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**DKG: Opportunities for Dialogue,
Knowledge, and Growth**

Welcome to the 2019-2021 Biennium *President Sue Kenoyer*

I am so pleased to be your President for the 2019-2021 biennium. We have new State Committee Chairs and you will be electing new Chapter Presidents during this year. We also have a new name. Because of changes voted in at the International Convention during summer of 2018 we are now New York State Organization DKG or NYSO DKG. We have been busy. Please be patient with us while this process is taking place.

My theme for the biennium is “Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge and Growth”. I hope our state level meetings provide time for members to just sit and talk with one another. I hope that we spend less time on reports in meetings and offer more opportunities for workshops and opportunities for area council or committee meetings to accomplish the work of the Society.

Our State Committee Chairs attended training in Syracuse on August 16 & 17. The applications have been updated and the webpages are in the process of being done. The Chairs will be in contact with the members of their committees and setting up an initial meeting date on **Go-To-Meeting**. You can find another article in this issue that lists all the State Committee Chairs. If you are interested in being on a committee, then please contact me at suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com. I am sure that the chairs would welcome additional members. Joining a State Committee is a great way to get into doing state-level work and networking there.

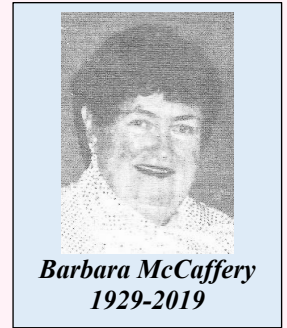
Chapter Presidents are starting their second year of their Biennium. They should all be more comfortable in their roles. I recently forwarded them the President’s Notes from our International President Cathy Daugherty. International is very good about keeping us all on task. I will also be writing a NYSO *News for Presidents* letter every two months to help the Chapter Presidents stay on schedule. Sometime during this next year your chapter will be filling a slate of officers and holding an election. When you are approached please give serious consideration to running for one of the chapter offices. It really will not take a lot of your time and is very rewarding.

I also want you to consider revitalizing your chapter by doing a membership drive. The Membership Committee is ready to help you get started. We have so much to offer when it comes to mentoring capabilities, scholarships, awards and international educational projects. International has so many resources on their website to help chapters get a serious recruitment plan started.

I am starting my 43rd year of teaching math in five days and am so excited about starting another year at SUNY Plattsburgh. I love what I do!

Let’s approach this next year with enthusiasm!

In Memorial: Barbara McCaffery (Mu)



Barbara McCaffery served as the thirty-first President of Pi State, 1999-2001 Biennium. She also served Pi State as Secretary 1993-1995, Second Vice President 1995-1997 and First Vice President 1997-1999. As Secretary, she was instrumental in compiling the State Educational Resource Directory from surveys received from Pi State members. She was State Chair of both the Program of Work and Research Committees. She served as Properties Chair for the 1995 Northeast Regional and was a recipient of the Pi State Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award in 1993. She presented workshops at the Northeast Regional Conferences in both Chicago and Buffalo. She participated in the US Forum in 1998, attended the International Convention in Dallas, was a presenter in Nashville and traveled to Mexico to present a program in Spanish. She served as the Liaison for the Northwest Area Council for two years. In 1999, she was named by the International Speakers' Fund Committee to promote "*Friendship Across Borders.*" One of Barbara's programs was used by International President Isabel Wheeler at a European Area Conference on effective communication. She was instrumental in the publication of two Pi State Resource Manuals dealing with parenting. Barbara also received the Pi State Achievement Award in 2003.

She was initiated in DKG in 1975. She served the *Mu* Chapter as President, First Vice President and Chair of the Research and Legislative Committees.

A Professor Emerita of SUNY Geneseo where she taught for 24 years, she was the college's Executive Director of the Center for Educational Resources and Essential Services. She served as Ombudsman for the Regional Council on the Aging for four years, as an advocate for migrant children and their parents for twenty years, and as Director of the National Migrant Special Education Center. She developed materials for NYS Literacy Volunteers of America in the Tutorial Slide/Tape Program.

