. Mention DKG to receive room block rate.

___ Check here if you would like a roommate if you have not registered with someone

___ If you are attending the "Membership Make-Over" SEMINAR, please send **FORM** on p.6 with this Registration Form.

___ Check here if this is your first Executive Board Meeting/Seminar.

REGISTRATION FORM**Membership Seminar: "Membership Make-Over"****Saturday, October 15, 2016 ... 8:30-11:15am****Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminars****Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, 199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450**

If Chapter Membership Chair and/or Representative(s) are attending this session, please complete this form and enclose with your REGISTRATION FORM on p.5 for the Fall Executive Board/Seminar.

During the same time period as the Pi State Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, October 15 from 8:30-11:15am, Pi State Membership Chair **Melanie McDonald** will be hosting a workshop for Membership Chairs and/or Chapter Representative(s) explaining the new International initiative on membership: *"Recruit, Retain, Reinstate."*

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Name _____

Chapter _____ Position _____

Attention All Musicians

Are you planning on attending the Spring *Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar on October 14th and 15th in Fairport?*

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

Our rehearsal will take place on Friday, October 14th from 4:00 - 5:00pm.

Come early and SING!!

Please contact Music Rep. to Educational Excellence Committee,

Bridget Bishop, 585.637.2422,

meanmom5@rochester.rr.com

if you are able to sing or play or for further information.

Bridget Bishop

**Pi State Info Fair****Friday, October 14, 2016 ... 9:30-10:30pm****Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa**

Are you aware of all the opportunities available as a member of our Pi State?

On Friday evening October 14th during the Desert Reception, members will be able to browse and talk with representatives of **State Committees and International Liaisons** to learn about all the exciting opportunities available for all our Pi State Sisters.

Gain information for exciting opportunities for yourself or a member of your Chapter. ***We look forward to seeing you there!***

Deborah Bedard

**Pi State Legislative Luncheon
Saturday, October 15, 2016 ... 12:30-2:30pm**

Pi State in conjunction with the *New York State League of Women Voters* (NYSLWV) is pleased to announce that representatives from the office of **Barbara Bartoletti**, League Legislative Director, will be speaking at our Legislative Luncheon. These women are actively involved in Albany and recently were productive in lobbying the legislature to pass ethics reform. On the forefront of legislative action, they will share their insights on advocacy and issues in Albany.

Don't miss out on this informative session.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

***"The best feature of Delta Kappa Gamma is the new friendships which it brings. I value yours."
~ Annie Webb Blanton***



Backyard View of the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown

**You're invited to Cooperstown
2017 Pi State Convention at Otesaga Resort
"Sparkle, Shimmer & Shine"**

The Planning Committee of Pi State is throwing out the first pitch to invite you to the **2017 Pi State Convention**. **Opening Day will be on Friday, April 28 at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown, NY. The Convention will continue on Saturday, April 29 and will close on Sunday, April 30.**

The Otesaga Resort Hotel provides elegant, luxury accommodations along with breathtaking views of shimmering Lake Otsego. Cooperstown is best known as the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The Farmers' Museum, the Fenimore Art Museum, Glimmerglass Opera and the New York State Historical Association are also based there.

So SAVE the dates, April 28-30, 2017, to join your teammates for the DKG Pi State Convention.

We want you to have a Grand Slam of a good time!

Carol Frost



Heidi Himes
Pi State Webmaster
2016-2019

***Congratulations to our
New Website Leaders***

At the April Meeting, the Pi State Executive Board voted to appoint **Heidi Himes**, *Gamma Delta*, the new Pi State Webmaster 2016-2019 to fill the vacancy from Webmaster Barre Hall's retirement and **Katja Stevens**, *Omega*, the new Pi State Website Editor 2016-2017.

Both DKG members are their Chapters' Webmasters, using the *Weebly* service to create and maintain their Chapter Websites. They are both thoroughly dedicated to whatever task they undertake.



Katja Stevens
Pi State Website Editor
2016-2017

IMPORTANT WEBSITE CHANGES

DKG International is implementing changes to the Chapter and State Website Certification process. Effective July 1, 2016, HTML platforms will no longer be supported by International. The **Pi State Ad Hoc Website Committee** will keep you posted on new certification requirements from International. The new Pi State Website will be online in July. If your Chapter has an HTML platform, it is time to change to another service. *For questions, please contact Chair Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net.*

**Pi State Leadership Development Seminar for
Incoming & Returning Presidents
“Celebrating Chapter Presidency”**

August 1 - 2, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse
Registration Form is on p.8.

The Leadership Development Committee Chair **Jeanne Schenk** and her Committee (Pi State President **Deborah Bedard**, **Diane Bootie**, Pi State First Vice President **Karen Butters**, Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum, Pi State Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey**, Pi State Parliamentarian **Ellie Robinson**, **Jean Sekel**, FDF Administrator & Past Pi State President **Joan Slagle**, Pi State Executive Secretary **Beryl Szwed**, Pi State Executive Secretary-Elect **Karen Crumley** and *ex officio* Pi State Second Vice President **Sue Kenoyer**) have been working this past year in developing the *LDS for Incoming & Returning Presidents*. The Committee has held several *Go-to-Meetings* and set a Tentative Agenda.

The Seminar will commence on Monday, August 1st with registration at 1:00pm and “Welcome” by Pi State President Deborah Bedard at 2:00pm. Presidents will receive detailed information about the Chapter Presidency position and its possibilities and materials from Pi State and DKG International. FDF Administrator Joan Slagle will have the Pi State Store open for sales on both days.

Topics for presentation and discussion by the Pi State LDC Committee and Pi State Executive Committee include: overview of responsibilities, communication, reports, forms, Pi State resources and website, International website resources, Area Councils, Chapter Meetings (including agendas, Parliamentary procedure, minutes, budget, programs, Standing Rules, membership), Pi State Educational Foundation, important dates ... and *lots more*.



Nita Scott

Guest Speaker: Nita Scott
“Membership”

Nita Scott, Member Services Administrator at DKG International, will present International’s new membership initiative and will provide ideas on how to develop Chapter leadership in a Go-to-Meeting. She will also be available for questions following her presentation.

Guest Consultant: Sandy Voigt

“Recognizing Leadership Styles: Yours and Others”

An award from the *Pi State Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* (Chair **Diane Battaglia** and members **Diane Bootie** and **Phyllis Frantel**) has made it possible for Pi State to include Educational Consultant **Sandy Voigt** in the *LDS for Incoming & Returning Presidents* to present three sessions on August 1-2.

The “*Recognizing Leadership Styles: Yours and Others*” sessions will focus on understanding and recognizing leadership styles of self and others and developing strategies to flex personal leadership styles through overt behaviors. Sessions will include active participation and activities.

Sandy is a graduate of SUNY Oswego with Bachelors *cum laude* and SUNY Brockport with Masters and SDA in Educational Administration and has 30 hours from Nazareth College. She is currently an Educational Consultant – *Learning Ventures* – and Trainer for *People Skills Institute*, Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES. She was Director for Development, Herkimer BOCES; Staff Trainer and Instructional Specialist for Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES; Elementary Principal for Holley CSD; Director of Student Learning for Churchville-Chili CSD; Goals 2000 Consultant for Herkimer BOCES; Adjunct Professor at Roberts Wesleyan College and SUNY Brockport. She has taught grades 3-5 for Canandaigua CSD and Social Studies Grade 5 for Maine-Endwell School District.

LDS Memories



*Past Pi State President
1987-89 Wanda Ward at
LDS for New Presidents
2014 as our “Angel” of
Parliamentary Procedure*

Look for the **“Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents”** Seminar at the
Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminars October 14th
for follow-up information & activities.

REGISTRATION FORM
Pi State Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming & Returning Presidents
August 1-2, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn Syracuse
6004 Fair Lakes Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Please **PRINT** the following information (one form per participant):

Name _____
 Email _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Chapter _____

Please include registration fee of \$35, payable to Pi State DKG, with form by July 11, 2016.

In accordance with Guidelines, Pi State will pay for 50% lodging and all meals of one Chapter President. Each participant should mail a separate form and registration fee with lodging and meal costs if applicable.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio-taped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Lodging for August 1:

Reserve a private room for me (*I will pay the difference not covered by Pi State.*) \$58.86 _____
 Reserve a shared double room for me _____
 I would like to room with _____
 Please assign room mate _____
 No, I will not need a room for night _____

Buffet Dinner on Monday evening, August 1

Check if you wish to join us _____
 \$32.50 _____

Buffet Breakfast on Tuesday morning, August 2

Check if you wish to join us _____
 \$13.00 _____

Lunch on Tuesday, August 2: Please select one of the following:

Check if you wish to join us _____
 \$14.50 _____

- _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
- _____ Cobb Salad
- _____ Turkey Club Sandwich

List any dietary restrictions: _____

Mail to Karen Butters, Registrar with registration fee, payable to Pi State DKG
P.O. Box 136, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812
Email: kbutters26@gmail.com Phone: 518-352-7726

HOTEL DIRECTIONS

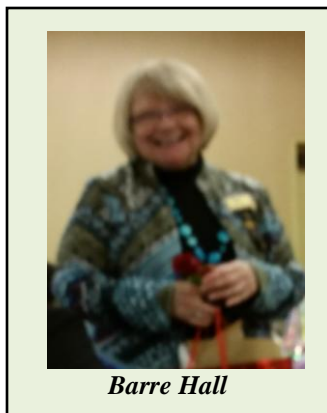


From I-90 -
 Take exit 35. Follow traffic circle to 298 East. At the second traffic light turn right onto New Venture Gear Drive. The hotel is 0.25 miles ahead on the left.

