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The Educational Excellence Committee is delighted to present the *Session Workshops* for the 2017 Pi State Convention on April 28-30, 2017. See pp. 8-9. The variety of topics supports the mission of DKG: “to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and educational excellence.” **Barb Keis & Sue Norris**

Pi State Is Proud to Welcome International Guest

Barbara Whiting



Barbara Whiting

Barbara Whiting is a retired Teacher Grades 3-5, Special Education Teacher, Coordinator of Special Services Programs, Curriculum and Instruction (*grant and special projects*), Elementary School Principal, Supervisor of Student Teachers and Consultant for Staff Development. She says that she is “Now retired, but not tired!” Her education background includes Bachelors Elementary Education, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, Minnesota; Masters Special Education, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota; and Specialist School Administration, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota. Her certifications include Learning Disabilities, Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities and Supervision of Special Education.

Her DKG experience at the Chapter Level includes President, founder of a Chapter and Chair of various Chapter Committees. At the Minnesota State level she was President, Committee Chair or member of Finance, Scholarship, Membership, Networking as well as having developed and facilitated CHEERS project for strengthening chapters across the state, member Steering Committee for State retreats and frequent workshop presenter at State events. Currently, she is State Leadership Chair. Currently at the International level Barbara is serving as First Vice President; *continued on page six*

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Deborah Bedard has challenged us to “Celebrate the Invitation of Membership” in 2015-17. Please consider inviting an Early Career Educator or potential member to the 70th Pi State Convention.

Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid due March 1, 2017

More details are included on pp.19-20 of this issue. Refer to the Pi State website for applications.



“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”

Deborah Bedard

Pi State President 2015 - 2017

See you at the April 28-30, 2017 Pi State Convention/Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Otesaga Resort Hotel.

This fall I found myself traveling from one end of the state to the other, enjoying several Area Council Conferences featuring timely, informative topics. *Congratulations* to all who Chaired and were involved in the planning for these Conferences. All Pi State Sisters who attended appreciate your efforts!

I want to share a *special thank you* to all who joined us for the Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Woodcliff in Fairport and helped to make it a wonderful success. My hope is that attendees are willing to embrace changes that will strengthen their Chapters. Start conversations within your Chapter that will lead to enhancing your programs to meet the needs of both active teachers and life-long learners. Meaningful programs will retain members. Chapters, who are changing the way an invitation to potential members is extended, are experiencing success in attracting members. Consider reaching out to members who might be interested in reinstating their membership.

Have you reserved your room at the Historic Otesaga Resort Hotel for Convention 2017?

“We are meeting on April 28th, 29th and 30th, 2017 at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Hotel has vistas that shimmer with views of Otsego Lake, appropriately referred to as Glimmerglass. The Hotel provides elegant, luxury accommodations. The Otesaga also features a golf course and a full service spa. Cooperstown is filled with many quaint shops, restaurants, art museums and historical sites. The Omegagon Brewery and a wine trail are short drives away! It is truly a destination spot.

A quick summary of the Convention includes:

- * A dessert reception*
- * Workshops where you can gain professional development*
- * A General Session meeting and an Executive Board meeting*
- * A Birthday Luncheon to honor our members*
- * A President's Banquet to celebrate the present Officers, Chapter Presidents and induct our new Officers*
- * An Hour of Remembrance to honor those who have passed on over the past two years*
- * A Scholarship and Awards Brunch to present Awards, Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid*

To highlight the sparkle, shimmer and shine in each of you, there will be a Member Showcase. Members will be invited to showcase their talents with displays so others can view and appreciate the talents of our Pi State Sisters! (Quilts, painting, knitting, pottery, jewelry, bags, woodcraft, sculptures, scrapbooks, books you have authored, etc.).

You will drive thru beautiful countryside coming and going to Cooperstown. As you leave the Convention, you will shine with all the knowledge, friendships, and fun you shared.

I look forward to welcoming Pi State Sisters. 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!”

Invitation extended by Jean Sekel, Convention 2017 Co-Chair

Read on in this issue to find out more about our Keynote speakers, exciting workshops and many opportunities to enjoy fellowship with Pi State Sisters from across New York State.

Join me and let your membership shine in Cooperstown!



Mary-Martha Harvey

**President:
Mary-Martha Harvey**

Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*, was initiated in May 1989 and has served her Chapter on many Committees and Offices. She has a wealth of experience at all levels of the DKG.

For her Chapter, she was President (2014-2016) and is currently is Co-Parliamentarian (2016-2018). She co-founded the new *Omega* Website (2014-2016) and updated/revised Chapter Standing Rules to reflect current practice. She was named *Woman of Distinction* in 2013. Mary-Martha has served as Newsletter Editor (2014-2016), a member of the Scholarship Committee (2014-present), and member of various Committees during several biennia (1990-2014). She has chaired several Committees and served as Registrar for Tri-Chapter Meeting on Education (2015).

Mary-Martha is a member of East Central Area Council (2014-present), introduced speaker for 2015 Area Conference on *Women's Health* and completed the financial report for 2015 East Area Council for State Audit. She also has served as Substitute Chair when needed and attend biennial conferences.

At the State level (2010-present), Mary-Martha has served as State Editor, thereby publishing four issues per year of *Pi Lights*, a most extraordinary newsletter that she took to new heights, and as a member of the State Executive Committee. Her newest undertaking is to assist in the creation of Pi State's History booklet, focusing on Pi State History (1995-2015) for distribution at the 2017 Convention. She chairs the State Ad-Hoc Website Committee (2015-present); is a member of State Ad Hoc Headquarters Committee; is a Liaison to West Central Area Council (2011-2013 and 2015-present); is a member of Pi State Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award member (2013-present) and the Leadership Development Committee member (2015-present), and is an *ex officio* member of State Publicity & Communications Committee and State Awards Committee (1910-present). She presented workshops at Pi State Executive Board Meetings/ Seminars (2014-2016); developed State resources and documents for new and old website as well as coordinating website transition and renovations; organized and created documents for participant folders; assisted in planning, participated and presented at State Leadership Development Seminars for *New and Returning Presidents* and *New State Chairs* (2010-present); served as liaison to North Central Area Council (2013-2015); and attended Area Council Conferences and Chapter Meetings as State Visitor (2011-present).

At the International level, Mary-Martha served as International Newsletter Editor, as a member on Publicity Committee and as a Presider and Hostess for the 2012 DKG International Convention in New York City. She attended Regional Conferences in Portland and Baltimore, State Editor and State Webmaster trainings, and the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary-Martha's educational background is extensive. She graduated with honors from SUNY Brockport (*CAS in Educational Administration, emphasis Inclusive Education Law*) and with honors from SUNY Oswego (*MA in Education and BA in English and Fine Arts*). Her certifications include School District Superintendent, School District Administration, Curriculum and Supervision, PreK-12 Visual Arts, Pre-K-6 Classroom, International Baccalaureate Higher and Standard Levels Visual Arts and College Board Certification AP Studio Art and Art History. She retired as an Instructor and Supervisor, Inclusive Childhood Education at Nazareth College, Rochester, NY (2000-2013), as a teacher and Visual Arts Supervisor in the Canandaigua City School District (1968-2005) and as Instructor for Grades 11-12 IB Standard and Higher Levels Visual Arts, Independent Study and AP Studio Art (2005-2008). Her CCSD appointments include Arts-in-Education Coordinator K-12, Principal K-2, Assistant Principal K-5, Assistant Principal K-5, and District Coordinator and Mentor for Student Teachers K-5 Classrooms and Visual Arts K-12 from Nazareth College, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY Geneseo, Keuka College, Hobart William Smith and University of Rochester.

Mary-Martha has served in many leadership roles, received grants and awards for writing, and has published numerous books and articles. She received the Athena Award for Education, American Legion Community Service Award, CCSD Board of Education Commendations, Ontario County Board of Supervisors Award of Distinction, NYSTA Teacher of Distinction, and Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award. Her oil painting was included in the NYS Appleseed Collection. She was named to *Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. She has presented at State and National Conferences for National Art Education, NYS Art Teachers Association, NYS Reading Association, National Young Audiences, NYSED Humanities and AAUW National and NYS Leadership.

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President:**Mary-Martha Harvey***Concluded from page three*

Her professional service includes Founding President Ontario County Arts Council Board of Directors, Middle States Evaluation Team, Governor's Committee on the Arts, NYS Council on the Arts Evaluator for NYSED, NYS Board of Directors American Association of University Women, Director National USA Writers' Project for AAUW, founding Youth Museum of the Finger Lakes Board of Directors, Ontario County Sheriff's Advisory Council. Currently, she is on the Canandaigua Federal Credit Union Board of Directors (1968-present), St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry (2011-present) and Canandaigua Retired Educators Executive Committee.

Mary-Martha is the best qualified candidate to be Pi State President for the 2017-2019 Biennium. She has a deep appreciation for Delta Kappa Gamma and Pi State. When few seem inclined to step up and assume leadership roles, it is truly heartwarming that she is willing to share her vast experiences and expertise with Pi State as its leader. She is a consummate professional, a born leader, an amazing listener, easily approachable, warm, wearing a smile that lights up the room and makes everyone in her presence feel comfortable and welcome. Her work ethic is beyond reproach in her continuing daily efforts to make the world a better place. She is a devoted mother and grandmother as well. Pi State would be well-served with Mary-Martha Harvey at the helm. She would not only sustain our fine organization but carry in into the future as well.

