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## 2014 Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminar

April 25-26, 2014

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

Look for **Registration Form & Hotel Reservation/ Directions** on pp. 13 & 14 of this issue.

The **Educational Excellence Committee** is delighted to present the **Session Workshops** for the Executive Board Meeting/Seminar on April 25-26, 2014. The variety of topics supports the mission of DKG: "to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and educational excellence."

We warmly invite you to attend and participate in the presentations as we promote two Purposes of the Society:

- I. "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship."
- VII. "To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society."

Jennifer Lee-Alden

Refer to p. 12 for descriptions of **Session Workshops**.

### Schedule at a Glance

#### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

2:00–9:00pm	Registration
4:00-6:00pm	Committee Meetings: GLM, Music Rehearsal, TBA
4:00-9:00pm	FDF Sales
5:30-6:30pm	Optional Dinner
7:00-7:45pm	Workshop Session I
7:45-8:15pm	Dessert Reception
8:15-9:00pm	Workshop Session II
9:00-9:45pm	General Session

#### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30-9:00am	Registration
7:30-8:30am	Optional Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00am	Executive Board Sign-in
9:00-11:00am	Executive Board & Corporation Meetings
11:15-11:45am	Hotel Check-out
11:45am-12:30pm	Workshop Session III & Area Council Meetings
12:45-2:15pm	Awards Luncheon
2:30-4:05pm	Executive Committee Meeting

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

### Save the Dates:

**Pi State Leadership Development for New Presidents, June 29-30, 2014** Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse  
**Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar, October 17-18, 2014** Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls  
**Pi State 2015 Convention and Seminar, April 24-26, 2015** Long Island Marriott, Uniondale

**Deadline for Pi State  
Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and  
Grants-in-Aid  
March 1, 2014**

*More details included in this issue on p. 5.*

*Refer to the Pi State website for applications and further information.*

**DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS 2014-2015  
due FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

Remember that there are up to 30 awards available - \$6,000 toward a Masters, second Masters or graduate level Special Area degree and \$10,000 toward a PhD or an EdD in an accredited program. For applications and information refer to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).



*“Invigorating Pi State”*

**Dr. Joyce Tang**

**Pi State President 2013 - 2015**

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

Our 61 Chapters are Pi State's foundation. One of the goals in my biennium is to grow the membership. However, demographic changes around the world have necessitated International's membership revitalization efforts for struggling Chapters and State Organizations such as Rhode Island, Denmark and Prince Edward Island.

How does the New York State Organization enjoy stability and change at the same time? Current and prospective leaders of Pi State Chapters should know that the Executive Committee along with the Membership and Expansion Committee are *always* ready and willing to assist Chapters, including but not limited to supporting and encouraging members to take on leadership roles. Additionally, to take stock of Pi State's accomplishments in recent decades and to chart the direction of this 77-year institution for women educators in New York, we plan to conduct the first Strategic Action Planning. I anticipate your participation and involvement in this important endeavor for Pi State. As a sociologist, I would like to remind everyone that the challenges that a Chapter faces are usually not unique to one Chapter and that chances are other Chapters have similar issues. REMEMBER: I am just a phone call away for your questions and concerns.

During the last few months, I had the pleasure of working with the Executive Committee and various State Committees to organize the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. **Jennifer Lee-Alden** and the **Educational Excellence Committee** have worked hard to put together a series of eight (8) workshops on a wide ranging topics: the need and the response to support early career educators (**Marcia Swiatek**), strengthening a Chapter (**Terri Palmieri**), conducting an effective and efficient Chapter meeting (**Karen Crumley**), New York State Common Core (**Dr. Jane Hogan et al.**), Women on the Civil War (**Joyce Hovey**), expanding and invigorating Chapter communication (**Mary-Martha Harvey**), writing your life stories (**Melanie McDonald**), and U.S. Forum (**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**). Rho Chapter's **Lisa Huyck** has graciously accepted the appointment to be the Registrar. I look forward to seeing many of you (and your guests) in Syracuse. Don't forget to **[submit your Nominations or Applications for Pi State Scholarships, Grants, and Awards by March 1.](#)** Early registration for the Meeting/Seminar is encouraged.

Since September, **Jane Tanner**, **Beryl Szwed**, **Mary-Martha Harvey**, **Rosemary Van Wart**, **Joan Slagle** and **Jeanne Schenk** attended Chapter and the (joint Chapter) meetings of *Alpha Iota*, *Gamma Epsilon*, (*Beta Nu* and *Beta Gamma*), *Alpha Psi*, (*Alpha Sigma* and *Beta Epsilon*), and *Beta Alpha* and the Conferences in the South Central, North Central and Southeastern areas as Official State Representatives. Their Visitation Reports were useful for our Strategic Action Planning.

To connect and communicate with (prospective) members, I have reached out to a wide audience. **Marlene Carolselli, Ed.D.**, who now lives in Pittsford, is a New York State Honorary Member. The author of more than 60 books, Dr. Carolselli is an international keynote speaker and corporate trainer for Fortune 100 companies, government agencies, educational institutions and professional organizations. In one of her business books, *Leading Honorably: 50 Tips for Effecting Positive Change*, Marlene reminds us that “*the best definition of a leader may be a person who effects positive change . . . You know many honorable people, but they are not all leaders. You also know or know about many so-called ‘leaders.’ They are not all honorable leaders . . . Another element in the leadership equation comes from an ancient Scottish proverb . . . that the person who wants to be a leader must also be a bridge.*” Read an

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**President's Message***Concluded from page two*

excerpt of her article, "*Failing Schools: An Effect with Many Causes*," in winter issue of *Pi Lights* on page three and in the upcoming issue of *Youth on Race*.