From I-690 -
 Take Thompson Road exit. Go North approximately 3 miles. Bear right onto 298 East going through the traffic circle. At the second traffic light turn right onto New Venture Gear Drive. The hotel is 0.25 miles ahead on the left.

Check in: 3:00 PM
Check out: 12:00 PM

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Barre Hall

Barre Hall Retires as Pi State Webmaster

Barre Hall, Pi State Webmaster 2010-2016 and Co-Webmaster with Lois Ludwig in Fall 2002-2010, is a graduate from SUNY Potsdam with Bachelors and Masters in Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. She grew up in Potsdam where her Dad was Director of Student Teaching and Off-Campus placement. She is a Charter Member of *Gamma Epsilon* and served as Chapter President 2000-2002.

Her career has included teaching elementary grades K-6, except grade 5, and middle school summer English grades 7 and 8 in her hometown of Odgensburg. Over the course of her career, she hosted numerous child and curriculum student teachers from SUNY Potsdam. When she lived in North Carolina, she directed the Winthrop College Campus School kindergarten program.

As a young teacher, she was honored to be invited to *Lambda* Chapter by her high school English teacher. When *Lambda* split into smaller geographic groups, she moved to the *Gamma Epsilon* Chapter as a Charter Member. She has held various offices for her Chapter and served as Webmaster for several years. She has had several poems published in the *Delta Kappa Gamma International Bulletin*.

Barre enjoys spending time with her children and their families. She loves playing bridge and Mah Jongg as well as traveling, music and art. It's not surprising that computers fascinate her. At her appointment as Co-Webmaster in 2002, she stated ... "I love using computers to streamline tasks at my job, in my classroom and in my personal life and wonder how I managed before becoming computer literate."

Barre is our master of html. At her retirement honors at the Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting in April, Barre shared that "it has been my honor to serve Pi State in this capacity. I have loved the many challenges and ups and downs of keeping our website current and online."

Thank you, Barre, for your 14 yrs. of service & dedication to Pi State!



Beryl Szwed

Beryl Szwed Retires as Pi State Executive Secretary

Beryl Szwed, Pi State Executive Secretary since 2003, is a member of *Beta Mu* Chapter in the Northern Area Council. She was the Pi State Steering Convention Committee Chair for 2003 Pi State Convention in Lake Placid. She has served her Chapter as Treasurer, Secretary and two terms as Chapter President with last Biennium 2010-2012. She was initiated in *Beta Mu* in 1993.

Born in Brooklyn, she started teaching in Texas, then North Carolina and retired from teaching K-12 Math in Lake Placid. She is a volunteer in the local Hospital Gift Shoppe, Treasurer of the Adirondack Singers and a Lector in her Church.

In her position as Executive Secretary she served seven Pi State Presidents. She made arrangements with hotels and restaurants for Pi State Executive Board Meetings and Seminars, Conventions and Leadership Development Seminars. She published the *Pi State Directory* each year and the *Important Dates* summary. She served as an Executive Committee Liaison to Area Councils, *ex officio* member of Pi State Executive Board, and member and *ex officio* member on several State Committees.

Imagine you are registering for a Seminar! Beryl's first touch would be a basket of chocolate. In the Executive Board meeting room, the tables would be set as she had requested and many folders, papers and other items would appear after the late night prep by the Executive Committee and special helpers. Meals were planned; the piano requested; workshop space arranged; AV requests made and more - all on the list of responsibilities. And at the end of a meeting, with the help of many, things were picked up, packed and sent back to Headquarters with our FDF Administrator, and LOTS went home with Beryl. One of Beryl's unwritten responsibilities was to organize a trip to the nearest baseball games. Over the years, sisters enjoyed games in Spokane, Portland, Indianapolis, Baltimore and New York.

Beryl will still be involved at the State level but is planning to have a little more time for herself and her three grandchildren. We will miss her smiles, her humor and wish her well.

Thank you, Beryl, for your 13 yrs. of service & dedication to Pi State!

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

It was wonderful to see so many Pi State Foundation members at our Annual Meeting in Syracuse in April. Three directors were elected that will begin 4-year terms as of July 1st. **Jean Sekel** and **Sheila Brady-Root** were re-elected to the Board of Directors and **Grace Murphy** was elected as a new Board Director. In addition, the membership honored past Director **Agnes Becker** for her many years of service to the Foundation. She will retire from the Board on July 1st. Agnes was presented with a *Certificate of Appreciation* and a red rosebush and was honored with a standing ovation. Agnes was instrumental in establishing the Pi State Educational Foundation in 2003.

The **Foundation President's Challenge** has been met! *See article below.*

This round of application for grant funding was very busy! *See article below for Awards Announcement.*

If you need to know more about the Foundation or just want to encourage your Chapter members to join or apply for a grant, one of our Directors is willing to come to a Chapter meeting and talk with your members about "who we are" and to share ideas about the kinds of things your members could do to apply for a grant. A brochure, describing some of the grants that have been funded to give members grant-proposal ideas, is posted on the Pi State Website.

Ginny Dudko

President's Challenge News Flash!!!

New Memberships have reached the
25-member mark!

The Foundation President's Challenge has been met! Pi State Educational Foundation Treasurer just informed President **Ginny Dudko** that she had better get out her checkbook--the 25th new member since last July 1st has just signed up! **Foundation President Ginny Dudko donated \$10 for each of the new 25 members.**

Great work, Pi State!

Thanks to everyone who joined and encouraged others to do so!

Pi State Foundation Directors

2014-18 Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, Tau, Chair

2015-19 Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa, Treasurer

Terms Ending 2020

Jean Sekel, Pi, Secretary

Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Alpha

Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta

*Foundation Project
Grant Applications due
May 1st and November 1st*

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The Directors of the Pi State Educational Foundation awarded 3 grants for literacy and learning projects that were submitted by May 1, 2016.

"Books for Food Bank Backpacks" is **Alpha Rho's** Chapter project. Their local Food Bank sends backpacks home weekly with needy students. They wanted to expand this program to be able to send books home occasionally to get books in the hands of their children. They partner with both the *Food Bank* and their local educators to identify "at risk" students. **Susan Coolican** is the Project Director.

"Salvation Army Backpack Program" is **Gamma Zeta's** Chapter program. They have partnered with their local Salvation Army since 2008 to support learning. That year they donated supplies for their after-school program and soon realized many children did not have supplies for school in the fall. They began to buy backpacks and outfit them with the supplies children would need to be successful in school. Chapter members donate school supplies and use the Foundation grant to purchase quality backpacks. **Barbara Cook** is the Project Director.

"Treasure Totes for Tots" is **Beta Omicron's** Chapter project. They saw a need for a distraction for children waiting in hospital emergency rooms and immediate care centers. Not wanting to just leave items that would "share germs," they began preparing take-home tote bags. These are a fabric bag, made by the members, containing a new or gently-used book, a coloring book and crayons and a stuffed animal. The Project Director is **Patricia Thompson**.

Congratulations to the participants of these three projects. Remember that projects may be for Chapter or individual projects and are due next by November 1st. Forms are on the Pi State website.

Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors



*Pi State Executive Committee at Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, 25 April, 2016:
left to right - Pi State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer, Pi State
First Vice President Karen Butters, Pi State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, Pi State President
Deborah Bedard, Pi State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden and Pi State Past President 1993-1995
Catherine E. Olinger, giving "Thought for the Day"*

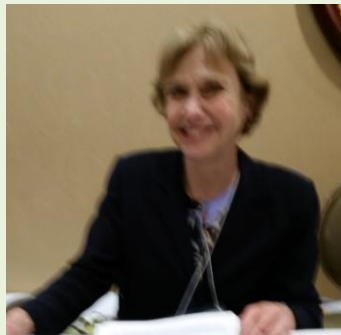
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*Pi State President
Deborah Bedard
chaired Executive
Board & Corporation
Meetings.*



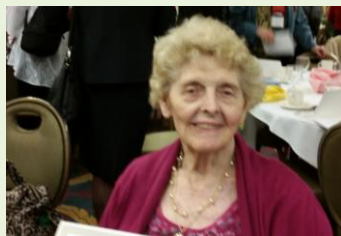
*Music Rep to Educational Excellence
Committee Bridget Bishop directed
Pi State Choir in special selection for
Guest Kolbrún Pálsdóttir from Iceland.*



Registrar Cornelia Johnson



*Pi State Treasurer & Convention Co-Chair
Suzanne Patrick works on Cooperstown
puzzle in lobby of Sheraton.*



*50-Year Member Honoree
Geraldine Goumas, Alpha Eta*



*Pi State Membership Chair Melanie
McDonald at her "Membership" Workshop*



*Pi State Scholarship Awardees:
Susan Gruber, Beta Chi, Pi State
Scholarship Chair Rosemary Van Wart,
Dilnavaz Hushmendi, Alpha Nu, and
Dr. Beverly Burnell, Psi*



*Pi State First Vice President
Karen Butters gives Bea Small
Awards to Chapters at the
Awards Luncheon.*



*Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer
welcomed attendees to the 2016 Pi State
Scholarship & Awards Brunch on
Saturday, April 30 at Syracuse Sheraton*