*Dr. Valerie Lagakis***First Vice President:****Sue Kenoyer***Sue Kenoyer*

Sue earned her BS degree from the University of Vermont and MAT in Secondary Mathematics from Michigan State University. She taught school for 37 years and is currently an adjunct at Plattsburgh State University. She has served in the State and National Mathematics organizations and the Women Mathematics Educators organization.

Sue was initiated in 1995. At the local level, she served as President (2008-2014) of *Psi*, Northern Area. At the State level, she is currently completing her term as Second Vice President (2015-2017) and serves on the Pi State Executive Committee. She is organized, efficient and handles her responsibilities with courtesy and kindness. Her service and dedication to the importance of professional women educators, to Delta Kappa Gamma and its goals are evident.

Within one year of her initiation in *Psi* Chapter in 1995, she began holding Chapter offices. During her Chapter Presidency, she successfully increased membership. In that role she was also one of the prime forces behind the *Psi* major fundraiser, "Tea with Historic Women." She was Chair of the Northern Area Council from 2011 to 2013 and attended the last six Northern Area Council Meetings. She has been directly involved with Pi State as a member of the Educational Excellence Committee and as Registrar of the Fall Meetings in Glens Falls in both 2010 and 2014. At the National level, Sue has attended Northeast Regional Conferences in Burlington, Vt.; Hershey, Pa.; Portland, ME; and Baltimore, MD. She also attended International Conferences in Indianapolis, IN and Nashville, TN.

Her community involvement has been evident in her activities on the Boy Scout Council, Northern Adirondack Teachers Organization and the Methodist Church.

Dr. Valerie Lagakis

Area Councils will present their NOMINATIONS for the *State Finance Committee* and *State Nominations Committee* at the *2017 Convention Executive Board Meeting* on Saturday, October 29th. Area Council Chairs should be prepared to present their Nominations for the following designated State Committees:

Nominations for the Finance Committee:

Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu*, Northern Area
Capital Area - TBA
South Central Area - TBA
North Central Area - TBA
Mona Lee Bogan, *Tau*, Eastern Area

Nominations for the Nominations Committee:

Dr. Valerie Lagakis, *Phi*, Southeastern Area
East Central Area - TBA
Julia Schrader, *Gamma Gamma*, Northwestern Area
Southwestern Area - TBA
West Central Area - TBA

**Jennifer Lee-Alden**

Second Vice President: Jennifer Lee-Alden

Jennifer Lee Alden was initiated into *Beta Omega*, Capital Area, in May 2009. She earned her BS Music Education from SUNY at Fredonia, MS in Educational Psychology and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the College of St. Rose, Albany. She has been teaching Music in the Shenendehowa Central School District for 21 years where she also served as Summer School Assistant Principal in 2016.

Jennifer has been involved at the local, regional and International levels. At her Chapter level, Jennifer is currently in her second biennium as President and has served as Corresponding Secretary (2012-2014). She is the Capital Area Council Chair 2015-16. She has also served effectively and capably on the Pi State Executive Committee as State Secretary since 2015. Jennifer has presented workshops at the 2012 Fall Conference and the 2013 Spring Convention; was a member Educational

Excellence Committee 2011-2013 and Chair 2013-2015; has performed music for Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars and Conventions; has attended Leadership Training working with Committees, presenters, State Officers, Chapter Presidents, the Webmaster and *Pi Lights* Editor. At the Regional level, Jennifer attended the 2011 NE Regional Conference in Hershey and the 2013 NE Regional Conference in Portland, Maine. At the International level, she attended and assisted at the 2012 International Convention in NYC and presented a workshop at the 2014 International DKG Convention in Indianapolis.

Jennifer was the recipient of the International Lucile Cornet Award to attend and present at the National Association for Music Education Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN on October 27, 2014. She continues to add to her presentation experiences and contributions to her teaching profession on a regular basis at the local, state and national levels. She has been a contributing composer/author for *Activate!*, a teaching magazine for K-6 music educators since 2011 and has co-authored a teaching resource book, Mission Composition, Lorenz Publishing Corp. (2015).

Her various community involvement activities include civic and service clubs, assisting with the local Boy Scouts and serving on two Ad Hoc Committees for the Galway Board of Education. Jennifer's special interests are gardening, reading, cooking, cross-stitching and activities for her family of 3 boys.

Dr. Valerie Lagakis

Secretary

Since no applications for the Office of State Secretary were received by 15 November 2016, the Office of Secretary will be nominated at the 2017 Pi State Convention at the Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, 29 April.

The Pi State Nominations Committee

Special thanks to the Pi State Nominations Committee for all their work:

Dr. Valerie Lagakis, *Alpha Phi*, Chair; **Patricia Alena**, *Beta Theta*; **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu*; **Carol A. Engle**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Mary Bacalles**, *Gamma Zeta*; **Dr. Margarethe McCurry**, *Alpha Epsilon*; **Barbara Keis**, *Phi*; **Mary Kay Hickey**, *Beta*; **Barbara Brooks Quinn**, *Beta Eta*; and **Carol Lamb**, *Beta Mu*

Membership Resources on International Website

When was the last time your Chapter presented an **Orientation for new members** or **Reorientation for existing members**? Did you know that there are presentation slides available for your use on the DKG International website? They present a clear review of the purposes, mission and initiatives that make DKG, DKG. There are talking points for each slide, making the presentations easy to use. Even if you don't want to present a formal Orientation presentation, the slides can be used as a resource to generate important conversations in your Chapter. *Take a look to see if these might be useful!* When you are logged into the member section of dkg.org, you will find them under **Resources - Chapter Resources**.

Melanie McDonald

International Guest: Barbara Whiting*Concluded from page one*

past International Board Member-at-Large; Chair of Educators Award Committee; Chair of Leadership Committee; member of Membership Committee. She has completed special projects and training with Washington State (retreat), Iceland, Montana and Wisconsin. She has presented more than 10 workshops at Regional Conferences and International Conventions; has been a Steering Committee member for 2004 Int'l Convention in Minneapolis; has published an article in DKG Bulletin on "Making Dynamic Presentations." As the International Representative, she has traveled to Mexico, Germany, Michigan, Delaware, New Brunswick, Wisconsin, Wyoming, South Dakota, Delaware, Wisconsin and New Mexico.

Barbara's current volunteer projects include Project Homeless Connect, working to end homelessness in Hennepin County; Library volunteer; World without Genocide; and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (*Personnel Committee, former Editor and Board member and Course Convenor*).

Her interests include reading (*one to three books a week, member of two Book Clubs*), travel (*five continents and 47 states*), biking, birding, photography, water aerobics, cooking, coffee and lifelong learning. She is married to Rick Whiting, a retired engineer, three brothers and three sisters-in-law, two nephews, one niece and many friends who have become chosen family members.

Pi State is looking forward to having Barbara join us as our International Guest and Workshop Presenter.

Pi State Is Proud to Welcome Keynote Speaker**Kathleen (Katie) Ferguson**

Katie Ferguson

Kathleen (Katie) Ferguson, *Alpha Kappa*, has had a passion for teaching since joining Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School of Math, Science, Technology and Invention as a first grade teacher in 1998. She was awarded the Red Apple Quality of Life Award in 1998 and 1999. In 2003-2004 Katie's class participated in more than ten videoconferences with museums and institutes across the country such as the Buffalo Zoo and The Ocean Institute in California through Project VIEW. Her work with videoconferencing was highlighted in an excerpt in *Teaching K-8*, the Daily Gazette and in a case study by the Evaluation Consortium at the University at Albany.

In 2007, Katie joined the Jessie T. Zoller Elementary School staff as a 2nd grade Teacher in an integrated co-teaching classroom. Katie enjoys individualizing instruction to meet the needs of her learners and creating materials such as individual behavior charts, songs, chants and cheers to help children learn new concepts.

Katie believes that she and her students have benefitted immensely from collaborating with the other amazing teachers in Schenectady as well as the many professional development opportunities her district has offered her. In May 2010, Katie was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Schenectady City School District, which led to her being selected as the **2012 New York State Teacher of the Year**. In February of 2013 she was named an NEA Pearson Global Learning Fellow and received the California Casualty Award for Excellence.

Katie has attended CTAUN, presented a program on her trip to Brazil in October 2014 to her Chapter and was selected as her Chapter's "Woman of the Distinction" in 2014-15. She lives in Schenectady with her husband Scott, her two kitties and six sugar gliders.

Pi State is looking forward to having Katie join us as our Convention Keynote Speaker.

Convention Hotel Reservations

Reserve your room at the Otesaga Resort Hotel for the Pi State 2017 Convention by calling 1-800-607-9931 and ask for DKG block at \$168.00 inclusive per room. There is a \$40 additional charge for three or more guests per room. Complimentary Wi-Fi included.

Check-in Time: After 3:00pm; Check-out Time: Before 12:00 noon.