When giving a keynote address, "*The Glass Ceiling and Diversity in Science and Engineering*," at an Annual Conference held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in November, I shared my valuable experiences of working with a group of competent and dedicated Pi Staters to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. In addition to presenting my research on "*glass ceiling*" and diversity in high-status, high-paying professions, I used this occasion to talk about the mission of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, founded by **Dr. Annie Webb Blanton**, to the young audience in the Greater Boston Area. I too hope you will use professional and social occasions to put DKG/Pi State on the map.

*Dr. Joyce Tang***Failing Schools: An Effect with Many Causes****By Dr. Marlene Caroselli***DKG New York State Honorary Member*

There are only 8.7 miles separating the school system in Pittsford, New York, from the school system in Rochester, New York. But, in terms of scholastic separation, the two systems are 429 placements apart: According to the rankings of New York State school districts for 2013, Pittsford placed first among the 48 counties that constitute Upstate New York. Rochester was ranked last on the list. The city school superintendent, Bolgan Vargas, describes the graduation rate of 43% (and the college-readiness figure of 10%) as "painfully unacceptable."

Lest you are tempted to think that a wealthy suburb—and Pittsford surely is that—is spending more money per pupil than the city can spend, you may be surprised to learn the per-student expenditure in Rochester is \$21,000 - almost twice the national average. Pittsford spends considerably less, \$18,974 for the 2012-13 school year. The causes leading to failing schools are numerous and entwined.

Asked to speculate about some of them, Dr. Andrew J. DuBrin, Professor Emeritus at the Saunders College of Business at the Rochester Institute of Technology, candidly shared his thoughts. "*The only hope*," he maintains, "*is for business to work collaboratively with schools to help students change their social attitudes in a positive direction. Examples of negative social attitudes held by many students include the belief that (a) physically and verbally abusing others is a valuable form of social interaction, (b) using preposterously poor grammar and articulation makes you part of the in-crowd, (c) revenge should be taken against successful people, and (d) only jerks want to acquire knowledge that will help them advance their career.*"

He adds, "*Unless these students develop better interpersonal skills and a positive work ethic, they will never be hired by a sensible hiring manager or HR specialist. My take is that many business firms in the Rochester area want to help inner-city students, but they also need to hire young people who will help the enterprise succeed.*"

Asked about portable leadership lessons . . . DuBrin offers these insights. "*A key leadership principle to is attempt to work with others to help them develop values that will aid them in the long run. Another key principle would be to listen with empathy to students, and try to understand why so many resist learning and engage in self-defeating behavior to the point that they are destined to career failure and consequently unrewarding personal lives.*"

[Disclaimer: The expressed opinions of the author and the expert do not represent the official position of Pi State. Pi State has the publisher's permission to reprint excerpt of the original article in upcoming issue of online publication, *Youth on Race*, <http://www.youthonrace.org>]

**CTAUN Conference at United Nations**  
**"Promoting PEACE through EDUCATION"**  
**Friday, 31 January 2014**

Speakers will include representatives from UN agencies, practitioners and noted peace activists and will be tailored to the needs of today's educators, including practical applications in the classroom. For more information on the Conference, teaching references and "*Best Practices Award(s)*," refer to [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org). Projects selected for the Award(s) will be recognized at the CTAUN Conference and will be posted on the website.

## Awards Committee Benefit Drawing

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

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

1. **Check out the Pi State website**  
<http://deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html> for a list of awards, scholarships and grant(s)-in-aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. *We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories.* Please make sure they are identified and honored with a Pi State Award.
2. **Purchase Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets at your Chapter meetings.** The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Fund.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Do you have an idea  
that you are  
“*fired-up*” about?



*A Pi State Scholarship may  
be just what you need!!!*

**Available for:**  
Enrichment study  
Research  
Master’s study  
Doctoral study  
Post-doctoral study  
Educational publication  
Elderhostel  
Continuing education

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

You may also contact your  
Chapter President,  
a Pi State Scholarship  
Committee member or  
**Elaine McNulty**  
*Pi State Scholarship Chair*  
P.O. Box 35  
Ashland, NY 12407  
[emcnulty39@yahoo.com](mailto:emcnulty39@yahoo.com)  
(518)299-3720

Applicants must be Pi State  
members in good standing  
for at least 3 years.

**All application materials  
postmarked by March 1**

## Pi State Visitations 2014

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

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

## Pi State 2014 Area Conferences Scheduled

**Capital Area Conference ... April 5 at the Proctor Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady**

“*Guided Tour of Proctor’s Theatre*” Contact Registrar Jean Sekel, [jeanbsekel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanbsekel@yahoo.com).

**West Central Area Conference ... October 25 at The Avon Inn, Rte.5, Avon**

“*The Genesee River with Authors John and Sue Babbit*” Contact Co-Chairs Sheila Brady-Root, [sroot@sjfc.edu](mailto:sroot@sjfc.edu) and Mary Lou Galasso, [mgalass1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mgalass1@rochester.rr.com).