***Congratulations to our Pi State
25- and 50-Year and our 100-Year Young members***

25-Year Members

Initiated from January 1st - December 31st 1990



<i>Alpha</i>	Debra Cacchillo
<i>Epsilon</i>	Patricia Charthern
<i>Kappa</i>	Mary Ann Frazita
<i>Lambda</i>	Pam Claus
<i>Pi</i>	Marylou Barlow Linda M. Casler Sharon Marie Perrella Judith Ann Sinner
<i>Rho</i>	Cynthia Goertemoeller
<i>Tau</i>	Maxine Evans Debra Sue Heidt-Dunwell
<i>Phi</i>	Anita Voetsch
<i>Chi</i>	Michelle Watkins
<i>Psi</i>	Mary Brassard
<i>Omega</i>	Denise G. Clark Mary E. King Cynthia Ann Lynch Patricia Rice Deborah S. Trombino
<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Susan Dodge-Peters-Daiss Julia Siefert Dudley Marjorie Searl Sr. Edwardine Weaver
<i>Alpha Beta</i>	Anna Castley Melinda Li Bassi
<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	Mary L. Stryker
<i>Alpha Eta</i>	Emily A. Blue Patricia Doyle Margaret LaPadula Linda Toneatti
<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Barbara Filardo
<i>Alpha Kappa</i>	Wynne Wright
<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Nancy Hammell Mary E. Vincent
<i>Alpha Rho</i>	Susan Coolican
<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Rose Marie Hosp Carol B. Zaleski
<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Barbara Klein
<i>Beta Gamma</i>	Carol Cuccinotta Laurie A. McKeown Margaret L. Prinzi
<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Mary Linda Williams
<i>Beta Eta</i>	Virginia House Fredericka Masek

<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Joan C. Green Jane D. Tanner
<i>Beta Nu</i>	Mary Lou Andrews Dawn L. Chase Joanne Haskell Diane R. Haun Sheila Vrenna
<i>Beta Tau</i>	Barbara L. Stewart Susan K. Schedlbauer Christine A. Walker
<i>Beta Phi</i>	Becky Sue Bianco
<i>Gamma Epsilon</i>	Sharon Gendebien Barre H. Hall Kristine C. Hurst Sandra J. Plimpton Patricia L. Washburn
<i>Gamma Delta</i>	Joan M. Holesko

100-Year Young Members

Helen Brass
Alpha Gamma
103 Years Young!

Dorothy Hiler,
Alpha Iota
(Charter Member)
107 Years Young!

Florence Mugglin
Rho
102 Years Young!

Helen Rice
Beta Eta
104 Years Young!

Celebrating our 50-Year Members



*Florence
Mugglin*



*Geraldine
Goumas*

Germaine M. Caruso, Kappa
June Leray Bates, Mu
Florence H. Mugglin, Rho
Wanda H. Goodrow, Alpha Chi
Geraldine Goumas, Alpha Eta
Doris B. Eldredge, Alpha Tau
Barbara S. Schermerhorn, Alpha Delta

Milestone Birthdays

Congratulations to Chapters Celebrating a Special Birthday in 2016!

During the Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, 30 April at the Syracuse Sheraton Hotel, Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** presented the following Chapters with certificates honoring their *Milestone Anniversaries* in 2016.

Chapter	Date Organized	Anniversary
<i>Rho</i>	June 24, 1950	65
<i>Alpha Gamma</i>	May 4, 1956	60
<i>Alpha Delta</i>	May 4, 1956	60
<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	May 26, 1956	60
<i>Alpha Tau</i>	June 1961	55
<i>Alpha Phi</i>	June 10, 1961	55
<i>Beta Phi</i>	June 19, 1976	40



Sheila Brady-Root

2016 Pi State Achievement Award Presented to Sheila Brady-Root

The **Pi State Achievement Award** is presented each year to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma at the state level. At the 2016 Pi State Scholarship and Awards Brunch on April 30, the Pi State Achievement Award was presented by Chair **Agnes Becker** to **Sheila Brady-Root**.

Sheila was initiated into DKG in 1988. Due to dissolutions of Chapters, she is currently a member of her third Chapter, *Alpha Alpha*. In all three Chapters Sheila assumed responsibilities as an Officer and/or Committee member. In 2013 Pi State recognized her for her 25-year membership and also as *Alpha Alpha's* Woman of Distinction.

Sheila has chaired or been a member of numerous State Committees, including BYLAWS & Rules, Native American Grant-in-Aid, Personnel and Leadership Development. She was elected to another term on the Pi State Educational Foundation at the 2016 Annual Meeting. She has attended numerous Area Council meetings, International and State Conventions. She presented at the International *Seminar for Purposeful Living* in Niagara Falls and the 2015 Pi State Convention. She has co-chaired a Leadership Development Seminar for New Presidents and one for Committee Chairs. Sheila was instrumental in arranging for Pi State members to earn professional development credit for DKG educational conferences and seminars.

In 2012 Sheila took on the daunting responsibility as Chair of the Properties Room for the International Convention in New York City. As Chair, she was also a member of the Steering Committee for the Convention.

One member wrote in her recommendation for Sheila: "*She is the model of the outstanding woman educator Annie Webb Blanton had in mind when she founded Delta Kappa Gamma International. Professionally and personally she lives the principles of Delta Kappa Gamma International.*"

Agnes Becker, Chair

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid are given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.

Two \$1000 Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid are being awarded to deserving young Native American women who seem destined to make positive contributions to their communities through service.



Lori Lachowski

Lori Lachowski is currently completing her senior year at Niagara-Wheatfield Senior High School where she has pursued a demanding academic program and earned a GPA above 95%. For her outstanding academic record, school and community service and leadership she was chosen for the National Honor Society. She participates in soccer, track and basketball both at school and in the community and has earned certification as a referee for Western NY soccer league. She volunteers in youth soccer and baseball camps as a mentor for young, aspiring athletes. A positive role model in the Native American community, she tutors Native American students after school. Her career goal is to become a history teacher and has applied to and been accepted at Canisius College, Niagara University State University of NY at Buffalo and Niagara Community College. She has not made a choice yet. Lori is an enrolled member of the Tuscarora Indian Nation.



Alanna Pyke

Alanna Pyke, who was the 2015-2016 grant recipient, will again receive the Native American grant from Pi State of \$1000 for the 2016-2017 academic year. She is completing her freshman year at Yale University where she has maintained a strong academic average while participating in numerous organizations on campus and works as a house manager at the Native American Cultural Center. She is learning the Mohawk language through an independent study program this semester and has received a fellowship to conduct research at Yale and take a class on presenting scientific research this summer. Her goal is to teach at the university level and conduct research in the biomedical field to find new and innovative ways to help people with injuries or disease. Alanna is a member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

Arlene Ida, Chair



Jody Hruby

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

The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant-in-Aid was established in 1975 to award non-members whose education was interrupted and need financial help to return to school and complete the requirements for teacher certification.

Jody Hruby graduated from Buffalo State College in 1999 and obtained her provisional certification to teach secondary English. She has taught at St. Aloysius Regional School and Cardinal O'Hara High School before leaving to devote her efforts to caring for her family. Upon returning to the classroom in 2013, Jody has been a Teaching Assistant in special education classrooms at the Attica Middle School. Jody will be re-entering a Masters degree program at Buffalo State College on her road to becoming re-certified. Jody's application was sponsored by **Jenelle Bauer**, a member of *Gamma Gamma* Chapter.

Deborah Bedard, Chair

Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award is an award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 and is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.

Diane Muller works as an Administrative Assistant at Corinth Central School and has been in that position since 1989. She is known for the organization, efficiency and creativity that she brings to her position. Diane coordinates school fundraisers including but not limited to: merchandise sales, Campbell's soup labels and box tops. She meets students, staff, parents and community members with humor, compassion and kindness. She participates and contributes to staff events, school and community fundraisers and donates prizes to school PBIS celebrations, which acknowledge positive student behavior. While her children were in school, Diane was an active member of the PTO, coordinating awards ceremonies, open houses and community participation in open house events. Diane was nominated by **Karen Jones**, **Maureen Kuntz** and **Patricia Siano** from *Beta Omega* Chapter.



Diane Muller

Harlene Gilbert, Chair

Bea Small Awards

Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of Omega, the Bea Small Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. The Bea Small Awards are given for outstanding Chapter projects that are ongoing for at least two years. The project must respond to the needs of a particular population within a Chapter's geographical area.

Healthy Minds – Healthy Bodies (Beta Nu)

Since 2013, approximately 52 families have received bags filled with personal care items, children's books and bookmarks promoting reading, all distributed through the local food pantry. **Maria Hager** is *Beta Nu* Chapter President and **Liz Wascak** is the **Project Director**. Their award is \$500.

Literacy for Early Readers (Alpha Nu)

Each year since 2011, the Chapter has chosen two local schools to each receive \$200 to bolster the school's library acquisition funds. By next year all thirteen districts in the area will have received a donation. **Patricia Wharton** is *Alpha Nu* Chapter President and **Patricia Ackley** is the **Project Director**. Their award is \$400.

WEB (Beta)

Since 2010, the Chapter has provided 8 nutritional food items each week for 60 children in the Dryden district. Chapter members volunteer packing backpacks, writing grants, buying materials and helping in any way they can. **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn** is *Beta* Chapter President. **Christine Baron** and **Janet Vorstadt** are the **Project Directors**. Their award is \$500.

Books for Babies (Beta Mu)

Since 2003, tote bags with board books and resources for early childhood literacy have been distributed by Public Health Nurses in the Chapter's region. The Chapter fills and delivers the bags to the County Nurses' Offices. **Linda Jackson** is *Beta Mu* Chapter President. **Elizabeth Johnson** is the **Project Director**. Their award is \$500.

Karen Butters, Chair

Travel and Study Stipend

The *Travel and Study Stipend* Committee is to present *Travel and Study Stipends* to active and retired educators and promote interest in Society Seminars and Conferences. No one award is to exceed \$1000.00 and efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession.



Na'Ama Rosenberg

Na'Ama Rosenberg is a Middle School ELA Teacher and member of *Alpha Phi* Chapter where she is currently the Recording Secretary. She is looking forward to attending the International Convention in Nashville this summer.