The 71st Pi State Convention Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, April 28th

- 9:00am-1:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
 1:00-8:00pm Registration
 2:00-3:30pm President's Tea
 5:00-8:00pm FDF Sales
 4:30-5:20pm Workshop Session I
 5:25-6:55pm Dinner on Own
 7:00-7:50pm Workshop Session II
 Music Rehearsal
 8:30-9:15pm Welcome & Keynote
 9:15-10:15pm Dessert Reception and
 Members' Talent Showcase

Saturday, April 29th

- 7:15-8:15am Breakfast on own
 8:00-11:30am & 1:30-4:30pm Registration
 8:15-9:15am Executive Board Meeting
 9:30-11:00am General Session
 11:00-11:30am Educational Foundation Annual Meeting
 11:15am-5:50pm Members' Talent Showcase
 3:40-5:00pm Author Autographs/Book Sales
 11:30-1:30pm Birthday Luncheon
 1:30-5:00pm FDF Sales
 1:45-2:35pm Workshop Session III

Saturday, April 29th (continued)

- 2:45-3:35pm Workshop Session IV
 3:45-4:45pm Membership Workshop
 Music Rehearsal
 6:00-6:30pm Chapter Presidents Line-Up
 6:30-9:30pm Founders & President's Banquet &
 Installation of State Officers
 9:31-10:00pm Receiving Line
 10:00-10:30pm Hour of Remembrance Rehearsal
 10:30pm President's Reception

Sunday, April 30th

- 8:00-10:00am Registration
 9:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance
 10:01-10:29am Hotel Check-Out
 10:30am-1:00pm Scholarship, Awards and
 Grant(s)-in-Aid Brunch
 1:15-1:45pm Transition Meeting of 2015-17
 & 2017-19 Executive Committees
 2:00-3:00pm Meeting of 2017 Convention
 Steering Committee

A Celebration of Your Membership in Pi State



You Are Invited to The President's Tea

Friday, April 28th 2:00-3:30 PM

The Otesaga Hotel

President's Suite

*Let your membership sparkle, shimmer and shine
 as you renew friendships and meet new sisters!*

Pi State Convention Workshops**Friday, April 28, 4:30-5:20pm**

Presenter	Title of Workshop	Description of Workshop
Mary Ware <i>Professor Emeritus SUNY Cortland</i>	“Road Scholar Program”	Road Scholar is an American not-for-profit organization that provides educational travel tours primarily geared to older adults. The organization is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. From its founding in 1975 until 2010, Road Scholar was known as Elderhostel. Road Scholar offers study tours throughout the United States and Canada and in approximately 150 other countries. This workshop will share the opportunities for educational traveling and answer all your questions. Dream along with other interested sisters!
Karen Butters <i>Beta Mu</i>	“Joy Full Living”	Participants in this workshop will join in a discussion of what a “joy full life” can look like. The leader will share some of the latest publications on the subject. There will also be a hands-on component and a ‘make and take’ to aid in keeping a daily focus on maintaining an attitude of gratitude.
Gertrude Noden <i>Beta Delta</i>	“Building Skills as Global Citizens”	Fostering student awareness and response to local and global social, economic, political and Human Rights issues can seem overwhelming. Explicit design and implementation steps guide teachers through the process of identifying an issue, researching, designing and celebrating students’ informed engagement in citizenship.
Victoria Stockton <i>Alpha Chi</i>	“Come Learn About Schools in Peru”	Come learn about schools in Peru! As a teacher for the deaf and a Fulbright Scholar, Victoria went to Peru to visit schools, including a School for the Deaf.

Friday, April 28, 7:00-7:50pm

Diana (Dee) Katovitch <i>Beta Delta</i>	“The Story of the Elm Hill School”	The Elm Hill School in Barre, Massachusetts was the first school for children with intellectual disabilities in the U.S. The school was unusually progressive in its methods and influenced special education in the U.S. for many years. A DKG scholarship funded Diana’s research on Elm Hill School.
Lochie Musso <i>Alpha Eta</i>	“UN Global Goals Guiding Us Forward”	The leader will share current United Nations goals, what they mean and how we can help achieve them.
Nancy Currier <i>SUNY Oneonta</i>	“Plug into the Power: Literacy and Technology”	Technology is a dynamic tool for reading and writing. Children are eager to learn, willing to take risks and are highly capable of using it to explore, create and communicate. Now that’s powerful! Attendees are encouraged to bring iPads, tablets or cell phones. Nancy is a professor at SUNY Oneonta.
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn <i>Beta</i>	“The Pi State Strategic Plan Impact”	The members of the Pi State Strategic Plan Committee will present the 2017 Strategic Plan and answer questions related to the impact of this plan which will be approved by members at the Convention Board Meeting.

Saturday, April 29, 1:45-2:35pm

Suzanne Patrick <i>Rho</i>	“GOOGLE Docs”	Come see what this new way of sharing files is all about. Participants need to have a gmail account as well as their own computer.
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Pi State Convention Workshops*Concluded from page eight***Saturday, April 29, 1:45-2:35pm**

Presenter	Title of Workshop	Description of Workshop
Barbara Whiting DKG International First Vice President	<i>“The Myth of One Size Fits All”</i>	Have you ever ordered some clothing online that claims <i>one size fits all</i> ? Or tried on some clothing in a store that claims to <i>fit all</i> only to find out it doesn't fit you? Consider that same claim for your Chapter. There really is no one model that fits for all members. Together let's try on some different ideas that might revitalize and energize your Chapter and be a better fit.
Veronica Reitter Director of Ganondagan Arlene Ida Alpha Kappa	<i>“Seneca's Homeland”</i>	Veronica, the Director of Ganondagan State Historic Site, will give a presentation to inform about the homeland of the Senecas, and the past and present at Ganondagan. It will include the Town of Peace, Formation of the Confederacy, the role of the women and Tadadaho: leader of the Grand Council. Arlene will give an update on Pi State Native American Scholarship recipients.
Laurie Boch Grade One Teacher, Michigan Certified Instructor for <i>“Love and Logic”</i>	<i>“Teaching with Love and Logic”</i>	Would you like your teaching to be fun and rewarding instead of stressful and chaotic? This workshop will give you a brief overview of the <i>“Love and Logic”</i> approach to classroom management developed by Jim Charles Fay and Foster Cline. <i>“Love and Logic”</i> is easy to use, raises responsible kids and changes lives. It uses humor and empathy to build up the adult-child relationship, emphasizes respect and dignity for both children and adults and teaches consequences and healthy decision making.

Saturday, April 29, 2:45-3:35pm

Karen Butters State 1 st Vice President Sue Kenoyer State 2 nd Vice President Jennifer Lee-Alden State Secretary Suzanne Patrick State Treasurer	<i>“Chapter Officers' Leadership Development: 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary & Treasurer”</i>	<i>Congratulations!</i> You have stepped forward as a leader within your Chapter! You are assuming duties as your Chapter's First or Second Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. During this workshop your Pi State Officers will share their knowledge and expertise to assist you in fulfilling your leadership roles.
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn Beta	<i>“Crafters in Action”</i>	Participants will create a DKG Bracelet. Members will be able to create a simple beaded bracelet using basic beading and wiring techniques.
Tracy Smith Alpha Psi	<i>“The Path to Becoming a Master Teacher”</i>	Learn about the New York State Master Teacher program. Tracy will share the process for becoming a Master Teacher and the activities she has participated in as a Master Teacher.
Jeanne Schenk State Leadership Development Chair	<i>“Chapter Presidents' Leadership Development”</i>	Chair Jeanne Schenk and Leadership Development Committee will lead a follow-up discussion and information for Chapter Presidents: <i>“Glums & Glows Part II.”</i> Presidents ... Please bring your questions and comments to share.

Saturday, April 29, 3:45-4:45pm

Melanie McDonald Beta Omega	<i>“Membership Makeover: Attracting and Retaining Members”</i>	The Pi State Membership Committee Chair will share information about the DKG International 2015 New Member Recruitment Plan and review ideas and resources to help you implement it in your Chapter to attract and retain members.
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pi State Proposed BYLAWS & Standing Rules Changes for April 29, 2017

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

Please save the following pages 10-15 and bring to the Pi State Convention at the Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown.

Proposed BYLAWS CHANGES for 4.29.17

In accordance with ARTICLE XII Section A of the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board at the Pi State Convention at their meetings April 29, 2017 in Cooperstown, New York.

In addition to the following proposed changes, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee, in consultation with the Pi State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.

1. To amend **Article IV Section A 1 which reads:**

The Pi State annual dues shall be determined by the State Executive Board in consultation with the State Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present in a State Convention or at a spring Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the **spring issue** of *Pi Lights*.

By deleting spring and replacing with winter

To Read:

The Pi State annual dues shall be determined by the State Executive Board in consultation with the State Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present in a State Convention or at a spring Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the **winter** issue of *Pi Lights*.

Rationale: Voting on dues would occur in April at a Convention or Executive Board/Spring Seminar meeting and the change allows for proper time.

2. To amend **Article VI section B 3 which reads:**

An Editor, a Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator and a Webmaster shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

To Add:

An Editor, a Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator, Webmaster and a **Website Editor** shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

Rational: To include the position of the Website Editor so corrections are made on website.

3. To amend **Article VI section C 5 which reads**

The Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall perform such duties as are prescribed in each job description.

To Add:

The Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster, **Website Editor** and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall perform such duties as are prescribed in each job description.

Rationale: To add Website Editor so that her duties may be included.