Note: Area Conferences for Eastern, Northern, Northwestern and Southwestern will be announced soon.

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

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

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1**

Refer to the Pi State website [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY) for applications and further information.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
<p><b>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</b></p>	<p>Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the <b>criteria</b> set forth in <i>Pi State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i>: "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years."  <i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member, who was the 15th Pi State President in 1967, was instrumental in the beginnings of our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.</p>	<p><b>Karen Butters</b>  <b>P.O. Box 1318</b>  <b>Blue Mountain Lake</b>  <b>12812</b>  <i>kbutters@frontier.com</i></p>
<p><b>Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid</b></p>	<p>Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past Pi State President <i>Gladys L. Mersereau</i> (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Joyce Tang</b>  <b>4140 Union Street</b>  <b>Apt 12P</b>  <b>Flushing 11355</b>  <i>erindale@verizon.net</i></p>
<p><b>The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</b></p>	<p>This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.</p>	<p><b>Maria Toulas</b>  <b>12 Fonda Road</b>  <b>Rockville Centre 11570</b>  <i>mjtoulas@gmail.com</i></p>
<p><b>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</b></p>	<p>Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.</p>	<p><b>Arlene Ida</b>  <b>3 Sherwood Park Drive</b>  <b>Burnt Hills 12027</b>  <i>aiddski@nycap.rr.com</i></p>
<p><b>Pi State Achievement Award</b></p>	<p>The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a five year member, nominated or supported by a member or Chapter for outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.</p>	<p><b>JoAnn Wallace</b>  <b>6246 The Hamlet</b>  <b>Jamesville 13078</b>  <i>jctedi@aol.com</i></p>
<p><b>Bea Small Award</b></p>	<p>Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i>, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.</p>	<p><b>Deborah Bedard</b>  <b>P.O. Box 782</b>  <b>Glens Falls 12801</b>  <i>dmbedard29@yahoo.com</i></p>
<p><b>Travel &amp; Study Stipend</b></p>	<p>Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>Pi State Standing Rules</i>. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at Convention, <i>Seminar for Purposeful Living</i>, CTAUN Conference or travel/study of your choice.</p>	<p><b>Joyce Krupnik</b>  <b>372 North Main Street</b>  <b>Wellsville 14895</b>  <i>skrupnik@aol.com</i></p>
<p><b>Scholarship</b></p>	<p><b>Pi State Scholarships</b> information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum.  <b>International Scholarships</b> are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website <a href="http://www.dkg.org">www.dkg.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Elaine McNulty</b>  <b>PO Box 35</b>  <b>Ashland 12407</b>  <i>emcnulty39@yahoo.com</i></p>

## Pi State Educational Excellence Committee

Have you visited the Pi State website recently? EEC now has a space at the bottom of the second column, under “*New York Pi State Links of Interest.*” We hope you enjoy the ease of online access for EEC related documents – the Workshop Proposal form is now located here, as well as a brochure for *Supporting Early Career Educators* and the Chapter Excellence Program (*Committee Biennial Form 26*). You can even find the **Schedule of Workshops** and a form for signing up to sing in our Choir at the **Executive Board Meeting/Seminar on April 25-26!**

I would like to extend a big “*thank you*” to all of the EEC members who have been working diligently to plan and organize the Workshops for the Spring Seminar. Several have volunteered to present for those in attendance for this weekend of personal and professional growth. Please look in this issue for further descriptions of the presentations.

*We hope you can join us.*

*Jennifer Lee-Alden*

## Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

Do you know a Pi State member who exemplifies the best in education and has made a significant impact in New York and possibly nationally? Was she at your last Chapter meeting? Perhaps you know personally the next recipient! What better way to honor her than with a nomination for the **Pi State Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award**?

**Frederica Hollister** was a member of *Beta Rho* and was the 15<sup>th</sup> Pi State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning the *Native American Grant(s) in Aid* and was a dedicated educator and scholar throughout her lifetime. The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have made a significant impact on education.

There are many Pi State members who deserve this honor - *just look around!* Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in *Pi State Standing Rules* (SR 11.6): “...*the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contribution should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years.*”

The nomination form and information are online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html>.

**The time to act is now!** Recognize that member in your Chapter or Area. We are looking forward to receiving many applications by March 1, 2014. For more information, contact Karen Butters, [kbutters@frontier.com](mailto:kbutters@frontier.com)), 518.352.7726.

The members of the *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Committee* are **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*, Chair; **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*; **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Alpha*; and **Annette Varcoe**, *Beta Rho*.

*Karen Butters*

## The Pi State Educational Foundation Announces Grant Awards

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is pleased to announce that two grant proposals were awarded in December:

\* **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*, was awarded \$500.00 for her project, “*Family Math Night.*” Suzanne’s proposal was to invite students and parents of Franklin Central School to participate in an evening of Math activities. Each parent will receive a “*parent friendly*” version of the new Common Core Curriculum at their child’s level. The awarded money will be used to buy a book with a math theme for each student as well as pencils, erasers and stickers. A healthy snack will also be provided. Suzanne expects to involve between 50 and 75 students. She also hopes to involve the students of the *Hartwick College Educators’ Club*.