Na'Ama says that this experience “will enrich her own experiences and give her renewed energy and dynamic ideas” to bring back to her own place of employment as well as the sisters of her Chapter. She feels that “*Alpha Phi* is a unique, dynamic Chapter and we would benefit greatly in our own personal and professional growth.” She knows she will benefit from being around like-minded people who share the same passion for education at the International Convention and have “different and exciting methods and stories to tell.”

Janet Jury is a member of the *Nu* Chapter where she is the Second Vice President Elect. She is currently a New Visions Instructor/Coordinator and the Teacher Center Director at the Oneida-BOCES and believes in “helping teachers increase student engagement” and loves “to help empower women in education to become the most they can possibly be.” Janet was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award in 2013 and 2015. She was also honored by the local Genesis Group as an outstanding community leader who is dedicated to creating positive changes in the Mohawk Valley. She feels that attending the International Convention in Nashville will be a great opportunity to learn about DKG from DKG members themselves. She feels that “every experience in life provides a teachable moment.”

As a teacher and professional development provider for over thirty years, she knows that great networking and information come out of events like the International Convention. She is anxious to bring back all she learns to her Chapter in “an effort to make her Chapter stronger and even more renowned in their region as well as to increase membership.”



Janet Jury

Pat Turner, Chair

Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund

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

Interest derived from the base money is to be used annually or biennially for leadership development. Leadership development is to occur at a workshop for Pi State Officers, Committee Chairs, the Fall or spring Seminars or the Pi State Convention.

Any member of Pi State may contribute to this Fund. Increased value of the Fund will make possible increased opportunities for Pi State to offer leadership development workshops in the future.

The **2016 Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund Award** was presented to the Pi State Leadership Development Committee for the purpose of including an Educational Consultant, **Sandy Voigt**, in the *Pi State Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming & Returning Presidents* on August 1-2, 2016. The Seminar will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse. The Award was presented at the Awards & Scholarship Brunch at the 2016 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Syracuse Sheraton University Hotel on Saturday, 30 April by Chair **Diane Battaglia**.

Sandy Voigt will offer training to the Pi State Executive Committee and the Presidents attending the LDS. The “**Recognizing Leadership Styles: Yours and Others**” sessions will focus on understanding and recognizing leadership styles of self and others and developing strategies to flex personal leadership styles through overt behaviors. Sessions will include active participation and activities.

Diane Battaglia, Chair



Susan Gruber

Edna B. Mack Scholarship

Susan Gruber, *Beta Chi*, recently retired after teaching French and Mathematics for 31 years in Grades 7-12 in the Corning-Painted Post School District. Susan is an active member in Delta Kappa Gamma at the Chapter and State levels, serving as her Chapter's Corresponding Secretary and on the Pi State Finance Committee. She is involved in numerous educational, professional and community service organizations.

Susan was a coordinator of an after-school Elementary French program and is a member of the NYS Association of Foreign Languages. Recently, she earned a Master's Degree in Theology and has served as a Pastoral Associate at All Saints Parish. She is a certified Aging-in-Place Specialist, teaching area contractors and health professionals how to make homes safe and accessible for the aging population.

Susan will put her scholarship funds toward attending the National Home Builders Association Home Show where she will attend the "Train-the-Trainer" course, educating herself on the latest products and services to help people safely age in place.

Jeannette Johnson Scholarship

The Jeannette Johnson scholarship is intended to assist with advanced studies.

Dr. Beverly Burnell, *Psi*, is an Associate Professor in the Counselor Education Department at SUNY Plattsburgh. She has written extensively and given many presentations on a variety of topics in the counseling field. She is an active member of her Chapter, serving in the second year of her biennium as President. Utilizing funds from the scholarship, Beverly will attend the White Earth Reservation Institute in Northwest Minnesota where she will earn CEUs toward maintaining her National Counselor Certification and complete Mental Health Facilitator training.



Dr. Beverly Burnell

Ruth E. Williams Scholarship

The Ruth E. Williams Scholarship's purpose is for professional development for active teachers.

Dilnavaz (Dee) Hushmندی, *Alpha Nu*, is an English teacher at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School and Ph.D. candidate at the Literacy Teaching and Learning Department at the University of Albany. She is a relative newcomer to her Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma but is already actively engaged as the Co-Chair of her Chapter's Scholarship Committee.

Dee has been a Reading Consultant and an English teacher both here and in her native Bombay, India. She has presented at the National Reading Conference and at the Ethnography in Education Research Forum. Presently, Dee is in the middle of her data collection and analysis for her dissertation proposal and study that has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Albany. She is collecting data in one of her grade 11 English classes for her study: "A Practitioner Inquiry Exploring Critical Literacy in a Secondary English Classroom." She is introducing a critical literacy curriculum to this class in order to learn whether such a curriculum would be worthwhile to adopt across all her 11th grade classes and for her colleagues to adopt in their classrooms. Colleagues report that she is highly respected in her district for her dedication and professionalism. Collaboration with colleagues is not new to her and she plans to share insights from her study with them.

Dee will use the scholarship to help fund the costs of courses and the purchase of software to use in data analysis as she crafts her dissertation and completes her doctorate.

Rosemary Van Wart, Chair

Election to Pi State Nominations Committee:

Congratulations to **Carol Lamb**, *Beta Mu*, for her election at the April Pi State Executive Board Meeting as Northern Representative 2016-2019 to the Pi State Nominations Committee.



Erin Merrill

Congratulations, Pi State!

The Pi State Awards Committee extends a huge **THANK YOU** to all members! Your generosity and commitment to DKG, Pi State and the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid awarded each year is appreciated beyond words.

With your help, Pi State raised \$5,810 in Scholarship benefit tickets!

Along with this amazing support, we had ten fabulously generous Area Council gift baskets to share with ten excited members. 86% of our Chapters participated in the benefit drawing. Fantastic support came from each Area Council (*% of Chapters within each Area Council participating*): **Capital 100%, Eastern 100%, East Central 100%, Northern 100%, North Central 75%, Northwestern 80%, South Central 86%, Southeastern 71%, Southwestern 25% and West Central 80%.**

Sincere thanks, again ... Erin Merrill

2016 Pi State Scholarship, Awards, and Grant(s)-in-Aid Benefit Winners

Area Council	Contribution Theme	Congratulations to...
<i>Capital</i>	\$100 L. L. Bean gift card, Alden Estate wine, Sweet treats	Noreen Morris, Sigma
<i>East Central</i>	Finger Lakes Basket	Kimberely Pierce, Chi
<i>Eastern</i>	Tiffany Gift Card	Karen Butters, Beta Mu
<i>North Central</i>	Literary Basket	Dawn Benzin, Beta Nu
<i>Northern</i>	Painting by <i>Beta Mu</i> member Mary Woodcock Johnson	Karen Kelley, Beta Tau
<i>Northwestern</i>	Watson's Chocolate Basket	Marilyn Kowalcyk, Alpha Gamma
<i>South Central</i>	Essential Oils Gift Box	Anne Drake, Beta Chi
<i>Southeastern</i>	Macy's Gift Card	April Carere, Gamma Delta
<i>Southwestern</i>	Coffee and Tea Basket	Linda Evans, Sigma
<i>West Central</i>	Amazon Gift Card	Joanne Paratore, Nu