4. To amend **Article VI section D4 which reads:**

The terms of office of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall be as stated in each job description.

To Add:

The terms of office of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster, **Website Editor** and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall be as stated in each job description.

Rationale: Addition of Website Editor to explain the rules of her selection and the term of her office.

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5. To amend **Article IX section C 3 1 which reads:**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

To Add:

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, **State Editor**, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

Rationale: It specifies which Editor is being mentioned.

6. To amend **Article IX section C 3 1 which reads:**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

To Add:

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator, Webmaster and **Website Editor**.

Rationale: Will allow for proper recommendation of Website Editor.

7. To amend **Article XII section A which reads:**

These BYLAWS may be amended at the Pi State Convention by a two-thirds vote, provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been published in *Pi Lights* prior to the Convention.

To Read

These BYLAWS may be amended at the Pi State Convention by a two-thirds vote, provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been published **no later than the winter issue of *Pi Lights***.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Pi State PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES for 4.29.17
 Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

Proposed BYLAWS Change from Chapter for 4.29.17

To amend ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD Section C Chapter Executive Board which reads:
 Chapter Executive Board

The members of the Chapter Executive Board shall be the elected officers of the Chapter, the Immediate Past President, and such other voting members as shall be determined by the Chapter. The Treasurer and the Parliamentarian shall serve as ex-officio members without vote.

To Read:

Chapter Executive Board

The members of the Chapter Executive Board shall be the elected officers of the Chapter, the Immediate Past President, and such other voting members as shall be determined by the Chapter. **The Treasurer and the Parliamentarian are ex-officio members; the Parliamentarian without vote and the Treasurer without vote if she is paid for her service.**

Rationale: To change the Pi State BYLAWS & Rules to reflect the International BYLAWS & Rules for voting on the Executive Board. Chapter Treasurers should be allowed a vote if they are not paid.

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Pi State Proposed BYLAWS & Standing Rules Changes for April 29, 2017

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

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Pi State Proposed Standing Rules Changes for 4.29.17

In accordance with **Section 13 of the Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board at the Pi State Convention at their meetings on April 29, 2017 in Cooperstown, NY. **In addition to the following proposed changes the BYLAWS & Rules Committee in consultation with the Pi State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

1. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel 5.7 Editor** which reads:
 5.7 Editor
To Read:
 5.7 **Pi State** Editor
Rationale: Specifies that the position is at the State level.
2. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by deleting **5.71** which reads:
 PI LIGHTS , the Pi State publication shall be prepared and distributed by an Editor selected by the Pi State Executive Board.
Replace with:
She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing four issues annually of the Pi State publication, Pi Lights.
Rationale: It specifies the role of the Pi State Editor.
3. To amend **section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by deleting **5.72** which reads:
 The Editor shall send ten extra copies of the issue of PI LIGHTS containing the Convention registration forms to the Pi State Convention Chair.
Rationale: This Standing Rule is no longer practiced.
4. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by renumbering **5.73 to 5.72**
 5.73 She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Pi State Finance Committee and approved by the Pi State Executive Board.
Change Number to:
5.72 She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Pi State Finance Committee and approved by the Pi State Executive Board.
Rationale: Renumbering is occurring because of the omission of the original SR 5.72.
5. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by renumbering **5.74 to 5.73**
 5.74 She shall abide by the terms of the agreement for her office and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.
Change Number to:
5.73 She shall abide by the terms of the agreement for her office and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.
Rationale: Renumbering is occurring because of the omission of the original SR 5.72.
6. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by adding numbers **5.10 - 5.105**
To Add:
5.10 Website Editor
5.101 She shall be responsible for the editing of documents for the Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State Website and sending them to the Webmaster.

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5.102 She shall archive all documents and make revisions as appropriate.

7. To amend **Section 9 Scholarships 9.22** which reads:

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1. Before that date the completed application, a recent photo (optional) and three letters of reference must be sent to the Pi State Scholarship Committee Chair.

To Read:

Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15**. Before that date the completed application, a recent photo (optional) and three letters of reference must be sent to the Pi State Scholarship Committee Chair.

Rationale: Allows time for committee decisions on scholarships to be given at the Awards Luncheon during the Convention/Executive Board Seminar.

8. To amend **Section 11 Special Awards 11.33 Gladys L Mersereau Grant(s) –in-Aid** which reads:

11.33 Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.

To Read:

11.33 Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15**.

Rationale: Allows time for committee decisions on the Grant(s) to be given at the Awards Luncheon during the Convention/Executive Board Seminar.

9. To amend **Section 11 Special Awards 11.46 The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award** which reads:

11.46 Nominations must be postmarked no later than March 1. If a nominee is not selected for the award, her nomination form, letters of support and documentation will be kept on file for one year and she will automatically be considered for the next year's award.

To Read:

11.46 Nominations must be postmarked no later than **February 15**. If a nominee is not selected for the award, her nomination form, letters of support and documentation will be kept on file for one year and she will automatically be considered for the next year's award.

Rationale: Allows time for committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Awards Luncheon during the Convention/Executive Board Seminar.

10. To amend **Section 11 Special Awards 11.65 The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award** which reads:

11.65 The postmarked deadline for submitting nominations to the Chair shall be March 1.

To Read:

11.65 The postmarked deadline for submitting nominations to the Chair shall be **February 15**.

Rationale: Allows time for committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Awards Luncheon during the Convention/Executive Board Seminar.

11. To amend **Section 11 Special Awards 11.74 The Bea Small Award** which reads:

11.74 The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall be March 1. The application for the Award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.

To Read:

11.74 The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall be **February 15**. The application for the Award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.

Rationale: Allows time for committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Award Luncheon during the Convention/Executive Board Seminar.

12. To amend **Section 13 AMENDING PI STATE STANDING RULES 13.11** which reads:

13.11 All proposed amendments to the STANDING RULES shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS &

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Rules Committee with a copy sent to the Pi State President by January 1 for voting at the Spring Executive Board Meeting and/or State Convention and by June 1 for voting at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. Any member, Chapter, Committee or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee.

To Read:

13.11 All proposed amendments to the STANDING RULES shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee, with a copy sent to the Pi State President, by **November 1** for voting at the Spring Executive Board meeting and/or State Convention and by June 1 for voting at the Fall Executive Board meeting. Any member, Chapter, Committee or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee.

Rationale: This allows for the change to be put in winter Pi Lights.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Pi State Guidelines for Vouchers Changes for 4.29.17

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

Proposed Voucher Changes for 4.29.17

1. To amend **Roman Numeral II VICE PRESIDENTS (2), SECRETARY, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT A Meetings and Responsibilities which reads:**
 - A. Meetings and Responsibilities
Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
State Conventions
State Executive Board
State Areas (except own)
State Officers (State Executive Committee)
State Workshops (conducted by International Personnel)
*Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)
*International Convention (Immediate Past President only)

To Add

 - A. Meetings and Responsibilities
Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
State Conventions
State Executive Board
State Areas (except own) **The officers will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**
State Officers (State Executive Committee)
State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)
*Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)
*International Convention (Immediate Past President only)

Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances.
2. To amend **Roman Numeral III TREASURER AND EDITOR A Meetings and Responsibilities which reads:**
 - A. Meetings and Responsibilities
Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
State Conventions
State Executive Board
State Areas (except own)
State Officers (State Executive Committee)

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International Convention
 Northeast Regional Conference
 State Committees (Finance and Audit -Treasurer, Communications and Awards-Editor)
 State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)
 Transfer of files and materials at the end of agreement

To Add:

A Meetings and Responsibilities
 Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
 State Conventions
 State Executive Board
 State Areas (except own) **The officers will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**
 State Officers (State Executive Committee)
 International Convention
 Northeast Regional Conference
 State Committees (Finance and Audit-Treasurer, Communications and Awards-Editor)
 State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)
 Transfer of files and materials at the end of agreement
Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances.

3. To amend **Roman Numeral IV PARLIAMENTARIAN A Meetings and Responsibilities** which reads:

A. Meetings and Responsibilities
 Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
 State Conventions
 State Executive Board
 State Areas (except own)
 State Officers (State Executive Committee)
 State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)
 State Committees (Rules)
 Special DKG meetings at the request of the President

To Add:

A. Meetings and Responsibilities
 Chapter Visitations authorized by the President
 State Conventions
 State Executive Board
 State Areas (except own) **The officer will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**
 State Officers (State Executive Committee)
 State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)
 State Committees (Rules)
 Special DKG meetings at the request of the President

Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances.

Reminder: *Please save pages ten to fifteen and bring to the 2017 Pi State Convention at the Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown.*

Reminder for Chapter Presidents

Chapter Presidents are responsible for submitting a **Chapter Annual Report**. This year the report process has been simplified. You will be submitting one form which includes questions regarding membership, educational excellence programs, projects, scholarships, communications/publicity and World Fellowship. Membership Chairs will still submit the annual Necrology Report (*Form 2*). Chapter Annual Reports are **due February 1, 2017**. Look for directions in the January **Chapter Presidents' Newsletter** from me.

Deborah Bedard

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.** As is tradition, the **2017 Benefit Ticket Sales Challenge** has been set by Pi State President Bedard at \$6335.

"How can I help achieve this goal?" you ask. Well here are two ways...