\* **Deborah Packard**, *Beta Alpha*, was awarded \$300.00 for her Chapter’s project, “*Books for Babies.*” The project has been ongoing for 15 years. The parents of each newborn at United Memorial Medical Center are given a packet that includes a board book, a bib that reminds adults to “*Read to Me,*” a book mark and a pamphlet suggesting ways to read, play and talk with children. *Rho* Chapter will use their award to purchase 100 more bibs.

Grant proposal applications are due May 1 and November 1. Applicants must be members of *The Pi State Educational Foundation*. Membership forms and Grant Applications may be found on the Pi State website.

*Agnes Becker*

*Chair, Board of Directors Pi State EF*

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

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

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

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

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

*Dr. Joyce Tang*

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

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

## Attention All Musicians

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

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

The sign-up form is located on the Pi State website [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY) under the *Educational Excellence Committee*.

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

**Come early and SING!!**

Please contact Music Rep. **Bridget Bishop**, 585.637.2422, [meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com) with questions.

*Bridget Bishop*

## Travel & Study Stipend Committee

The *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* wishes to remind members that there will be two stipends available this year. Applications are due by March 1st. The *Pi State Standing Rules* note that there can be two Travel and Study Stipends not to exceed \$1000.00 to attend Delta Kappa Gamma Seminars in Purposeful Living or any other event encouraged by the Society. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma International and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession.

Both awardees from last spring, **Della L. Ludwig**, *Omega*, and **Jean Fontana**, *Alpha Phi*, had exceptionally informative articles in the Fall *Pi Lights*. **Della L. Ludwig** attended the Northeast Regional in Portland and said that she not only became recharged but also gained a better understanding of the Society from the local to the regional level. **Jean Fontana** shared with us her experiences at the Regional European Conference in Amsterdam. From the first-hand account given by **Maria Heinbeck**, European Regional Director, of how she enabled a 93-year-old German Jew to receive her PHD from the University of Plattsburgh that had been denied to her before, to the events and activities scheduled during the conference, **Jean Fontana** noted how well the subtheme "*Friendship in Education Worldwide*" was developed throughout the Regional European Conference.

The application is available on the Pi State Website. Members of the *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* (**Jane Crosby**, *Alpha Tau*; **Gail Rumsey**, *Omega*; **Marcia Swiatek**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Mary Linda Williams**, *Alpha Sigma*) are looking forward to reviewing many applications this spring. Please contact Chair, **Joyce Krupnik**, *Alpha Sigma*, 585.593.4828, [skrupnik@aol.com](mailto:skrupnik@aol.com) with questions.

*Joyce Krupnik*

## **Pi Lights** for Spring Issue (online) – Due February 1, 2014

Look for features, Chapter highlights, Initiates, photographs and information. E-mail articles, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to: *Mary-Martha Harvey* [mharvey@frontiernet.net](mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net).

*Reminder: Submissions are subject to editorial changes by the State Editor and Proofers due to space limitations and for clarity.*

## **Pi Lights** Deadlines for 2014

May 1, 2014 ... September 1, 2014 ... December 1, 2014

### Gladys L. Mersereau Grant-in-Aid

Established in 1975 to honor *Beta Rho* member and past Pi State President **Gladys L. Mersereau** (1946-1948), this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements. When talking to members of your Chapter this year, discuss possible candidates for this State Award. Pi State may be able to give this person a special spark to help her reach her goal of a career in teaching. This award allows Pi State to recognize special women and encourage them to successfully enter a field of education.

Please consider helping someone apply for this state award. Applications are available on the state website or by contacting **Dr. Joyce Tang**, [erindale@verizon.net](mailto:erindale@verizon.net). All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2014.

*Dr. Joyce Tang*

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the Bea Small Award

Invigorate Pi State and the Society by nominating a Chapter, whose current project deserves to be supported and recognized. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2014. Forms are available on Pi State's website. The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the **Awards Luncheon at Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Spring Seminar on Saturday, April 26, 2014** at the Syracuse Sheraton Hotel.

Established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, a member of *Omega*, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. Recent awardees include: **Gamma Zeta**: "Salvation Army Backpack Program;" **Alpha Sigma**: "Books for Babies;" **Beta Alpha**: "Books for Babies;" **Alpha Rho**: "Traveling Books;" **Beta Psi**: "Starting School Right;" **Mu**: "Born to Read;" **Beta Omicron**: "Everybody Can - Disabilities Awareness Contest;" **Alpha Tau**: "Books for WIC."

The Bea Small Committee includes: **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*, Chair; **Dr. Andrea Morris**, *Alpha Beta*; **Nancy Pankow**, *Theta*; and **F. Carol Ramsey**, *Omega*. **Send nominations to: Deborah M. Bedard**, Chair Pi State Bea Small Committee, P.O. Box 782, Glens Falls 12801-0782

*Deborah Bedard*

### The U.S. Forum Update

The U.S. Forum focuses on legislative action that affects educators, women and children. Today with the recent sequester along with actions in New York, it is imperative that we recognize the power our organization has as a group.

#### *New York State Teacher Evaluations*

School Districts across the State are implementing *Common Core* and evaluations. The 2012 New York State Teacher of the Year, **Kathleen Ferguson**, recently reported to a State Senate Hearing that she was not able to get a "highly effective" rating on her teacher evaluation. Kathleen joins teachers across the State who address the dilemma of teaching to the test and changing inclusion class assignments. The system needs time to be improved and calibrated so that there will actually be validity in comparing schools and districts across the state.