As State President, her theme was *A Paradigm for Change—It's Up to You!* She advocated for members to work together with a shared vision while making significant, issue-orientated contributions. She led Pi State in establishing a Strategic Plan for Renewal. In 2000, she nominated DKG Founder Annie Webb Blanton for induction consideration into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Submitted by Mary-Martha Harvey

Remembrance

Mary Luckern—*Omega Chapter* 2/10/2019

Valerie Cordiale—*Beta Psi Chapter* 4/17/2019

Marjorie Hunt—*Beta Theta Chapter* 5/14/2019

Susan Carol Jones—*Alpha Iota Chapter* 6/2/2019

Karen Wiktor—*Alpha Pi Chapter* 6/20/2019

*A single rose can be my garden... A single friend,
my world.*



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Are you looking for more information from DKG Society International? Sign in at dkg.org and explore these publications: *The Bulletin*, promoting professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings, and *the International Journal for Professional Educators*, focused on research-based and documented works

**NYSO MEMBERS LEADERS IN 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“GLOBAL AWARENESS”
Foxwoods, Mashantucket, Connecticut
July 30 – August 1, 2019**



*Northeast Regional Director
Jane Tanner*

The site of the 2019 International Conference “*Global Awareness*” was the Foxwoods Resort Casino, owned and operated by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. During the Conference, we learned about the Connecticut State heroine Prudence Crandall, focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), celebrated the Induction of Marion Blumenthal Lazan as 2019 DKG International Honorary Member and shared her stories of survival, attended Sessions and Workshops, shared meals and friendships and networked.

Northeast Regional Director 2018-2020 **Jane Tanner**, *Chi*, opened the Conference. As the NERD, Jane collaborated with the Connecticut Conference Steering Committee Chair **Pat O’Connell-Buckley** and her Committee and was instrumental in the planning and details of the Conference.

Dr. Andréa Morris, *Alpha Beta*, and **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*, performed the accompaniment of the *Presentation of the Flags* at the First General Session. They both performed the Preludes for Sessions and the accompaniment for the NE Chorus.

Presentation of the SDGs

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were presented by NYSO members. In the First General Session “*Global Awareness – Women*

Making a Difference,” Primary DKG@UN **Eileen Venezia**, *Gamma Alpha*, presented SDG **Goal 1** “No Poverty” and

SDG **Goal 2** “Zero Hunger.” In Second General Session “*Global Awareness – Human Rights*,” CTAUN Vice Chair

Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*, and CTAUN Secretary **Lochie Musso**, *Alpha Eta*, presented SDG **Goal 3** “Good Health and Well-Being,” SDG **Goal 4** “Quality Education” and SDG **Goal 5** “Gender Equity.” At the Global Awareness Luncheon

“*DKG Impacting Education Worldwide*,” CTAUN Secretary **Lochie**

Musso presented SDG **Goal 6** “Clean Water and Sanitation” and SDG **Goal 7** “Affordable and Clean Energy.” CTAUN

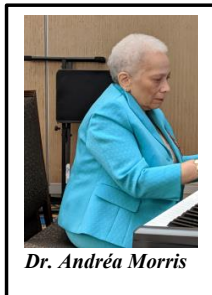
Vice Chair **Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*, presented SDG **Goal 8** “Decent Work and Economic Growth,” SDG **Goal 9**

“Industry Innovation and Infrastructure” and SDG **Goal 10** “Reduced Inequalities.” At the Third General Session “*Global*

Awareness of Culture Breakfast,” CTAUN Member **Ann Grosjean** presented SDG **Goal 11** “Sustainable Cities and

Communities” and SDG **Goal 12** “Responsible Consumption and Production.” CTAUN Chair **Anne-Marie Carlson**, *Phi*,

presented SDG **Goal 13** “Climate Action,” SDG **Goal 14** “Life Below Water” and SDG **Goal 15** “Life on the Land.”