1. **Check out the Pi State website** <http://deltakappagamma.org/NY> 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 and Area Council Meetings.** The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Funds.

2017 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid	
Name	_____
Chapter	_____
Phone	_____
Drawing at <i>Pi State Convention</i> April 28-30, 2017	
Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10	

We can all participate in "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership" by supporting the Pi State Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

Erin Merrill

Attention All Musicians

Are you planning on attending the Spring *Pi State Convention on April 28th, 29th and 30th in Cooperstown?*

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

Our rehearsals will take place on Friday, April 28th from 7:00-7:50pm and Saturday, April 29th from 3:35-4:45pm.

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

Membership Necrology Reports: due February 1

The State *Membership & Expansion Committee* is preparing for the *Hour of Remembrance Ceremony* at the Pi State 2017 Convention. The Ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 30th. It is imperative that we have an accurate Chapter listing. The Chapter Annual Necrology Report is due February 1 to the State Membership Chair.

Please remember that when a Chapter member passes away, your Chapter President needs to complete the *Death of a Member Report (Form 6) as soon as possible.* It is imperative that these forms are sent Pi State Membership Chair so that the family may be supported and the member remembered.

Melanie McDonald

Area Council Information ~ On Pi State Website

This round of Area Council Conferences closed on October 31. Three Councils held their meetings in 2015 and one held it this summer. The remaining Conferences were held in September and October. Make sure to get on the new Pi State Website by typing in www.dkgnystate.org and then clicking on Pi State followed by clicking on Area Councils and then clicking on **Area Council and Conference Chart** to see information about the Area Council Conferences for this biennium.

Remember that you are welcome to attend any Area Council Conference. There is much to gain from attendance: fellowship with your DKG Sisters, knowledge on many topics, and personal growth.

The new Pi State website has many documents on it to help you from beginning to end in planning, holding and evaluating your Conference. Since several Area Councils have already formed or will be forming new Committees soon, it would be a good idea to read the **Guidelines** document that tells you how to get started. There is information on how to form the Committee, forms that need to be filed before and after you hold the Conference, and a sample evaluation form. *You can even have a flyer advertising your Conference posted here!* You will need to get the proposed date for the Conference approved by the Pi State President and request a visitation by a Pi State Representative. If you have any questions regarding holding your Area Council Conference, then please contact your Pi State Second Vice-President.

Sue Kenoyer

CALL for Members' Talent Showcase Displays!

Pi State 2017 Convention

Otesaga Resort Hotel, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Deadline for Proposals: March 20, 2017

Send Application Form to:

Suzanne Patrick, 11189 County Highway 23, Unadilla, NY 13849-3327

spatrick2@stny.rr.com

The 2017 Conference is seeking Talent Showcase proposals that highlight the unique skills or accomplishments of Pi State members.

Have you, or do you know a member who, published a book, is a gifted artist or potter, is a quilter, a poet, or any other special talent or innovative expression that can be highlighted in displays at the 2017 Convention? Highlighting members by celebrating their creative or innovative talents beyond education will be an exciting addition to the Conference this year. Displays must be set up for a celebration on **Friday evening April 28th, starting at 9:15pm**, and be open for attendees on **Saturday, April 29th 11:15am to 5:00pm** with Author Autographs/Book Sales from 3:40-5:00pm. *Applications will not be accepted after the due date.*

Artist/Author Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Showcase Title: _____

Media: _____

Proposed by: _____ **Chapter:** _____ **Yrs. in DKG:** _____

Description of work for the Showcase (150 words or less):

Space is limited – You are asked to bring 1 medium or 1 large item (*example: painting, quilt*) or one set of small items (*example: books authored or jewelry*) to display. Check one of following to indicate amount of space needed.

_____ Table space: please specify size (no more than 1/2 a table)

_____ Other: Please be specific (*example: space for your own artist easel or quilt rack*)

Attachment(s) (*example: pictures or other information*) _____

Web link (*if available*): _____

For Office Use Only - Received Date: _____

REGISTRATION FORM**2017 Pi State Convention**

April 28-30, 2017

Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Chapter _____ Position _____

of Conventions you have attended: 0 1-3 4-6 more than 6.

Guest Name(s) for Badges _____

*Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception and meeting materials.*Early Registration Fee (Due by March 11th) **\$60.00** _____Late or On-Site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 11th) **\$70.00** _____**Friday, April 28****Dessert Reception 9:15-10:15pm****Included in Registration***Lemon Berry Tarts; Apple Cider Shots with cinnamon cider donut hole; Chocolate Mousse with fresh raspberries; Miniature Cannolis; Hand-cut seasonal fruits and berries; Freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee/Tea selections***Guest Charge \$19.00** _____**Saturday, April 29****Birthday Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm****\$22.00** _____*Fresh Green Salad Hearts of Romaine/Baby Spinach; Dressings: Classic Caesar, chunky blue cheese vinaigrette, acai vinaigrette; Mix-ins: Painted Goat Farm goat cheese, salted roasted beets, English cucumbers, grape tomatoes, focaccia croutons; Soup: Minestrone; Fresh baked rolls/creamery butter, Fresh seasonal fruit, Classic house-made cookies
Iced Tea, lemonade, Coffee & hot tea***President's Banquet 6:00-10:00pm****\$71.00** _____*Grilled and chilled asparagus, shaved prosciutto, ricotta salata, Blue Moon Acres micro arugula, lemon truffle vinaigrette; Local Spurbeck cheddar and Ommegang Abbey Ale soup, sharp cheddar wafer;
Petit filet and lemon thyme-roasted chicken: creamy mascarpone polenta wild mushroom Marsala sauce; Rolls, Creamery Butter; Coffee, tea
Classic Crème Brule***Sunday, April 30****Awards Brunch 10:30am-1:00pm****\$35.00** _____*Fresh orange juice/ruby red grapefruit juice; House-made granola, agave spiked Greek yogurt; Assorted breakfast pastries/breads/seasonal muffins/creamery butter/preserves; Scrambled Eggs; Applewood smoked bacon; Breakfast potatoes; Sausage links: Turkey; Mashed Potatoes & Pan gravy
Freshly brewed regular, decaffeinated coffee/tea selections***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: **Mrs. Lisa Huyck, Registrar, 69 Miller Road, Treadwell, NY 13846**e-mail: farming@citlink.net phone: (607) 829-3551 extension 201Refunds and Cancellation Policies:Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 10, 2017. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 10, 2017 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 10, 2017. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.**Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with Otesaga. Mention DKG to receive room block rate.**

_____ Check here if you would like a roommate and have not registered with someone.



Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid due March 1, 2017

Pi State Scholarships

Is there continuing education or a degree in your future?

If so, Pi State has scholarship opportunities for you!

Pi State offers scholarships for the following areas:

Master's Study

Doctoral Study

Post-doctoral Study

Enrichment Study

Research

Educational Publication

Road Scholar Programs Created by Elderhostel

Continuing Education

Applications are available on the Pi State website in the “*Application Forms*” box.

For further information, you may contact your Chapter President, a Pi State Scholarship Committee member or **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Pi State Scholarship Chair*, 105 Tomahawk Street, Yorktown Heights 10598, rvw20@optonline.net, 914-248-5397.

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

All applications must be in the Scholarship Chair’s email inbox or postmarked by March 1, 2017.

Rosemary Van Wart

DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS due FEBRUARY 1, 2017

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 <https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/scholarship>

Travel and Study Stipend

The *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* will award travel and study stipends to active and retired educators and promote interest in Society Seminars, Conferences, Regionals or Conventions.

The Pi State *Standing Rules* note that there can be two Travel & Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00. Efforts will be made to award one Stipend to a retired member of the Pi State and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the education profession.

Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

1. Number of years of membership and type of service to DKG.
2. Major reasons for applying for the Stipend.
3. The outcome of achievements obtained in attending the Seminar or event.
4. The ways that achievements will be used in the future of DKG and in professional and/or personal growth.

All sections of the application must be completed in order to be considered. The *Travel & Study Stipend* application is due March 1, 2017 to **Patricia L. Turner**, Chair Travel and Study Stipend Committee, 7200 Brookside Drive, Lockport 14094, tunes14@yahoo.com, 716.434.0012. The application is available on the Pi State website in the “*Application Forms*” box.

Pat Turner

**See the full list and information about Pi State
Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid on page seventeen.**

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2017

Refer to the Pi State website www.dkgnystate.org for applications and further information.