Currently Commissioner **Dr. John B. King Jr.** is discussing this situation with the Board of Regents. Join your fellow sisters in e-mailing or writing him at NYSED, 89 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12234. You can visit [www.EngageNY.org](http://www.EngageNY.org) or follow King on Twitter @JohnKingNYSED. The addresses and e-mails for the Board of Regents can be found at [www.NYSED.gov](http://www.NYSED.gov) or you can address them as a body at [RegentsOffice@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:RegentsOffice@mail.nysed.gov). Their mailing address is New York State Education Department, Board of Regents, Room 110 EB, Albany 12234. **Merry H. Tisch** is the current Chancellor. **Never underestimate the power of our group.**

#### *New York State Legislature Actions*

Interested in legislation, you can contact the New York Department of State at [www.dos.ny.gov](http://www.dos.ny.gov) for information on alerts, legislature and State agencies. There are many resources for active and retired educators. The Legislature's actions can be found at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.htm).

#### *Legislative Seminar & Upcoming Workshop*

Join your fellow DKG Sisters for the **National Legislative Seminar March 16-19, 2014 in Washington, DC**. Further information can be found on the International website. New York members are invited to join us as we meet with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Join us on **Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar for the workshop, "U.S. Forum: What We Can Do for You."** Gain some ideas on topics for future meetings & share your expertise.

#### *Connect*

Our US Forum website can be reached from the opening page on International website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Look for updates in the *US Forum* section of the Pi State website. Please feel free to contact Barbara Bostwick Quinn, U.S. Forum Representative, [barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com) regarding updates, issues or suggestions for legislative programs.

**We are an information Society so be informed and involved and you will help shape our Society!**

*Barbara Bostwick Quinn*



Within Pi State are **10 Area Councils** that include all our 61 Chapters with over 2600 members. Within Chapters are the creative members who worked diligently to present the fantastic *Fall 2013 Area Council Conferences*. ***Congratulations!***

### The Southeast Area Council Conference ... October 19 ... "A Taste of Africa"



Guest Speaker Janet Karim



Dr. Joyce Tang and Jeanne Schenk  
with African Dancers



Emilie Stris, Janet Karim and  
Beth Borzone

On October 19 the *Southeast Area Council Conference* was held at Molloy College in the Public Square Multi-Purpose room with *special thanks* to **Dr. Andrea Honigfield**, *Alpha Pi*. **Emilie Stris**, *Alpha Phi*, and **Beth Borzone**, *Alpha Phi*, were Co-Chairs and provided attendees with a most enjoyable ***"Taste of Africa."***

**Beth Borzone** was able to invite **Janet Karim**, First Secretary of the Malawi Mission to the UN, as the guest speaker. She was a dynamic speaker who gave us insight into the women's role in the progress of the Malawi Republic. **Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*, the Southeastern Council Chair and DKG's UN-NGO Representative, explained Delta Kappa Gamma's role in fostering women's education in many African countries, including the health and sanitation initiatives to make it possible for girls to attend school.

After a delicious lunch, benefit drawings, sales of *Fair-Trade* non-profit items and the recognition of new members by Pi State Immediate Past President **Jeanne Schenk** and the current Pi State President **Dr. Joyce Tang**, sisters were entertained by the *Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School African Dance Troop*. The Conference ended with our holding hands and singing the *Delta Kappa Gamma Song*, led by **Dr. Andrea Morris**, *Alpha Beta*. We went home with African Heavenly Chocolate, Rwandan coffee beans and a richer understanding of The *Delta Kappa Gamma Society's* work in helping women achieve education on the African continent.

Maria Toulas

### The North Central Area Council Conference ... October 19 ... "Engaging in a Vision for Equal Rights"

***"There is a word sweeter than mother, home or heaven - that word is liberty."*** - Matilda Joslyn Gage 1826-1898

On October 19 seventy-two DKG members attended the *North Central Area Conference*. With a theme of ***"Engaging in a Vision for Equal Rights,"*** members were able to visit the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center and the United Church of Fayetteville and listen to tales of the Underground Railroad in Central New York.

The amazing connection between **Matilda Joslyn Gage**, the *National Woman's Suffrage Association* leader who offered her home as a station on the Underground Railroad, and the Church that sheltered runaways provided the background for an informative and entertaining day. Highlights included a tour of the Gage Center, story teller **Vanessa Johnson** spinning stories of the Underground Railroad, a historical overview of the United Church, and High Tea Luncheon. During the catered luncheon, nationally recognized lecturer and author, **Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner**, explained her studies and the formation of the *Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation*. State Representative, Past President **Joan Slagle**, shared an official greeting.

Chair **Risë Messmer** and representatives from *Alpha Chi*, *Alpha Iota*, *Beta*, *Beta Kappa*, *Chi*, *Nu* and *Sigma* did an excellent job of creating an informative, interesting day. Other Pi State Guests included First Vice President **Deborah Bedard**, Second Vice President **Karen Butters** and Past Pi State Presidents **Jane Tanner** and **Karen Crumley**.

Members left the conference engaged and *invigorated*.