Pi State Awards Benefit Patrons 2016

East Central

Area Council

Alpha Tau

Beta Delta

Beta Theta

Omega

Alpha

Julie Amodeo

Elizabeth Blashka

Anna Brett

Louise Gallagher

Patty Hershberger

Deborah Hill

Carol Mastrianni

Deborah Wood

Beta

Jan Argentine

Sandy Attleson

Gwen Barbato

Chris Baron

Michelle Bassett

Lisa Benedict

Cathy Boland

Marcia Bulger

Judy Casciani

Brenda Comolli

Karen Cunningham

Karen Currian

Esther Davis

Linda Delorenzo

Jeanette Dippo

Sarah Earl

Susan Eligh

Anna Finamore

Caitlin Goodwin

Christine Gregory

Ester Gros

Mary Kay Hickey

Allison Deiser

Lori Mc Givern

Lynn New

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

Gail Renniger-Smith

Norma Riley

Jeanne Sangiorgi

Dedra Scalza

Lisa Scofield

Kathleen Tavarone

Cindy Troy

Megan Turshman

Deb Vibbard

Janet Vorstadt

Ruth Whiting

Melinda Young

Delta

Margaret Connoly

Diane Davison

Judy Hoover

Sharon Patrick

Nancy Siegel

Margaret Singer

Zeta

Doreen Croyle

Patti Hunter

Valerie McPartland

Pam Mitchell

Barbara Quinn

Stacey Rhubin

Annmarie Santorelly

Sheilah Setti

Janice Steeves

Jessica Szeli

Lambda

Stephanie Allen

Pam Claus

Pat Fanning

Paula McDougall

Laura McGrath

Sue Stubbs

Michelle Rose

Sandy Tomalty

Nu

Sheila Bamberger

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Vera Beggs

Kathie Bishop

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Mary Lou Carpenter

Eilene Edwards

Jackie Edwards

Nancy Hester

Jen Hummel

Sheri Hunter

Heather Johnson

Jane Jury

Sue King

Janet Kolwaite

Erica McMyler

Rise Messmer

Melissa Olmstead

Joanne Pareford

Judy Parker

Cheri Sassman

Maggie Steele

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Pi State Awards Benefit Patrons 2016*Continued from page nineteen***Nu** - concludedLinda Sturdevant
Michele Weissenberger**Pi**Celia Bradford
Debbie Conte
Linda Cosler
Teresa Hayes
Louise Huth
Marilyn Martin
Elaine Mc Nulty
Joanne Mickle
Chris Parry
Sharon Perrillo
Jean Sekel
Sue Summerfield**Rho**Susan Daniels
Lisa Huyak
Fran Nichols
Sue Patrick
Jo Ann Salo
Phebe Slattery
Donna Yerdon**Sigma**Carol Bandlow
Diane Bootie
Kathie Burnside
Nancy Carroll
Carol Cramer
Leota Crary
Mary Deland
Stella King
Gloria Lenhart
Jean Martin
Noreen Morris
Laurie Mutz
Laurie Ann Ross
Sue Sharon
Laura Winchester
Carol Valesky**Tau**Nancy Catalano
Phyllis Coombe
Karen Crumley
Ginny Dudko
Leah Exner
Elizabeth Huggler
Franci Kirtack-
Solomon
Ellyn Levy
Judy Lucyk
Lucy Smassanow
Robin Pantel
Pat Segar
Wendy Stewart
Sharon Van Hage
Kim Wright**Phi**Ann Marie Carlson
Lynn Furgo
Barbara Keis
Catherine Reid
Anita Voetsch**Psi**Anne Bailey
Rita Bedard
Theresa Bennett
Mary Brassard
Alison Brown
Bev Burnell
Judy Corigliano
Margaret
Gruetzmacher
Sue Kenoyer
Mary Anne Lake
Ruth Mowry
Joanna Orr
Bea Parks
Colleen Ryan
Glenda Rowe
Michele Snyder
Maureen Squires
Billie Van Cour**Omega**Jan Astles
Cindy Avery
Angela Bates
Jenn Bay
Christine Bennett
Lydia Berrong
Evie Bottorf
Kathleen Burke
Gail Burr
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Elaine Kennedy
Judy Kiehle
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Jennifer KnobelLiz Koster
Bev Lanoue
Della Ludwig
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Cindy Lynch
Sally Maxson
Adelle Miller-
Wadsworth
Amy Monachino
Elizabeth Mussack
Cindy Myers
Marilyn Nicholson
Deborah Poplasky
Sharyn Powell
Carol Ramsey
June Renner
Patricia Rice
Holly Rich
Gail Rumsey
Dawn Scales
Mary Shelley
Bev Simons
Kerry Smartt
Linda Smith
Peg Snyder
Jennifer Spina
Karja Stevens
Christine Taylor
Betty Tillman
Deb Trombino
Linda Upchurch
Kay Van Deusen
Karen Varricchio
Jamie Wagner
Janalee Weaver
Maggie Wiegand
Jennifer Wohlschlegel
Janice Wright**Alpha Alpha**Betsy Balzano
Jeannette Banker
Roselyn Freedman-
Baum
Bridget Bishop
Pam Eberhardt
Joan Fenton
Sue Genthner
Mary Ann Geonie
Gretchen Hughes
Donna Noble
Anne O'Toole
Pam Quano
Sheila Brady Root
Betty Svitarsky
Judy Wadsworth
Wanda Ward
Eileen Wuethrich**Alpha Beta***Alpha Beta members*Mary Ann Baldari
Andreá Morris**Alpha Gamma**Deb Adelberg
Lydia Blake
Debbie Cestone
Janet Judson
Marylyn Kowalczyk
Mary Ann M^cMorrow
Joanne Mellia
Emmy Schwartz
Claudia Sullivan
Dorene Tomaskovic
Barbara Warren
Nan Weiss
Lori Whitman
Florence Wildner**Alpha Epsilon***Alpha Epsilon Members*
Deborah Bedard
Maggie M^cCurry**Alpha Zeta***Alpha Zeta Members***Alpha Eta**Nancy Casey
Margaret Downen
Patricia Doyle
Diane Gasparini
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Kathleen Clarke
Theresa Costello
Phyllis DiMiero
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Barb Filipiak
Katy Franks
Kathleen Fox
Pam Hays
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Mary Ellen Campiere
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Mary Ann Caroscio
Sue Collican
Mary Jane Eckel
Sue Fahnestock
Maureen Nicolo
Jan Przybylski
Sandy Schultz**Alpha Tau**Linda Armstrong
Robyn Ballard
Mary Kay Bolan
Kitty Braddon
Annita Breitweiser
Ginger Burgess
Shirley Carney
Peg Colacino
Cecilia Colosi
Jane Crosby
Erin Cunningham
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Corrine DeRue
Janice Driscoll
Doris Eldredge
Sharon Fredericks
Mary Ann Guarney
Joan Geise
Mary Ann Gilman
Dawn Goodman
Alice Grealy
Nancy Green
Laura Janas
Lynn Johnson
Karen Lahue
Patti Larche
Stacy Liberati
Linda Lindner
Carol Martin
Deb Minor
Freida Mulheron
Elin Orman
Barb Paige
Mary Peck
Betty Pilato
Lorraine Reed
Amy Rozelle
Alice Russell
Marilyn Sacheli
Jeanne Schenk
Jeanne Smith
Ann Smithers
Mary Lee Strakosh
Sandy Sucher
Laura Tantillo
Rebecca Trank
Linda Utter
Alyson Vitticore
Rosemary Wallace
Andrea Windus
Tammy Wood
Amy Zimmerman

Alpha Phi

Rita Chiachiere
Joyce Chinsky
Maureen Coppola
Rowena Costa
Mary Curry
Jean Fontana
Mary Ann Frauenberger
Penny Ellis
Rosann Gonzalez
Danielle Greico
Kumkum Prabhakar
Emilie Stris
Mirreille Taub
Maria Toulas
Sharon Wisla

Alpha Chi

Anonymous

Charlene Castelletti
Rose Hosp
Cindy Killian
Terri Palmiero
Andrea Rounds
Jean Wagner
Carol Zaleski

Alpha Psi

Alpha Psi Members

Alpha Omega

Jo Ann Wallace

Beta Gamma

Linda Almeter
Joan Bellanca
Nancy Beyer
Sandra Bojanowski
Joan Carlucci
Mary Carris
George Ann Carter
Claudia Cerasani
Sally Conrad
Kristin Cox
Judy De Grood
Linda Elliott
Renee Falkowski
Linda Flaherty
Ursula Fuest
Ruth Ann Fultz
Joanne Herman
Kathy Hubacher
Marilyn Hubbard
Kathy Humphrey
Stephanie Jordan
Jo Konvinse
Leslie Kunze
Becky Lane
Debra Lutz
Diane McCallum
Laurie McKeown
Mary Margaret
Morgan
Nancy Morningstar
Marie Ochal
Pamela Partridge
Margaret Prinzi
Mary Rase
Monica Reding
Linda Rubeck
Lynne Rowley
Eleanor Ann Smith
Jennifer Smith
Alexandra
Stachowiak
Aggie Tamrowski
Ruthanne Vitagliano
Judy Winston
Sandy Yansick
Mary Zentz

Beta Delta

Beta Delta Members

Laurie Asermily
Diane Cappellino
Jan Driscoll
BJ Garnsey
Deborah Hoffman
Gail Johnson
Dee Katovitch
Roberta Lev
Liz Logan
Carol Lord
Diane Macaluso
Lauri Nigro
Judy Tiese

Beta Eta

Myrna DiBiase
Alleen Frazer
Susan Moses
Mary Anna Russo
H. Joanne Underwood

Beta Theta

Beta Theta Members

Sally Burgess
Kebby Clute
Judy Jansen
Diane Osborn
Christine Stephens
Marcia Waterman
Sue Yonda
Beta Kappa
Jane Tanner

Beta Mu

Karen Butters
Anne Cooney
Linda Joss Dyke
Rose Ann Hickey
Linda Jackson
Sara Kelly Johns
Liz Johnson
Mary W. Johnson
Stephanie Quinn
Cheryl Schiller
Beryl Szwed
Carrie Szwed

Beta Nu

Diane Battaglia
Dawn Benzin
Judy Breslin
Lisa Byers
Bridget Carandori
Maria Hager
Joanne Haskell
Doris Kirsch
Lisa Mangino
Sharon Parker
Cathie Phelps
Carol Polisenio

Cindy Reger
Carolyn Richards
Sylvia Root
Nancy Schwab
Sandy Smith
Elaine Stumpf
Liz Wascak

Beta Xi

Beta Xi members

Beta Omicron

Beta Omicron members

Beta Tau

Julie Acomb
Pat Allen
Marcia Ayers
Barb Christiansen
Cathy Dickinson
Roma Emery
Patti Genereux
Betsy Hoefen
Jane Hogan
Karen Kelley
Betty Minemier
Anne Mosher
Melinda Riviello
Dorothy Topping
Margaret Vangalio
Chris Walker
Cindy Zhe

Beta Phi

Nicole Bennett
Becky Sue Bianco
Dannie Brown
Marilyn Denson
Heather O'Grady-Evans
Martha Evans
Barbara Franzese
Susan Muhall
Karen Rowe
Ann Shepardson
Christine Updyke
Judy Van Skiver
Suzanne Walker

Beta Chi

Nancy Andrews
Bernadette Baldini
Lisa Bartlett
Doreen Bonomo
Patty Carozza
Audrey Carr
Margie Clark
Elaine Corwin
Laura Cotcamp
Anne Drake
Patty Becerril-
Drapikowski

Sarah Eddy
Sue Gruber
Helen Hanak
Janet Latour
Barb McDowell
Erin Merrill
Ellen O'Hare
Meghan Ritchie
Jane Rohrbach
Fran Seymour
Julie Slechta
Susan St. John-Jarvis

Beta Psi

Fran Brida
Valerie Cordiale
Loretta Detweiler
Rosemarie
Devlopoulos
Elaine Katsikas
Catherine Olinger
Susan Segelski
Michele Smith
Susan Spivak
Phyllis Voegeli