Applications are in the "Application Forms" box and Committee information by title of Committee.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	<p>Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria 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."</p> <p><i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th Pi State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning 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>Sue Kenoyer 254 Allen Rd. Plattsburgh 12901 <i>sue.kenoyer@charter.net</i></p>
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	<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>Deborah Bedard P.O. Box 782 Glens Falls 12801 <i>dmbedard29@yahoo.com</i></p>
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	<p>This award with a plaque and a stipend for travel expenses up to \$300 to attend the State Conference is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.</p>	<p>Harlene Gilbert PO Box 269 Geneva 14456 <i>wilmacpeebles@gmail.com</i></p>
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	<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>Arlene Ida 3 Sherwood Park Drive Burnt Hills 12027 <i>aidski@gmail.com</i></p>
Pi State Achievement Award	<p>The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated 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>Agnes Becker 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 <i>ambecker13@gmail.com</i></p>
Bea Small Award	<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>Karen Butters P.O. Box 136 Blue Mountain Lake 12812 <i>kbutters@frontier.com</i></p>
Travel & Study Stipend	<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>Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 <i>tunes14@yahoo.com</i></p>
Scholarship	<p>Pi State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum.</p> <p>International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org.</p>	<p>Rosemary Van Wart 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 <i>rww20@optonline.net</i></p>

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
June 30		<i>Phi</i>	Virginia Dudko
August 8		<i>Northern Area Conference</i>	Ellie Robinson
August 13		<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
Fall 2016		September 24	<i>Southeastern Area Conference</i>
	September 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Karen Butters Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>South Central Area Conference</i>	Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Sigma</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	November 5	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner
	Spring 2017	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>
May 4		<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
May 10		<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard

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

Pi State = 80 years Honoring Key Women Educators



US Forum Update

On October 15, 2016 Pi State Sisters welcomed **Dare Thompson**, President of the NYSLWV. Dare was the guest speaker at our Legislative Luncheon “*Advocating the Changes.*” She discussed how we can be advocates and make a difference. Dare reminded members that involvement is our right as citizens. It is important to connect with elected officials at all levels from local board

meetings to the Senate. Members can connect through attendance at meetings, letters to the Editors, face-to-face meetings with legislators and social media. Whether your message is a call, hand-written letter or text, your legislator will take notice. Obtain more information on *League of Women Voters Advocacy and Legislative Issues* at www.lwvny.org.

US Congress

The 115th Congress will convene on January 3, 2017. It will prove to be interesting for New Yorkers with the Minority Leader, our Senior Senator Chuck Schumer, and President Elect Donald Trump working together. It is important for us to continue to advocate for civil rights: equal pay, human trafficking and hate crime prevention. You might want to support AAUW who advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency: health care, equal pay and work-life balances. Their legislative website is www.aauw.org and www.aauw-nys.org.

NY Legislature

Every twenty years, we are given an opportunity to decide if the NYS Constitution needs to be reviewed or revised. The formal vote on whether to hold a Constitutional Convention will be on November 7, 2017. There are several websites on this topic, including the New York State Constitutional Convention Clearinghouse www.newyorkconcon.info which provides access to a variety of information on the topic. Interested in getting brief updates on our State Legislature? A resource website is State of Politics at www.nystateofpolitics.com.

US Forum NE Regional

Mark your calendars for the **Northeast Regional Conference US Forum on Thursday, July 13, 2017** at Caesar’s in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Pi State and NE Representative



*NYSWV President Dare Thompson (C),
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn (L), and
Pi State President Deb Bedard (R).*

Pi State Strategic Plan 2017

On October 15, 2017, the **Strategic Plan Committee** met and finalized the **Pi State Strategic Plan 2017**. Copies of the document can be found online at the Pi State website. The plan is intended to be a road map for our State Organization. It will guide future Executive Committees. The key areas of focus are Membership, Programs, Communication, Leadership and Area Councils.



Membership

Membership goals are to recruit new members, retain current members who will be initiated in the future, to reinstate former members, and to prevent Chapter dissolutions/promote reinstatement and membership recovery after Chapter dissolutions. These Goals are provided with measurable objectives to access our progress. The State Executive Committee, Membership and Communication Committees, Area Councils and individual Chapters all have a role in these objectives.

Programs

This area’s focus is on promoting programs that meet the needs of active and retired members. Objectives include supporting Chapter Educational Excellence Committees by providing workshops and materials on effective programs. The SP plan directs us to promote programs that encourage STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math*). We look forward to providing venues to showcase members’ research and the formation of a Biannual Arts Retreat. The third objective is to collaborate with area institutions, colleges and organizations in funding and developing programs. This includes providing Leadership Training and professional development through webinars which will be made available to all members. The Educational Excellence Committee and/or a subcommittee of EE will be monitoring and implementing this goal.

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Pi State Strategic Plan 2017*Concluded from page twenty-two***Communication**

The goal of this area is to develop marketing strategies to increase visibility, pride in and knowledge of Society and Member benefits. The State Executive and State Communication Committees will be working with Chapters to provide materials, networking, chat rooms and Google groups and to utilize a variety of media to track and correspond to our membership.

Leadership

Ensuring future leaders at all levels in the Society is the focus of this area. The goal is to provide knowledge and involvement so members build expertise and self-confidence to accept leadership positions. The State Leadership Development Committee and State Executive Committee will be working together to bring training to the membership.

Area Council

The focus of this goal is to improve communication at all levels, State to Chapter. This includes using the Councils to promote professional workshops and review of our Council figuration. Responsibilities will involve the Pi State 2nd Vice President and Area Councils.

The Pi State Strategic Plan 2017 has been sent to the State Executive Committee. At our State Convention in Cooperstown the State Executive Board will be asked to approve the document. It was the Committee's intent to have a living, breathing document to lead us. *Special Thanks* to President **Deborah Bedard**, First Vice President **Karen Butters**, Second Vice President **Sue Kenoyer**, State Membership Chair **Melanie McDonald**, Pi State Communication and Publicity Member **Sue Genthner** and State Executive Secretary, **Karen Crumley** for their work on this project.

Please take the time to look at the document and share it with members of your Chapter.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, SP Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Attention Educators

Registration process for all individuals who would like to maintain their Permanent, Professional, or Teaching Assistant Certification on the State Education Department TEACH website

Permanent Teacher Certificate Holder Registration Process:**Important information for Retirees who Substitute Teach and for Active Teachers**

The NYS Retired Teachers' Association, 8 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110 nysrtainfo@nysrta.org has a tutorial link that contains screen captures and captions that will take you through the registration process for all individuals who would like to maintain their Permanent, Professional or Teaching Assistant Certification on the State Education Department **TEACH** website. To do this process, you must first have a **TEACH account** with State Ed. That process has been explained in other publications and at NYSED.gov.

Please keep in mind that holders of PERMANENT certification do not need to meet the required 100 hours of professional development every five years that holders of PROFESSIONAL certificates are required to do. Also remember that you are required to register during the month of your birth, beginning in 2016 with individuals born in JULY. If you already have a **TEACH account** and log into the system *during the month of your birth*, you will immediately be prompted as to whether or not you wish to register to keep your certificate active.

Maria Weimer, Chair Pi State Communications Committee

Nominations for Women of Distinction Awards**Due February 1, 2017**

The *Pi State Educational Excellence Committee* invites Chapters to nominate a DKG sister for recognition at the *2017 Pi State Convention* in Cooperstown, NY. All Chapters have members that reflect outstanding qualities. Please join us in nominating one member from your Chapter who will be recognized. **Chapter Presidents are asked to submit names by February 1, 2017** to *Educational Excellence Committee* Co-Chair: **Sue Norris**, PO Box 33, Raquette Lake, NY 13436 Sknorris@frontiernet.net.

The Committee will be awarding certificates at the Luncheon at State Convention on April 29th and want to be sure every Chapter has a member who should be recognized. There are *Women of Distinction* pins that you can purchase through FDF Administrator Joan Slagle, either ahead of time or at the Convention FDF store.

Sue Norris



CTAUN

Committee on Teaching
About the United Nations

January 27th, 2017: Annual Conference at the United Nations: "Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge"

Did you know that a large number of refugees are children? As a matter of fact, 28 million children have been displaced by conflict and violence. A new report on this subject: "*Uprooted: The Growing Crisis for Refugee and Migrant Children*" has recently been released by UNICEF. We are pleased to announce that **Emily Garin**, the report's author, will be one of our speakers at the upcoming CTAUN Conference at the UN, January 27th, 2017.

Conference Updates and Reminders:

* Registration for the 2017 conference is open. **Deadline to register is January 17, 2017.**

* CTAUN has negotiated special nightly room rates for Conference attendees:

\$129.00 single (*Queen*) & \$149.00 double valid from January 26th through January 29th, 2017 at the following hotel:

The Lexington New York City, Autograph Collection (a Marriott hotel)

511 Lexington Avenue at 48th Street

Booking deadline for these special rates is January 13, 2017

For hotel details, registration and more information: Refer to CTAUN website, www.teachun.org.

Learn and Enjoy at the Northeast Regional Conference

July 12-14, 2017

Come to the Northeast Regional Conference July 12-14 at Caesars Resort and Convention Center in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. This year's *Northeast Regional Conference* will be **one day shorter** than the other Regionals since International is responding to member requests to shorten the Regionals. *The registration fee* is \$113 (U.S. dollars) for the three days and \$50 for one day. However, the registration form will be listed in Canadian dollars and, therefore, those living in the U.S. will need to use a credit card to register. The credit card bill will then list the cost in U.S. dollars since the exchange rate is less than Canadian dollars.

The Conference site, *Caesars Resort* located across the river from Detroit, is a lovely facility. Rooms are in the Augustus Tower and the meetings are on a lower level in the same tower. Reserving a room in late spring may require you to select lodging in the Forum Tower which requires a short walk through the Casino to the Conference. Lodging is \$165 in Canadian dollars per night (\$123.75 U.S.).