Barbara Bostwick Quinn

***In the photo*** - *Alpha Iota* members greet Conference attendees. (L-R)  
1<sup>st</sup> row: Agnes Wilk, Lauren Lalley, Shelly Lee, Peg Donnelly.  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Gloria Stone, Jill Walch, Elaine Suskin and Gail McKinnon.



## The South Central Area Council Conference ... October 5 ... “Autism Spectrum Disorders: Are We Ready? REALLY Ready?”



*Lisa Sackett presents Conference Benefit Drawing basket to winner.*



*Dr. Dawn Hamlin*



*Sue Coolican, Doris Knowles, Jan Przybylski and Lisa Sackett*

On October 5 the *South Central Area Conference* was held at the Glen Club at the Watkins Glen International Race Track. **Dr. Dawn Hamlin**, Assistant Professor at SUNY Oneonta of Educational Psychology, Counseling and Special Education and Past-President of the NYS Council for Exceptional Children, was the guest speaker. She explored the theme, “*Autism Spectrum Disorders: Are We Ready? REALLY Ready?*” and challenged Conference participants to be prepared for these students in numerous ways. Her real life examples and research models provided thought-provoking material for discussion as well as references for further study.

Conference Chair **Lisa Sackett**, *Rho*, **Sue Coolican**, *Alpha Rho*, **Doris Knowles**, *Gamma Zeta*, and **Jan Przybylski**, *Alpha Rho*, organized an informative and enjoyable Conference. The Glen Club Chef provided an excellent lunch. Participants were also entertained by the practice laps of several race cars.



*Annita Breitweiser, Alpha Tau, & her vendor display “A Touch of Glass”*

## The East Central Area Council Conference ... October 23 ... “Women’s Night Out”

The biennial meeting of the *East Central Area Council* on October 23 brought 90 women educators to Club 86 in Geneva with a total of nearly 120 attending, including guests. The four Chapters comprising ECAC are *Alpha Tau*, *Beta Delta*, *Beta Theta* and *Omega* and the Council Chair is **Laura Janas**, *Alpha Tau*. DKG sisters of these Chapters work in schools in the counties of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates. The theme of this year’s meeting was “*Women’s Night Out*” and began with generous assortment of hors d’oeuvres, followed by a bounteous buffet dinner by Club 86.

A variety of vendors were featured around the perimeter of the banquet room, giving those attending an opportunity to familiarize themselves with a wide array of items available in the Finger Lakes area. There were several jewelry vendors with many unique selections of fine jewelry as well as vendors with specialty clothing lines, bags and purses. Home décor was featured through basketry, home portraits and accessories for walls and tables, both year round and for the holidays. Culinary interests were tempted by the newest cooking tools and storage options, seasoning mixes, chocolate gift items and maple products. DKG sisters could find tools and kits to explore one’s own creative interests as well as learn about new home cleaning and personal care products.

“*Women’s Night Out*” provided a chance for sisters from the four Chapters of the *East Central Area Council* to become acquainted with one another during this evening while enjoying the opportunity to just browse the wares of the diverse vendors or to make purchases, both for personal use or to get a head start on holiday shopping.

*Marcia Waterman*



*Denise Chaapel of Sweet Expressions with Dorothy Wiggins, Beta Theta, and Joan Youngman, Beta Theta*



*Uppercase Living vendor, Cara Lejewski with June Renner, Omega, and Lois Ludwig, Omega*



*Beta Theta sisters Kebby Clute, Barb Lee, Shelley DeRenzo, Sally Burgess and Judy Jansen with vendor Lane Clute*

**Chi Initiates**



Initiate **Janet Ramsey**, Chi Sponsor **Sue Peters-Bush** and Initiate **Laurie Cleveland**. Janet teaches Culinary Arts and Laurie teaches English at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center in Glenfield.

**Alpha Nu Initiates**



President **Anna Marie Bonafide** (left) with Initiate **Kathleen Nichol** ... October 2013



President **Anna Marie Bonafide** (left) with Initiates **Dee Hushmendy**, **Lynne Arnold**, **Jane Dole**, **Lori McCarthy**, **JoAnn Baylis** and **Cindy Granato** ... May 2013

**Kathleen Nichol**, a Teacher of Technology Education at Chatham Central School District. **Dee Hushmendy** is an English teacher at RCS who is working on her Ph.D. **Lynne Arnold** is self-employed with *My Sister's Keeper*. **Jane Dole** is retired from Taconic Hills Central School District and currently substitutes at Taconic Hills. **Lori McCarthy** is a Special Education Teacher at RCS. **JoAnn Baylis** is a Business Teacher at RCS who is also a College teacher in High School Program through Schenectady County Community College. **Cindy Granato** is a dually certified Social Studies and English Language Arts Teacher at RCS.

**Beta Alpha Initiates**



**Amy Thompson**, **Bethany Ricci**, **Pam Dedla** and **Betsey Bodine**

**Amy Thompson** is a 6th grade teacher at Elba Central School. **Bethany Ricci** is a Special Ed teacher at GVEP. **Pam Dedla** is a 7-12 Social Studies Teacher at

Genesee Valley Educational Partnership. **Betsey Bodine** is an English teacher at Notre Dame High School.