Beta Omega

Jennifer Lee-Alden
Patricia Bennison
Alice Crotty
Barbara Cervenka
Joanne Donnan
Bonnie Durst
Jeanine Flint
Karen Jones
Melanie McDonald
Susan Peters
Lynn Prehn
Julia Roy
Laura Sheldon
Patricia Siano
Joan Slagle
Elaine Vandenburg

Gamma Alpha

Jacqui Taylor-Basker
Penny Ellis
Joan Goldstein
Kristen Brunberg
Eleanor Guido
Colleen Kelly
Patricia Kelly
Rita King
Mary Metzger
Debbie Ottenberg
Nancy Pellegrino
Deborah Rhem
Joan Bruner Timmons

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Gamma Gamma

Jenelle Bauer
Paula Bianchi
Diane Carlson
Amy Dentinger
Pamela Doore
Tina Jordan
Sally June
Wianne Kotula
Marcia Perry

Sylvia R.
Julia Schrader
Tressa Smith

Gamma Delta

Agnes Becker
Carol Brenner
April Carere
Jayne Davignon
Lori Ellman
Mary Jane Fonte

Judy Hagan
Heidi Himes
JoAn Holesko
Donna Krayenvenger
Mary Lorich
Mary Lostracco
Karen Mauro
Mary Montaldi
Janice Peters
Ellie Robinson

Gamma Epsilon

Gamma Epsilon
Members

Gamma Zeta

Penny Allington
Mary Bacalles
Andrea Bocko
Lori Clark
Barbara Cook
Mary Franklin

Teresa Graham
Cathy Honness
Diane Huggler
Patty Kahl
Diane Masters
Cathy Patterson
Anne Price
Doris Roy
Mary Suffern
Geraldine Wolfe

Photo Memories of the 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

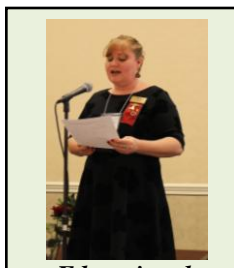
Courtesy of Andréa Morris



Chair Agnes Becker gives Sheila Brady-Root the 2016 Pi State Achievement Award and helps her add her rose pin to her ribbon.



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Administrator Joan Slagle gives report for Ad Hoc Headquarters.



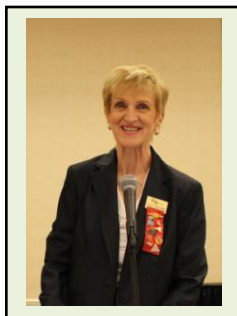
Educational Excellence Chair Barbara Keis reports.



Pi State President Deborah Bedard with retiring Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed



Agnes Becker, Pi State Educational Foundation founder, was honored by Foundation President Ginny Dudko for her 13 years of leadership at the April Annual Meeting. Ginny stated that Agnes has been the "heart and soul of the Foundation." In her farewell remarks, Agnes shared that the Foundation started with her simple words ... "I'll look into that!" ... during the Foundation's start in 2003.



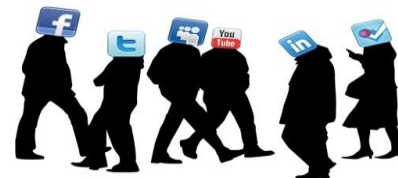
Pi State Past President 1999-2001 Barbara McCaffery delivered the "Thought for the Day" About leadership at the Pi State Executive Board Meeting on April 30, 2016.



Pi State Choir directed by Bridget Bishop

MARKETING TO MILLENNIALS

The Millennials (*Generation 'Y'*) 18 – 39 year olds



Millennials commonly referred to as the “*thirty somethings*” or Generation ‘Y’ account for more than 80 million people or 25% of the United States population (Fromm, Lindell, Decker 2015; Pew 2009). Their buying power exceeds \$600 billion annually and a significant amount of their earned income is spent on high end, high tech items (Fromm, Lindell, Decker 2015). They typically spend 25 hours a week online, and perhaps even more on their smart phones. They are heavily wedded to social media. *Facebook*, blogging, tweeting, skypeing, face-time, *Instagramming*, gliding and periscope are for them commonplace. They are also *Linked-In*. They prefer e-books over bound copies and they no longer simply chat. Generation ‘Y’ers snapchat.

Why is recruiting millennials important to DKG/Pi State?

Although some Chapters have enjoyed modest success in recruiting millennials, as our membership ages, much more must be done. According to President Lyn Schmid in 2015, the average age of a DKG member was 66. Heretofore, more experienced members have been at the helm of DKG. These members have, and in many cases still are, those who are in leadership positions at the Chapter and State levels. However, younger members bring new energy, fresh ideas and perspectives. Identifying a few exceptional women educators who are leaders, or who have the potential to become leaders and mentors, is tremendously important. It will assist us to prepare for succession planning and seamlessly transitioning leadership as older members, although still committed to Chapter and Pi State viability, seek to redirect their focus or retire.

Specific Marketing Strategies

Long past are the days of verbal invitations and mailings with follow-up telephone calls or emails sufficient enough to attract the best and the brightest young members who are equipped to move our Chapters forward. *Fromm, Lindell, and Decker (2015)* suggest that when you are dealing with digital natives, the old marketing rules no longer apply. It is incredibly important that in marketing to this group, we make every effort to speak their language. Given their high-tech characteristics, recruitment must include developing a carefully crafted one or two minute, informative, upbeat, and captivating, social media message such as an eye-catching, promotional media clip about membership opportunities and benefits in DKG. An uploaded, 60 second You-Tube video introduction to DKG by two younger members, particularly those holding Office, and two experienced members could be featured in such a clip. The clip would briefly highlight for the viewer the roles of the featured members and how they’ve benefitted from membership. If interested in more information, the person can be directed to follow a link to access the website with links to a pamphlet or other additional information such as the latest newsletter or a contact person.

“*Thirty-something*” teachers are busy professionals who are attempting to balance multiple roles. Many look for ways to minimize on-site meeting times outside their classrooms. Video or telephone conferencing may be for them a more viable meeting option.

Who are the stakeholders to assist us in making this happen?

Chapter leaders and younger high-tech members are essential to making this all happen. Formalizing a process for getting feedback from younger members before the end of their first year might be particularly helpful.

In summary ... If we are to remain the first choice honor society for women educators, we must continually search for ways to capture the attention of younger potential members, hold their attention for a few minutes and leave them wanting to learn more about this powerful society. However, let us not forget that once teachers are successfully recruited, we must do all we can to retain them.

Margie Lovett-Scott, Ed.D., Alpha Alpha

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Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters, Senator Schumer's Education Liaison Veronica Duran and Pi State US Forum Representative Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

National Legislative Seminar

Pi State First Vice President **Karen Butters**, Past President **Dr. Andréa Morris** and I attended the *National Legislative Seminar* in Washington, DC in March 13-16, 2016. The **US Forum** presented information on their key initiatives for this Biennium.

One issue was Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination which concerned how public workers' benefits are being reduced along with spousal and survivor benefits. Windfall Elimination Provision for workers who have Survivor and individual benefits has been reduced by 60%. It affects several DKG states directly.

Another initiative is the promotion of the National Women's History Museum, founded in 1996 to preserve and celebrate the story of women. The Museum is looking for appropriations for a study to build in Washington.

Other issues included the Paycheck Fairness Act- Equal pay for equal work; Bullying/Cyberbullying; Mental Health and Gun Violence focusing on how mental health impacts gun violence and needs for support; ESEA/NCLB/ESSA and Human Trafficking. Information on these issues was provided to Chapter Presidents at the Spring Executive Board meeting and available to members to preview.

Karen Butters and I met with representatives of Senator Charles Schumer's office to discuss Supreme Court nominations and legislation that impacts NY.

Voter Information

The upcoming election reminds us that we need to clearly identify the issues and candidates. The *League of Women Voters* has created an information site that outlines issues in a nonpartisan format. The site is www.VOTE411.ORG. It is important that we utilize our right to vote but also are informed. Their website www.lwvny.org has informative information on legislative issues and contacts.

What's going on in Albany? Members can find information on the Assembly and Senate at these websites www.assembly.state.ny.us and www.nysenate.gov/. DKG members might consider following ethics reform and 3012 D - legislation affecting teacher observation and certification.

Voicing your concerns does make a difference.

"Majority rule rests on numbers; democracy rests on the well-grounded assumption that society is neither a collection of units nor an organism but a network of human relations." ~Mary Parker Follett

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn



Alpha Alpha

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Courtesy of
Judy Wadsworth*

Sponsor Monica Cosgrove; Initiate Erin St. James, Gates Chili School District; Sponsor Sue Genthner; Initiate Barbara Mitrano, Adjunct Professor SUNY Brockport in Women & Gender Studies; Initiate Sherry Johnson, Executive Director Monroe County School Boards Association; and Sponsor President-Elect Judy Wadsworth



Pi State Necrology Report

July 1, 2015 - June 15, 2016

Name	Chapter	Date of Death
Geraldine Barnard	Beta Tau	8/1/15
Jean Batzing	Beta Tau	6/18/15
Carol Bierman	Alpha Beta	9/27/15
Doreen Cechnicki	Alpha Psi	10/20/15
Doris Daley	Alpha Nu	4/19/16
Mary Davis	Beta	12/11/15
Jane Dole	Alpha Nu	2/2/16
Kathleen Gutleber	Epsilon	1/11/16
Viola Hall	Alpha Omega	2015
Mary Hamer	Alpha Iota	9/26/15
Lucille Horton	Tau	12/18/15
Phoebe Hsia	Alpha Eta	10/4/15
Jean Koenig	Alpha Theta	3/31/16
Carolyn Kuhlmann	Alpha Pi	11/8/15
Cheryl Naslund	Beta Rho	10/13/15
Carol Ramsey	Omega	2/9/16
Jean Reidy	Alpha Pi	2/8/16
Doris Neiley	Beta Rho	9/9/15
Frieda Smith	Zeta	12/6/15
Louise Smith	Alpha Nu	10/13/15
Frances Whited	Alpha Alpha	12/31/15

We remember with fondness and gratitude the gift our departed sisters have given to Pi State and their Chapters by their lives, dedication, leadership and commitment to the purposes and traditions of DKG.