Why do we have Regional Conferences? We can get the latest information about the Society; experience professional and personal development through speakers, breakout sessions, and other activities; and see another geographical area. International meetings are wonderful places to enjoy "*genuine spiritual fellowship*" with women from other countries and states in the U.S. Pre-Conference training will be held on July 10, 11 and 12th for State Organization Presidents and other specific State leaders. *So think very seriously about attending the NE Regional!*

Some members from the Northeast have already volunteered to help Ontario's 150 members. When a list of those volunteer jobs becomes available, the Northeast State Organization Presidents will be notified. *If you wish to do a breakout session or a ten-minute takeaway*, a proposal form is online. Breakouts are 45 minutes. A "*ten-minute takeaway*" is an opportunity to make a presentation on one topic in a ten-minute time slot in an open area.

Two pre-conference sessions—The Underground Railway which ended at Windsor and *Indigenous Peoples in the 21st Century*--will be offered on Wednesday, July 12. Professional development hours will be available.

Members who are musical and enjoy singing and playing instruments are invited to participate. **Susan Young** from Illinois will be directing the chorus along with seeking individuals to perform at various sessions.

Porter Airlines offers a discount from major cities and Canada to Toronto where going through customs is required and then it's only a 20-minute flight to Windsor. On other airlines through Detroit, it is only about 30 minutes by shuttle to arrive at Windsor after going through customs. **You do need a passport!** No one gets in to Canada with a gun--not even one that a husband or friend may have left in the trunk of your car. When passing through customs, if you are asked why you are entering Canada, say you are attending a teachers' conference.

Come to Windsor in July and we will share a variety of experiences and have a good time!!

Carol Hughes, NE Regional Director

Pi**Debbie Conte and Jean Sekel**

Pi Chapter packed 29 boxes filled with school supplies to be distributed to 29 schools in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. *Pi* sisters raised over \$800 to fund the **Paper and Pencil Project**.

Photo Courtesy of Andrea Null

Chi**June Walker with her handmade "DKGer" bears**

June Walker has been a member of the DKG for 57 years and *Chi* for 54 years. During her tenure as *Chi* President from 1968-1970, she instituted our annual Auction. At first it was labeled a Travelogue Auction with members bringing something they had found on their summer travels to raise money for a Grant-in-Aid to a local young woman who was planning to pursue a career in education. Over the years, the Auction has grown to also include homemade food, wine baskets and handcrafted items, annually raising over \$2000 for two \$1000 grants each spring.

June's handmade "DKGer" bears are one of the treasures that garners a high bid. At a recent interview with June, she said that when she retired in 1984, she finally had time to look at some of the magazines she had been saving. In one of them she discovered a company that had kits to make jointed teddy bears so she sent for one. She did the sewing and her husband, Jack, did the "nuts and bolts," assembling the pieces to make the final bear with jointed arms, legs and head. Since then, she has been giving them to friends, organizations who are trying to raise funds, and, of course, *Chi* Chapter for our Auction. Her bears often bring in over \$100 at our auction. Sadly, we have had 3 members who arranged to have their bears returned to *Chi* when they passed so they could be auctioned again to raise more money. *The legacy continues.*

Photo & Article Courtesy of Sue Pennock

Alpha Tau

Congratulations to Katherine Meisch for her Outstanding Philanthropists Award at the 2016 National Day of

Philanthropy Day at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, NY. Kay and her husband, John, have donated over \$3 million to worthy organizations since 1991, giving 50% of their income to charity every year.

Robyn Ballard

Beta Delta: "Making Poverty History"**Gertrude Noden**

Eradicating poverty is one of the greatest global challenges facing the world. The first of 17 Sustainable Development Goals is "No Poverty" by 2030. During a recent meeting *Beta Delta* President **Cornelia Johnson** and members took time to engage in a book circle around their summer read, "\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America," by Kathryn J. Edin & Luke Shaefer.

The U.S. has a growing number of vulnerable low-wage earners. The authors profile a handful of the 1.5 million American households, encompassing over 3 million children, living in poverty. This book circle discussed ways to use these stories to develop awareness of poverty in our world and in our local community of classrooms. Member **Gertrude Noden** facilitated the conversation and participants shared new understandings gleaned from the book, expressed opinions based on the reading and personal experiences as they relate to poverty and classroom learning, and provided suggestions as to how *Beta Delta* can help eradicate poverty through students' informed action plans and *Human Rights Awareness Education*.

In an impromptu call to action, the members combined their loose change resulting in a \$100 donation to the local House of Concern, earmarked for a child or children in need of essential goods or services.

Photo & Article Courtesy of Gertrude Noden

Beta Delta



Beta Delta Program Committee

(l to r) Liz Logan, Marlene LoTurco, Diane Cappellino, Gertrude Noden, President Cornelia Johnson, Linda McKeveney (Missing Roberta Leu)

Photo Courtesy of Kathy Gotham

Psi



Initiate Carol Lowry (left) with her Sponsor Treasurer Judy Corigliano. Carol taught at Northern Adirondack Central School until she retired.



Omega Grants-in-Aid Recipients 2016

The monetary award of \$750 was given to each of four local graduates who plan to matriculate in education.

(L to R) Laura VanAuken, Newark CSD, attending Roberts Wesleyan College majoring in Elementary/Special Education; Sydney Gagliano, Palmyra Macedon CSD, attending Monroe Community College majoring in Elementary/Special Education; Hannah Simpson, Canandaigua City School District, attending Brigham Young University in Math Education; and Samantha Jansen, Canandaigua City School District, attending Nazareth College in Early Childhood and Math Education.

Omega

Omega Celebrated 2016-18 Officers

(L to R) Co-President Mary Cherniss, Co-President Kerry Smartt, Co-Parliamentarian Linda Smith, Co-Parliamentarian & IPP Mary-Martha Harvey, Secretary Bev Lanoue, Treasurer Judy Kiehle, Second Vice President Adelle Miller-Wadsworth, First Vice President Sally Maxson

Photos Courtesy of Gail Burr



Omega Auctioneer Susan Cunningham led the 2017 Auction for Grants-in-Aid & Scholarships, raising over \$4000. Members donated auction items for "Make It, Bake It or Fake It." Susan secured donations from numerous area merchants for the benefit drawings.



Congratulations to Omega member, **Christine Bennett**, for successfully advocating for her District to use *Wellness Is Now* funds to purchase six breast pumps, plus extra accessories, and a private space to help new breastfeeding Moms when they return to work. An Aide is also provided so that Moms could leave their classrooms. *Christine teaches English at Palmyra-Macedon CSD.*

Gamma Delta



Mary Lorich, a 49 year member of DKG and member of *Gamma Delta*, was honored at Niagara University by the dedication of a pediatric room in the Nursing Simulation Center. Mary was a Professor of Nursing at the University from 1966-1993. The recognition was given by her former student, Dr. Frances Crosby and her husband, Brian. Dr. Crosby is the Director of the Niagara University School of Nursing.

Photo & Article Courtesy of Ellie Robinson

Beta Mu



(L to R top row) Diana Peterson, Cheryl Schiller, Rose Ann Hickey, Sue Norris, Karen Butters, Kathy Curit (Middle row) Linda Jackson, Linda Werner, Anne Cooney (Front row) Carol Lamb, Karen Glass and Mary Woodcock Johnson

Photo Courtesy of Sue Norris

Two of our members are cancer survivors and take part in a weekend program every year at Great Camp Sagamore. Beta Mu member Karen Glass and presenter Marci Wenn of *Creative Healing Connections* led a Chapter program in making **“Soul Collages.”**

Marci explained the process of looking at a myriad of pictures and picking out what spoke to us. We then cut and pasted in silence with lovely gentle music in the background. After the cards were completed, we wrote a statement on the back that represented where we 'were' with our collages. Some were humorous; some very 'deep'. We shared our work with each other. Many comments were affirmations of what was portrayed. Not only was the activity enjoyable but our deeper sharing with each other as sisters was priceless.

Karen Butters

Sigma



(L to R) Carol Bandlow, Joann O'Connell, Linda Evans.

Sigma members gathered many items that will be gifts to those who reside in the Oneida Hospital Extended Care Unit in Oneida. Collected items were blankets, slippers, games, stationery & large print books ... *to name a few.*

Laurie Metz, *Sigma*, presented a program, **“Breathing and Vocal Hygiene,”** including **“Tech Neck”** exercises and pointers on how to maximize our breathing capacity.



Photo & Article Courtesy of Cindy Martin

Gamma Alpha



(l to r) Initiate Christine Hanna (Retired elementary school Teacher/Administrator Staten Island and currently in the Sun Dog Residency Program); Initiate Elaine Callow (Retired Elementary Teacher Staten Island and Adjunct Professor Middlesex Community College, New Jersey); Initiate Basanti Chakraborty (Professor Early Childhood Education Department, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, New Jersey)

Photo Courtesy of Joan Goldstein



Pi State Past President & Executive Secretary & Tau Past President Karen Crumley accepts Educational Foundation Plaque for having the most members join in 2016 from Foundation President Ginny Dudko.



Wendy Seward created a "Giving Tree." The purpose of the tree is to share with others past read books & teaching materials. Members are encouraged to bring & or take from the "Giving Tree."