**The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society**  
**Vision Statement**

**Leading Women Educators**  
**Impacting Education Worldwide**

**Gamma Epsilon Initiates**



Initiates seated: **Dorothy Farrell**, **Janet Cline** and **Mollie Ashley**  
Sponsors standing: **Cindy Wells**, **Pat Washburn** and **Sandy Plimpton**



Initiates **Lyn Swafford**, **Jennifer Smith**, **Amanda Sharlow**, **Jennifer Pickman**, and **Metza Hewko**



Initiates **Dianne Jeneault**, **Jennifer Haynes**, **Aimee Flynn**, **Morgan Fee** and **Linda Adams**

**Alpha Pi Initiates**



**Lorraine Amdur**, retired from Somers CSD, **Julia Morreale**, retired from Somers CSD, and **Anna Maria Del Monaco**, Special Ed. teacher Peekskill SD

**Alpha Rho Initiates**



**Erin Trondle Schiavone**



**Jennifer Roberts-O'Brian**



**Julie L'Amoreaux**



**Theresa Ransey**

**Erin Trondle Schiavone** is the Virtual Learning Coordinator for the Greater Southern Tier BOCES. **Jennifer L. Roberts-O'Brian** is the Curriculum Coordinator/Director of Admissions of Notre Dame High School. **Julie A. L'Amoreaux** is a Grade Five 15:1 Teacher in Horseheads Intermediate School. **Theresa Ransey** is a Sixth Grade Core Teacher for the Elmira City School District.

## Workshop Session I

### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 7:45pm

#### **A. Supporting Early Career Educators: The Need and the Response**

In an era of pervasive standardized testing, new and controversial national curriculum standards, emerging technologies and social media, and high stakes teacher evaluations, established teachers face challenges many have not seen before. For novice teachers – those in the first three years of their careers – the challenge might be even greater, especially since they are also addressing the basic demands of transitioning to teaching itself. This panel will describe the challenges that novice teachers face and how those challenges might be addressed. The panelists include a new teacher, an established teacher, a school principal and a university teacher educator. Opening statements by the panelists will be followed by discussions and the audience will be invited to share their comments and pose questions.

*Dr. Gerald Mager, Syracuse University, et al*

#### **B. Membership and Expansion: It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter**

In order to ensure strong, vibrant chapters, the session will enable participants to pinpoint Chapter strengths and weaknesses and learn to build on the strengths. The session will help participants in Chapters of all sizes and locations to move their Chapters forward.

*Terri Palmieri, Alpha Chi*

#### **C. How to Conduct a Chapter (Business) Meeting Effectively and Efficiently**

New Chapter Presidents: Do you know the standard order of an agenda? How to figure out quorums, majority and 2/3 votes? Do you know the procedure for proposing, debating, and voting on a motion? If you answer 'no' to any of the above, this workshop is for you!

*Karen Crumley, Tau; Ellie Robinson, Gamma Delta; Jean Wagner, Alpha Chi*

## Workshop Session II

### Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 8:15 - 9:00pm

#### **A. The Impact of the Common Core: Effects on What and How You Are Teaching Students to Prepare Them for the Revised Learning Standards**

An interdisciplinary panel of Elementary and Secondary Teachers will share strategies and changes they have made in response to the new assessments.

*Dr. Jane Hogan, Alpha Xi; Debbie Bedard, Alpha Epsilon; et al*

#### **B. Women of the Civil War**

One little known fact about the Civil War is that hundreds of women disguised themselves as men, then volunteered to fight on both sides. Come hear about why they joined, what happened to them during and after the war, and how this paved the way for women's rights today.

*Joyce Thompson-Hovey, Gamma Gamma*

#### **C. Chapter Communication: Expand and Invigorate**

In this hands-on workshop, participants will examine key elements of their own Chapter communication and explore ways it can be expanded and INVIGORATED!

*Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega*

## Workshop Session III

### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:45am - 12:30pm

#### **A. Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories**

This workshop is a low-key, no pressure, anybody can do it (*and I mean that*) opportunity to start writing your life. We all have moments of being to explore and meaningful experiences to share. Come and get a taste of memoir writing in a relaxed atmosphere. Come explore your creative side.

*Melanie McDonald, Beta Omega*

#### **B. What is the U.S. Forum and Why Is It Important to Pi State Members?**

This workshop will present information about the U.S. Forum including the latest update from our March 2014 Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C. We will explore how you and your Chapter can be involved as well as DKG's role in Legislative and Educational Policy. Learn what the U.S. Forum can offer to individuals, Chapters and Pi State!

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta*

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminars**  
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*Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception, Saturday Awards Luncheon & meeting materials.*

**Early Registration Fee (Due by March 10<sup>th</sup>)** **\$51.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 10<sup>th</sup>)** **\$55.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 25**

**Optional Dinner 5:30-6:30pm** **\$29.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pork Loin Roulade** (*with apple stuffing, cider glaze or caramelized apples and onions*)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken François** (*chicken breast with lemon veloute*)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sautéed Mixed Greens Salad with a grilled portabella mushroom cap and grilled veggies**

*All meals include mixed green salad, Chef's veggies, rice, rolls and coffee or tea.*

**Dessert Reception 7:45-8:15pm** **Included in Registration**

*Mini-dessert pastries and assorted mousse, cheese cakes, and fresh fruit; fresh brewed coffee, decaf and tea*

**Guest Charge \$16.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, April 26**

**Optional Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:30am** **\$15.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Danish Pastries, Muffins, Bagels or Mini Scones, Sliced Fruit Tray, Assorted Juices, Coffee, Decaf, and Tea*