Dr. Andréa Morris



Karen Butters



Anne-Marie Carlson



Grace Murphy



Lochie Musso



Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

United States Forum

Northeast Representative to U.S. Forum **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, *Beta*, presided at the United States Forum, introduced Keynote Speaker **Megan Clark Torrey**, CEO of the World Affairs Council of Connecticut, and gave the invitation to the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC March 15-18, 2020.



Karen Crumley

Takeaway Session

International Chair Non-dues Revenue Committee **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*, NYSO Executive Secretary and Past State President, presented a Takeaway Session: *Non-dues Revenue - Member Benefits*.

Mary-Martha Harvey

**DKG Vision Statement:
Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide**

You're Invited

**Join NY State Sisters at the
NY State 2020 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar**

**April 24-25, 2020
Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Centre
801 University Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210
315-475-3000**

In the mailed Winter 2020 Issue of *Pi Lights* and online www.dkgnystate.org look for:

- ❖ Invitation & Hotel Information
- ❖ Registration Form
- ❖ Keynote Speaker
- ❖ Schedule-at-a-Glance
- ❖ Educational Excellence Committee's Workshops
- ❖ Tentative Agenda for Executive Board Meeting
- ❖ Proposed Changes to State Standing Rules
- ❖ Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting



Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Center

Hotel Information

Room Block for Sheraton University Hotel & Conference Center is open.

Call 888-627-7097.

Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block.

The Room Block closes March 26, 2020.

Block Rate is \$133.00 +13% tax (\$150.29).

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

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid* was established in 1975 to honor Past NY State President (1946-1948) **Gladys L. Mersereau**, *Beta Rho*, who wanted to help women become teachers. The purpose of this Award is to provide funding to a non-DKG member(s) whose education was interrupted and who now need financial aid to complete certification.

All Chapters are asked to survey their membership to find, consider and nominate worthy applicants.

Serving on the Board of Trustees are: NY State President **Sue Kenoyer**, chair, *Psi*; First Vice President **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*; Immediate Past President **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*; Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*; **Judy Parker**, *Nu* (2017-2022); and **Jane Tanner**, *Chi*, (2015-2020)

Please send your questions to Chair **Sue Kenoyer**, suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com, 518-420-3447. The application form is available on the NYSO website and is due no later than February 15, 2020. The website is http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_glm.pdf.

Sue Kenoyer

Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* is given to an active (not reserve) member of the NYS Organization who has held membership for a minimum of five years. She can be an active or former member of the teaching profession who has exemplified the best in education. Her contributions to education and other related fields in New York, and possibly the national level, should be varied, widely known and well-documented over a period of five years. It should demonstrate the nominee's commitment to education locally, statewide and/or nationally.

The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* was established in 1988 from a bequest of Past NYSO President Frederica Hollister. She was a member of the Beta Rho Chapter. Along with honoring the recipient of this award, it also honors the memory of Frederica Hollister's exceptional contributions to education and women educators.

All sections of the completed application must be mailed with a postmark date no later than February 15 to be considered. The nominator must include her nomination form, letter of support and documentation. Please cut and paste the following link into your web browser to access an application for the Frederica Hollister award:

For further information, please contact the Chair Dr. Renee L. Funke, ReneeFunkeDKG@gmail.com

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

A Note From our Awards Committee Chairperson

Thanks to you NY State sisters, the awards and grant(s)-in-aid available to members and non-members continues to thrive!! In 2019, NY State members contributed **\$5,362**. What an amazing commitment from all of you!

NY State President Sue Kenoyer has set the **2020** goal for \$5,363. Our 2020 contributions are at about \$125.

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

1. Check out the NY State website (www.dkgnystate.org) for a list of awards and grants()-in-aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories. Please make sure they are identified and honored with a NY State Award.
2. Purchase NY State benefit tickets at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards and grants-in-aid fund.

2020 NY State Awards Benefit Ticket
for Awards, Scholarships, Grants-in-Aid

Name _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

Drawing at NY State Spring Executive Board,
Syracuse NY, April 24-25, 2020

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

Look for tickets at your chapter meetings this year.