Please Note: Chapter Presidents should contact Melanie McDonald at mcdonamela@gmail.com if they think this list in *Pi Lights* is incomplete. Please remember to send Form 6 to Melanie as soon as possible after the Death of Member.

Deceased members for 2015-2017 Biennium will be honored at the *Hour of Remembrance* at the Pi State 2017 Convention.

Melanie McDonald

Congratulations

- **To **Stephanie Jordan**, *Beta Gamma*, for receiving her National Board Certification
- **To **Diane Bootie**, *Sigma*, for her leadership in Girl Scouts and for taking thirty-four girls and adults on an 8-day Girl Scout Trip to Savannah, Georgia in April 2016
- **To **Tau** Chapter for receiving the *2016 Pi State Educational Foundation Plaque Award* for the most % becoming lifetime members in the past year. Two years remain in this 10-yr. challenge.
- **To Pi State Secretary **Jennifer Lee-Alden** for her appointment as 2016 High School Summer School Assistant Principal for Shenendehowa

Alpha Lambda



2016-2018 Officers

(L-R) President Nancy Pankow;
 First Vice President Hettie Domino;
 Second Vice President Patricia Bulger;
 Secretary Cheryl Potter;
 Treasurer Elizabeth Egan;
 Corresponding Secretary Suzanne D'Amato; and
 IPP and Parliamentarian Fran Romeo



Alpha Lambda 2016 Chapter Achievement Award
 Recipients Marlene Miller and Marlene Solly
 Photos Courtesy of Lois Frazita

Pi State Executive Secretary



Congratulations to

Karen Crumley for her election as **Pi State Executive Secretary 2016-2020**. Karen is Pi State Past President 2007-2009, Chair 2012 DKG International Convention & Pi State BYLAWS & Rules Chair. She is Chair of the International *Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund*.

Beta Omega**2016-18 Officers**

Center: *Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer*
 (l to r) *President Jennifer Lee-Alden; First Vice President Karen Jones; Second Vice President Kim Gordon; Parliamentarian Alice Crotty; not pictured Secretary Maureen Whalen and Treasurer Michaela Ethier*
Photo & Text Courtesy of Joan Slagle

Alpha Chi

Carol Zalewski, Terri Palmiero, World Fellowship Recipient Pyo Sunyoung and President Jean Wagner

Chapter members in attendance at the Chapter's *Annual Spring Brunch/Talent Display/Auction* had the opportunity to greet and meet with guest, **Pyo Sunyoung**. We exchanged many pleasantries and inquiries about mutual and varying experiences before and during a delicious buffet brunch. Pyo asked many questions about Chapter members (*including questions about Alpha Chi, Pi State and DKG International*) and we of her. She is currently a PhD student (*Concentration: Public Policy*) at the Rockefeller College of the University at Albany. She is a Teacher (*Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor, Data, Model and Analysis -PAD 504*) and graduate of University at Albany. In her personal life, she is a wife, daughter and mother.

Pyo's presentation was enjoyable, interesting and informative. She earned her BA at the Korean National Police University in Law and her MPA (*Masters in Public Administration*) at the Seoul National University. Her work experiences and the related stories she shared included that she was the Leader of the Patrol Team and a Criminal Investigator at the Police Station in Wonju City, Korea. She was also an Investigator in the Commission to Investigate Compulsory Mobilization Damage under Japanese Imperial Rule as well as an Intelligence Analyst in the Intelligence Bureau of the Korean National Police Agency and an Instructor at the Police Training Institute.

Photo & Text by Terri Palmiero

Pi State Area Conferences**2016**

See Pi State Website for Registration Forms

East Central

"Everything You Wanted to Know about DKG for Initiates 2014-16"

July 20, 2016

Phelps Community Center,
Phelps

Reservations to

Jane Crosby

crosbyrn60@gmail.com

Northern

"The Great Camps"

August 9, 2016

The Blue Mountain Lake
Museum &

Tour Camp Sagamore
in Raquette Lake

Reservations to

Linda Jackson

jacksonlin@rocketmail.com

Eastern

"Learning To Live Well"

September 24, 2016

Washingtonville School
District

Reservations to

Annamarie Santorelly

asantorelly@frontier.com

Northwest/Southwest

**"ABC's of Education:
Vitamins for the Brain ...
A Teacher Cannot Survive
on Apples Alone!"**

Guest Speaker: **Sherri Siena**

October 1, 2016,**10:00am**

Fox Valley Country Club
Lancaster

Registration due 9.6.16

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Tau



New Officer Installation

(L to R) *Parliamentarian Karen Crumley, Treasurer Patricia Newman, Treasurer-Elect Mona Bogan, Secretary Patricia Segar, Secretary-Elect Kimberly Wright, First Vice President-Elect Mary Ellyn Levy, President-Elect Leah Exner, President Virginia Dudko*
 Missing from photo is *Second Vice President-Elect Debi Levine.*



Pi State President Deborah Bedard presents Maxine Evans with her 25-Year Certificate.

Tau Chapter Goodies Baskets:
 created & delivered to school bus drivers as a *thank you* for their dedication to keeping our students safe



Photos & Text Courtesy of Pat Segar

Pi State Area Conferences

2016

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South Central

“The Lost Boys of the Sudan: Gabriel Boi Deng”

October 1, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn
 Corning/Elmira
 Reservations to
 Pat Thompson
pandg1@live.com

West Central

“Author: Marlies Adams Difante”

October 22, 2016

Yard of Ale
 Piffard
 Reservations to
 Mary Anna Russo
marusso@rochester.rr.com

Alpha Rho



*Chair of **Book Fest** Michelle Halperin, Alpha Rho, with children’s author Stephen Swinborne*



Marge MacPherson, a member of Alpha Rho since 1975, as she portrayed Mother Goose



Recognizing Member Talents

Marian Ruty, a retired School Librarian and member of Alpha Rho since 1969, presented her traditional rug hooking at the April Chapter meeting.

Children’s authors are invited to come to **Book Fest** every year in March. *Book Fest* is a six year program of the *Family Reading Partnership* of Chemung Valley and includes free books & literacy activities. Many of *Alpha Rho* sisters volunteer. www.familyreadingpartnership.org/bookfest.html

Photos & Text from Maureen Nicolo

Pi

Pi Chapter President Jean Sekel with 25-Yr. Members Judy Sinner and Linda Casler



Installation of 2016-2018 Officers of Pi Chapter
(left-right) *Outgoing President Jean Sekel with Incoming Officers: President Celia Bradford, 1st Vice President Rebecca Carter, 2nd Vice President Susan Summerfield, Secretary Andrea Null, Treasurer Linda Casler and Lori Shuster standing in for Parliamentarian Sharon Marie Perrella*

Honoring 65-Yr. Member

Joining *Pi* in 1951, the first year after the Chapter founding, **Marion (Bonnie) Buchner** was teaching during WWII when her fiancé got a leave of absence and they decided to marry. When she came back to school, she found out that she had been let go. She was told by her district: “*We don’t hire married teachers*”!!!!!! When she moved to Caroga Lake, there was a need for a Kindergarten but the school had no room. She opened one in her basement. She has told us that she would not have made that kindergarten a success without the support of her *Pi* Chapter sisters. Bonnie ended her career as a Guidance Counselor at Galway Center School.

When Pi State Membership Chair **Melanie McDonald** from Galway presented Bonnie with her Certificate of Recognition for 65-yr. DKG membership in *Pi* Chapter, she told us about Bonnie’s legend at Galway. Melanie remembered hearing about the wonderful women who guided so many students. She shared Bonnie’s passion for the *Twelve Cardinal Principles of Secondary Education*:

1. *Health ...*
2. *Command of Fundamental Process ...*
3. *Worthy Home Management ...*
4. *Vocation ...*
5. *Citizenship ...*
6. *Worthy Use of Leisure ...*
- and 7. *Ethical Character.*

President Sekel presented Bonnie with a lap quilt that had been sewn and embroidered by **Nancy Heiman** from *Gamma Delta* Chapter and a candle with a cross stitch band with DKG symbols and date created by Jean.

Photos & Text Courtesy of Jean Sekel



President Jean Sekel, 65-Yr. Member Bonnie Buchner, Pi State Membership Chair Melanie McDonald



Beta Tau President Melinda Riviello, Initiate Anne Topping Mosher, Dorothy Nims Toppin, Beta Tau, (holding a picture of her mother, Muriel Nims)

Beta Tau**Three Generations of DKG Members**

On May 17, **Anne Topping Mosher** was inducted as a member of *Beta Tau*. Among the members present at the Ceremony and Meeting was her Mother, **Dorothy Nims Topping**. Dorothy is a Past President of *Beta Tau* and a member of DKG since 1996. This event was especially significant because Dorothy’s mother was also a Delta Kappa Gamma member. **Muriel Nims** was a Charter member as well as the first President of *Chi* Chapter in northern New York, encompassing members in Jefferson & Lewis counties.

What a splendid way to carry on DKG tradition!