**Awards Luncheon 12:45-2:15pm** **Included in Registration**

**Guest Charge \$24.00** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Traditional Caesar Salad topped with Grilled Chicken** (*served with Diced Tomato, Lemon Slices, and Asiago Cheese and Croutons*)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Balsamic Tenderloin Salad with Medallions of Beef Tenderloin**  
*(served with Spring Mix, Romaine Greens, Red Onion and Crumbly Bleu Cheese)*

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS** **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**All rooms need to add 13% for applicable taxes and include parking for overnight guests.**

***Note:* DKG special room rate expires March 21, 2014 at 5:00pm.**

**RESERVATION PROCEDURES**

All guests will make reservations directly with the Hotel on an individual basis, identifying Delta Kappa Gamma for special room rate. The Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center phone number for those within the (315) area code may call 315.475.3000 and those outside the (315) area code may call the toll free number 1.800.395.2105.

**GUEST CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT**

The Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center check-in time starts at 3:00PM. Check-out time ends at 12:00 noon. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based upon guest room availability. Later check-outs must be requested in advance and approved to avoid additional charges after 12:00 noon.

**HOTEL GUEST PARKING**

Complimentary Parking is available in the Hotel's attached parking garage for all overnight guests. There is a reduced fee of \$8.00 per vehicle for guests who are not staying overnight.

**HOTEL DIRECTIONS**

**From Syracuse Hancock International Airport:** The average cab fare to the hotel is \$28.

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**From New York City**

Take Route 17 to Binghamton. Take I-81 North to Syracuse and then take Exit 18 (Harrison/Adams Street). Turn right on East Adams Street. Go to the 4th traffic light and turn right onto University Avenue. Hotel is two blocks on the left.

**From the East**

Take Interstate 90 to Exit 34A. Take 481 South to 690 West to the Teall Avenue Exit. Turn left onto Teall and go to the 2nd light. Turn right onto Erie Boulevard East and then left onto University Avenue. Go for 7 blocks and the Hotel will be on the left.

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**In Remembrance****April 29 to December 31, 2013***These sisters will be honored at next Hour of Remembrance at the 2015 Pi State Convention.*

<b>Gamma Delta</b>	Elma R. Patterson	5.21.13
<b>Alpha Nu</b>	Annette DeLyser	6.15.13
<b>Alpha Nu</b>	Lois Hahn	6.16.13
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<b>Beta Delta</b>	Marcia Altimari	8.10.13
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<b>Alpha Beta</b>	Stephanie Vierno	10.8.13
<b>Alpha Tau</b>	Evelyn Dahlberg	11.4.13
<b>Delta</b>	Evelyn I. Riccio	

*Always in our hearts ...***Alpha Pi Service Project**

*Sisters of Alpha Pi gathered to fill boxes with their collection of supplies for women troops in Afghanistan. These boxes were donated to "United for the Troops," a local organization that distributes the boxes.*

**Membership & Expansion**

*Delta Kappa Gamma International* has asked Chapters to complete a **Chapter Profile Survey** that can be accessed on the International DKG website (<https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/membership>). Some of the compiled results from previous surveys are invaluable for Chapters to use in planning for upcoming program years.

***A Model of Successful Chapter Practices******How many of these qualifiers hold true in your Chapter?***

- Holds 4-6 well-planned, relatively informal but still structured, quick-moving business meetings per year
- Meets at varied times, days, and places convenient for working members
- Meets for approximately 1 ½ hours in length, excluding meals
- Has more refreshment-only meetings than meetings with meals
- Plans fellowship time as part of each meeting
- Focuses on meeting members' social needs (fellowship/camaraderie)
- Has open meetings and activities that welcome non-members
- Has a wide variety of high-quality, interesting programs and speakers, including programs that highlight community initiatives and those that use members' talents/expertise
- Supports a variety of one-time and ongoing projects that actively engage members
- Supports projects in the areas of mentoring/collaborative connections; fund-raising and volunteer efforts; scholarships and grants-in aid; community initiatives, especially for women and children; literacy; the legislative process; and others, including international projects
- Communicates with members in multiple ways: newsletter (print, website or e-mail 4+ times a year), phone, e-mail, snail mail, website
- Publicizes the Society through projects and activities that receive newspaper coverage as well as school and community recognition
- Has specific strategies in place for attracting new members, retaining members, engaging retired and employed members and developing/nurturing new chapter leaders
- Implements formal and traditional initiation and installation ceremonies
- Emphasizes the Society's mission, purposes and history
- Offers benefits and services that members cannot get elsewhere, including Chapter scholarships, grants, interaction among a diverse group of educators, friendship/camaraderie and serving the community

***Please remember to share your successes with others ...******Diane Bootie***

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

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## “Invigorate Pi State”

**2013-15 Biennium**  
**Dr. Joyce Tang, Pi State President**



**A \$50 gift to mark the Educational Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be noted with your name and a candle on the Educational Foundation website at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)**

## Alpha Nu's Annual Women Helping Girls Conference at Columbia Greene Community College



*Alpha Nu Sisters Linda Drahusuk, Pat Karic, Marcia Sullivan and Sandra Gill welcoming guests*



*Students from Germantown School District with their teacher chaperone June Nelson, Alpha Nu*