Tau

Celebrating Initiation



Secretary Kim Wright, President Leah Exner, Initiate Nicole Rizzo, Mona Bogan, Mary Ellen Levy

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Beta Tau



(l to r) Mary Lee Page, Betsy Hoefen, and Jonette Lancos

Beta Tau members **Mary Lee Page, Betsy Hoefen, and Jonette Lancos** presented the program, "15 years of Painting Walking Sticks." These talented ladies take a trip to the Adirondacks each year and collect fallen branches. They transform the branches into walking sticks, which are works of art! *Photo & Article Courtesy of Patti Genereux*

Beta Tau

Haven: the Book & Museum

Beta Tau Chapter read the book, **Haven** by Ruth Gruber, the accounting of a woman's quest to lead almost 1000 Jewish prisoners out of Europe to a relocation site in Oswego during World War II. Chapter members visited **Haven**, a museum about her endeavor. Bill Gregway acted as the guide through the museum for Chapter members.

Photo & Article Courtesy of Patti Genereux



(l to r) Audrey Taylor, her Father Bill Gregway, Beta Tau members Cathy Dickinson and Vickie Rose

Look for memories of Fall Area Councils and Fall Pi State Executive Board Meeting/ Seminars in the spring issue of Pi Lights.



*Pi State Treasurer (L)
with Mrs. Maurer*

A Membership Story

In 1974 as a sixth grader, I was taken under the wing of a teacher by the name of **Mary Ann Maurer**. I worked with Mrs. Maurer in her classroom. I corrected papers, listened to students read, and helped with math facts. I can remember helping students in her first grade learn to count to one hundred. For the next six years I spent every study hall in Mrs. Maurer's room. When I started

my senior year, Mrs. Maurer told me that I should be a teacher. At graduation in 1981, I was awarded a scholarship from *Rho* Chapter of DKG.

In 1993 after teaching for eight years, Mrs. Maurer recommended me for membership into *Rho* Chapter. I was honored that Mrs. Maurer thought so much of me as a teacher to recommend me. I was teaching at the Franklin Central School, the same school that I attended and Mrs. Maurer taught. Through the years Mrs. Maurer mentored me, not only as a teacher, but as a DKG member. In 2004 I was elected president of *Rho*. I really think Mrs. Maurer was as happy as I was. As President, I attended State meetings. Mrs. Maurer always encouraged me to become more involved at the State level.

In 2007, I applied for the position of State Treasurer. Mrs. Maurer was behind me, pushing me to apply. She was very pleased when I was appointed in 2007. Since becoming State Treasurer in 2007, I have expanded my horizons. I have been to several International Conventions, several Regional Conferences as well as State meetings. I had the pleasure to meet and talk with some incredible women from around the world. DKG has enriched my life immensely ... all *thanks* to that first grade teacher who took me under her wing.

Today Mrs. Maurer is 99 years young. I visit her often. Although she doesn't remember me, we still talk about her years of teaching and her love of *Rho* Chapter and DKG. I'm proud to carry on her love of DKG.

Suzanne Patrick

Pi State Necrology Report June 15-Dec. 1, 2016

Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Brass

Alpha Gamma
October 19, 2006

Mrs. Sandra Duckworth

Beta Gamma
November 6, 2016

Mrs. Marita Egan-McNeil

Alpha Delta
August 28, 2016

Margaret T. Ransom

Beta Mu
August 12, 2016

Mrs. Barbara Schermerhorn

Alpha Delta
July 28, 2016

Ms. Norma Schrader

Alpha Lambda
September 28, 2016

Miss Ruth Spillman

Alpha Gamma
June 1, 2016

Mrs. Mary Jand Virginia

Beta Nu
September 15, 2016

Gamma Alpha "Teachers and Technology"

Technology-rich classrooms occur when teachers routinely use and expand technology-based tools to deliver instruction and promote higher-thinking order skills for all. *Mishra & Koehler (2006)* term this accomplishment *Technological, Pedagogical and Content Knowledge* (TPACK). They argue that this context gives rise to teacher competency in technology. However, the construct is difficult to master without significant assistance from trained specialists. School-based technology coordinators prompt *Learning by Design* (*Kolodner, Crismond, Gray & Putamber, 1998*) sessions to enable teacher-TPACK. Thus, technology-rich classrooms develop. This environment enhances student achievement and test performance.

Learning by Design is the vehicle that recognizes teachers as adult learners and gives them a commanding voice in what they want to learn. Its constructs provide the iteration of ideas (*old and new*) for possible solutions. It initiates a dialogue with which pedagogues can begin the discourse on the dynamics and overarching advantages of technology in learning. It is the paradigm that allows teachers to understand the technological impacts on education either individually or as a group. TPACK reconciles mastery of teacher-technology for instruction. On the road to achieving desired student outcomes, TPACK is the link in which novice and expert come together for collaborative learning and discovery of information augmented by technology.

Although these frameworks do not represent a collective panacea for many educational conundrums, they may be of help to inner city school districts struggling with low-student achievement. The purpose of this study is to provoke administrative and teacher consideration of TPACK and LbD frameworks as cost-effective alternatives for the fiscal loss of school-based technology coordinators and meaningful technology professional development.

Joan Bruner-Timmons

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. Since these projects are supported solely by your donations, the Foundation is a great place to make a donation when you need to remember that "*special someone*" who doesn't need one more gift but loves children and learning. How about making a donation in their name? And it is a great way to honor someone who has passed away but you want to remember on a holiday or other special day.

There are two more years left on the **Plaque Challenge**. The plaque will once again be awarded to the Chapter having the greatest percentage of their members as Foundation members. *Tau* Chapter earned the plaque in April 2016 with just over 40% of their Chapter belonging to the Educational Foundation. If you are not a member, join now . . . *Help your Chapter win the plaque in 2017!*

The Directors are pleased to announce that we received five applications for grants in the November 1st funding round and all won approval! *Congratulations to the following projects and sponsors:*

**** **Cindy Zhe**, *Beta Tau*, is receiving funding for an individual grant entitled "**Authors and Storyteller Visits to St. Agnes School.**" The grant will provide \$1000 to fund professional authors and storytellers to visit St. Agnes School, interact with the children and then be followed-up with rich reading and writing experiences.

**** **Jacky Robisch**, *Beta Kappa*, is receiving a grant for \$828.55 for their Chapter project entitled "**Activity Bags.**" They will decorate bags for children (and their siblings) who are seeking treatment at the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital near them. The bags will contain things to keep children happy and busy -- journals, reading books, brain games and pencils. They will be placed at the Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House.

**** "**Empowering Chemo Kids with Turtle Power!**" is **Mary Jane Fonte's** grant that won approval. It is a *Gamma Delta* Chapter project funded for \$500 and will target children who are receiving chemotherapy at a nearby medical center. The children will receive a copy of the book, "*Turtelini, The Turbo Charged Turtle,*" signed by the author, which encourages them not to give up, along with a turtle cape, made by members, which will hide their fears and dry their tears.

**** "**Reading For All Ages**" is the grant written by **Elizabeth Huggler**, *Tau*. It is an individual grant for \$296 and will place books into hands of underprivileged children and increase literacy of young children. Since many elementary teachers sort out and recycle classroom library books when they retire or change grades, the writer wants to decorate and fill bags with these books to give to children to take home rather than discard them.

**** "**Using Ukuleles to Teach Literacy in Music and ELA**" is **Jennifer Lee-Alden's** grant from *Beta Omega*. It is an individual project being funded for \$1082.53 to support musical literacy, which supports reading literacy, brain development and attention in many ways. The grant will be used to purchase ukulele "*bundles.*"

Congratulations to all the applicants and those who are being funded. Do be aware that we have just decreased our treasury by \$3707.08. At this time, it is only your membership fees (*lifetime, one-time only*) and donations that keep our treasury going. We LOVE to give money away, but can only do so through YOUR generosity. **Thank you in advance for allowing us to do so.**

Check out the **Pi State Educational Foundation section on the Pi State website**, especially on the Grant Application line . . . we are now suggesting that applications be submitted electronically! This saves you--and us--time and postage!

The Foundation Board is looking forward to seeing you at the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the Pi State 2017 Convention on April 29 from 11:00-11:30am. Grant winners from this past year will give updates on their projects at this meeting. Refer to your Convention Schedule for the location. *See you there!* **Ginny Dudko**

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

ATTENTION:**FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the Pi State 2017 Convention at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 11:00-11:30am. *The Agenda will be announced.*

Pi State Foundation Directors**2014-18**Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau*, Chair**2015-19**Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer**2016-20**Jean Sekel, *Pi*, Secretary
Sheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*
Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations

(November 30, 2015-December 1, 2016)

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- February 1 - Chapter Annual Report** due to Pi State President
- February 1 - Chapter Annual Necrology** due to Pi State Membership Chair
- February 1 - Chapter Nominations Women of Distinction** due to EEC Co-Chair
- March 1 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms** due to Committee Chairs (*See Summary on Pi State Website & page 20 of this issue.*)
- March 11 - Early Registration to Pi State 2017 Convention** due to Registrar (*See Registration form on page 19 of this issue.*)
- March 20 - Proposals for Members' Talent Showcase** due to Pi State Treasurer (*See form on page 17 of this issue.*)
- June 30 - Chapter Standing Rules** due to State BYLAWS & Rules Chair and Pi State President

Save the Dates:

- The **2017 CTAUN "Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge"** will be held at United Nations in NYC January 27, 2017, 9:30am-4:00pm.
- 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.

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