Photos & Text Courtesy of Patti Genereux



Beta Chi Volunteers at Food Bank of the Southern Tier

On April 6, 2016, several Beta Chi members had a blast coming together to make a difference at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. One group (**Susan St. John-Jarvis, Mimi Whittenhall, Fran Seymour, Vicie Rolling, Patty Becerril-Drapikowski**) worked diligently to fill backpack bags to be given to children to supplement weekend meals. The other group (**Sue Gruber, Laura Cotcamp, Bernie Baldini, Lisa Bartlett, Patty Carozza, Erin Merrill**) dove into large boxes filled with donated items to sort into yet larger bins. The evening was topped off by a delightful get-together at a local restaurant. *The work was rewarding and the dinner delightful!*

Photos & Text Courtesy of Erin Merrill

Farewell to Delta & Celebrating Alpha Kappa

Pi State Chapter of *Delta* and *Alpha Kappa* held their last joint meeting at Albany's Desmond Hotel on May 5th. At the meeting Pi State Secretary **Jennifer Lee-Alden** was the guest speaker, giving an eloquent speech using a beautiful allegory about *Delta* Chapter, which will dissolve on June 30th. She also installed the *Alpha Kappa* Officers for 2016-2018. Jennifer thanked **Debra Zaffuts**, President of *Alpha Kappa*, and **Sharon Patrick**, President of *Delta*, for their collaboration, cooperation and holding joint meetings of their Chapters for the past four years. The meeting was bittersweet as the members celebrated the new *Alpha Kappa* Officers and wept over the dissolution of *Delta* Chapter after 76 years of existence.



Alpha Kappa Officers 2016-2018

(l to r) Treasurer **Debra Zaffuts**, Parliamentarian **Linda Seymour**, Secretary **Wynne Wright**, President **Donna Langley-Peck** and



Delta President **Sharon Patrick**,
Pi State Secretary
Jennifer Lee-Alden &
Alpha Kappa President
Debra Zaffuts



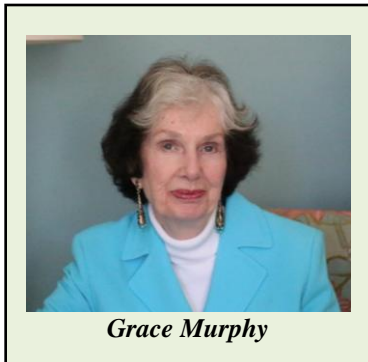
Delta President receives a
Thank you gift from *Delta*
IPP **Diane Davison** for her
leadership as the Chapter
closes its 76th year.

Photos & Text Courtesy of Sharon Patrick



Alpha Kappa
President
Debra Zaffuts &
25-Yr. Member
Wynne Wright

Staten Island Advance “*Women of Achievement Award*” To Grace Murphy



Grace Murphy

The *Alpha Beta* Chapter in Staten Island, New York, congratulates our own **Grace Murphy** for being one of six women awarded the **2016 Staten Island Advance “Women of Achievement Award.”** Grace has been a member of DKG International/Pi State since 1969. During this time she has devoted herself to enriching *Alpha Beta*, Pi State, International and her community. This prestigious Award was given to Grace for her remarkable community work in Staten Island.

Grace presently serves on the State and International Educational Excellence Committees as the UN-NGO Representative. For both Committees Grace has presented numerous workshops both at the State, Chapter and International levels. She travelled at her own expense to help with workshop presentations at the European

Regional in Amsterdam. She has presented workshops on *Schools for Africa*, which is an International initiative and directly involves Grace as the NGO to the UN. I have attended or presided at many of these workshops and Grace is gracious in presenting up-to-date information on the UN and her work for CTAUN. She is presently the First Vice Chair of CTAUN.

In 2014, she was awarded the *Pi State Achievement Award*. She has served *Alpha Beta* as Chapter President more than one biennium. She has served or chaired several State Committees as well as being the Chair of the Southeastern Area Council and as a member of the International Educational Excellence Committee. She is devoted to the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Quoting the Staten Island Advance: “*Grace Murphy: Her faith, hard work built **Bridges of Hope** in South Beach on Staten Island.*” The ***Bridges of Hope*** Ministry, operating out of Holy Rosary R.C. Church in South Beach, is a nearly 20-year effort on the part of the parish to reach out to over a two-and-a-half block distance and provide help, support and encouragement to single mothers and their children living in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) apartments in South Beach. Twenty years ago Monsignor Guastella asked Grace and **Diane Barry** to help with the program to support struggling moms and kids. Diane Barry lost her life on 9/11 but Grace continued with the work. Grace is the first to say that she doesn’t do all this on her own. She has the help of 15 volunteers as well as an Assistant but **Grace is the heart and soul of this project.** “*Bridges of Hope is serving about 50 families and some 70 children — with donations of clothing and supplies, with healthcare classes, and with activities that draw everyone together in a positive, supportive environment. Multiply that by 20 years and the ministry can safely say it's bettered the lives of hundreds of some of the most fragile lives in the borough.*” (Staten Island Advance, 3/16)

At all times during the year Grace’s basement is filled with gently used clothes, backpacks stuffed with age-appropriate school supplies, and Christmas gifts for the children. At Easter the children dye eggs and go home with an Easter basket. Grace, as always the Educator, implemented an educational component for the Moms that address things such as Breast Cancer Awareness, Internet safety and Diabetes.

How does Grace do all of this?

I don’t know but I am going to quote her answer to the Award Committee. “*I had a teacher - a nun - in college who once said, 'From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded...' It's a Biblical phrase, I think from the New Testament. I have been given so much; I feel like I have to give back.*” (The phrase can be found in Luke 12:48.)

Mary Ann Baldari



Grace Murphy, far right, at the 2016 CTAUN Planning Committee

Photo Courtesy of Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean & Editor Carol Beam in the CT (Connecticut) Keynote, Spring 2016 issue

Pi State Membership

(June 15, 2016)

Active	2017
Reserve	217
Chapter Honorary	56
Active Life	4
Initiates before 4.16	71
Initiates after 4.1.16	36

Suzanne Patrick



Gamma Alpha Treasurer Dr. Colleen Kelly, Dr. Rita King, Recording Secretary Patricia Kelly, and World Fellowship Recipient Cecilia Hopp, a lawyer from Argentina studying law at New York University.

Gamma Alpha Members Supporting DKG World Fellowship Recipients

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World Fellowship Recipient Analia Cascone, a lawyer from Argentina studying law at Columbia University; Dr. Jacqui Taylor-Basker, Gamma Alpha; Mary Metzger, Gamma Alpha; CTAUN Member Dr. Basanti D. Chakraborty; Kirsten Grunberg, Gamma Alpha, at Avra Estiatorio Restaurant in Manhattan

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“When you received your invitation to membership to DKG, someone saw your leadership potential and empowered you to believe in yourself in your journey to leadership.”

~Karen Crumley, April 29, 2016

Tau & Zeta

Photo & Text Courtesy of Pat Segar



L to R: Elizabeth Huggler, Tau; Tau Initiate Dr. Nancy Hackett, Superintendent Sullivan West Central School; Robin Patel, Tau; Tau Initiate Sue Kaufman, retired teacher from Fallsburg Central School; Zeta Initiate Stacy Rhubin; Dawn Dancy, Zeta; Tau Initiate Shari Mednick, Elementary Teacher at Fallsburg Central School; Leah Exner, Tau

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(L-R) Megan Turshman, Caitlin Neske, Linda Scofield, Dedrea Scalza, Cindy Troy & Christine Gregory



(L-R) Caitlin Goodwin, Sara Earl, Allison Kaiser, Michelle Bassett, Bonnie Meldrim and Karen Curran

Michelle Bassett, Caitlin Goodwin, Allison Keiser, Caitlin Neske, Linda Scofield, and Megan Turshman are educators in the McGraw Central School District. Karen Curran, Bonnie Meldrim and Dedrea Scalza instruct in the Cortland City School District. Cindy Troy taught at Homer High School. Christine Gregory is an Adjunct Lecturer at SUNY Cortland and Sara Earl is the Program Director and Instructor for the Cortland YWCA.

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Alpha Iota



(l to r) Gail Wentworth; Co-President Jill Walch; Initiate Helen Bolen, fourth grade at A.A. Cole Elementary School in Central Square SD; Shelly Lee; Patricia Mehlick; Initiate Carol Balintfy, retired HS Social Studies Teacher; and Co-President Agnes Wilk.

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Omega



Front Row l to r: Anne Forbes, ESOL Teacher (ENL), Geneva SCD; Jennifer Harris, Director of Education, Hobart William Smith Colleges; Kristen Carr, Special Education, WFL BOCES; Mary Lou Lawrence, retired Special Education, Eastern Suffolk BOCES; Jackie Johnson, Second Grade, Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD
Back Row l to r: Kristin Jabara, ENL Teacher, Geneva CSD; Kristin Wahl, MS Reading Specialist, Palmyra Macedon CSD; Karen Busby, Special Education, Phelps-Clifton Springs CSD; Tammy Olmstead, HS English & AIS, Geneva CSD

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The **2017 Northeast Regional Conference** will be in Windsor, Ontario, Canada July 12-14, 2017 at Caesars Resort & Conference Centre.

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

Pi State Due Dates 2016-17

July 15 –Chapter Treasurer's Annual Report due by all Chapters

November 1 - Pi State BYLAWS & *Standing Rules* Recommendations for Changes due to BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair

November 15 – IRS Form 990 due to IRS by all Chapters

November 15 - Workshop Proposals due to EEC Chair for *Pi State 2017 Convention*

November 15 - Pi State Officer Nominations Forms & Support Letters due to Pi State Nominations Chair

November 15 - Nominations for Pi State Finance Committee from Northern, Capital, Central & Eastern and for Pi State Nominations Committee from Southeast, East Central, Northwest and West Central due to Pi State Nominations Committee Chair

February 1 - Chapter Annual Report due to Pi State President

February 15 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms due to Committee Chairs (*See Summary on Pi State Website and Pi Lights.*)

June 30 – Chapter Standing Rules due to State BYLAWS & Rules Chair

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