**Feel free to share electronically with those who travel in the winter **

We can all take advantage of "“*Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge, and Growth*” by supporting the NY State Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

Amy Zimmerman, NY State Awards Committee Chair

The Bea Small Award

Applications Due: February 15, 2020

Attention: All State Chapters!

Consider applying for a Bea Small Award. Many of you are deserving recipients. Your many projects deserve to be recognized and supported at the Awards Brunch on April 25, 2020 at the Sheraton University Hotel in Syracuse, NY. This award was established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, *Omega Chapter*. The deserving project must originate at the Chapter level and it must be on-going for a minimum of two years. The project needs to respond to the needs of a specific population in the chapter’s geographic area. The submission form may be filled out and submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Project Chair and must include the Chapter President’s signature. A chapter may receive this award twice for the same project.

Application forms are available on the NY State Website.

By **Karen Crumley**

The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award. The nominee shall be a woman from NYS who is not a member of the DKG Society International and is not eligible for membership in the Society, but rather someone outside the profession who has worked toward improving the educational opportunities of others and who has given outstanding service to promoting quality education.

In keeping with the NYSO DKG's President's theme "Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge and Growth" chapter presidents, area council representatives, and chapter members are encouraged to talk to one another about potential candidates for this Award.

Chapters and individual members should also be made aware that donations may be made to the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Fund since the Fund is maintained by voluntary contributions. A form may be found on the NYSO DKG website.

The Nomination Application Form can be found on the NYSO DKG website. Forms are due no later than February 15, 2020.

For further information contact the Chair of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees, **Emilie Stris**, ejstris@hotmail.com.

Members of the committee are:

Emilie Stris, Chair, *Gamma Alpha*

Rowena Costa, *Alpha Phi*

Dr. Kathy Lavoie, *Psi*

Catherine Olinger, *Beta Psi*

Annmarie Santorelly, *Zeta*

Travel and Study Stipend

As we turn the pages on the calendar from summer to fall and many of us have gone back to our classrooms, the Travel and Study Stipend Committee chaired by Rosemary Van Wart (*Alpha Pi*) wishes to welcome you to a new biennium with opportunities for travel and study. This is another way that the DKG New York State Organization assists members in their professional and personal growth. In the past, members have applied for this stipend to go to an International Convention. The next one is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 7-11, 2020. Perhaps you have never attended an International Convention so this would be a good time to think about applying for the stipend. Other conferences and seminars encouraged by the Society may be considered for the stipend as well, for example, the CTAUN conference (Committee on Teaching about the United Nations) at the United Nations in New York City. A stipend was awarded to a member to attend in 2017.

New York State Standing Rules state that there can be two Travel and Study Stipends awarded, each not to exceed \$1,000. Efforts are made to award one stipend to a retired member of NY State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma and one to a member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees.

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 the achievements will be used in the future of DKG, and in one's professional and/or personal growth.

We hope to have many applications this year. The deadline for application is February 15, 2020. The application can be found on the DKG NY State website or you may contact Rosemary Van Wart at rvw20@optonline.net. Feel free to contact me or any of the Committee members: Kate Elder (*Alpha Psi*), Leah Exner (*Tau*), RoseAnn Hickey (*Beta Mu*), Joyce Krupnik (*Beta Epsilon*) and Fran Romeo (*Alpha Lambda*). We are here to help you with any questions you may have.

Best wishes from Rosemary Van Wart, Chair



ON HUMAN POTENTIAL

by Sandra Kay Ed.D.

A book commentary by Doreen Croyle Ed.D

Dr. Sandra Kay is an esteemed member of Zeta Chapter and recent author of *On Human Potential: Nurturing Talents and Cultivating Expertise*. Although I have known Sandy for over 20 years and we have had many discussions on educational posits, I am continuously astounded by her wisdom, insight, and expertise in the realm of education.

My relationship with Sandy Kay has evolved over the years from role model to colleague and peer—I am proud to call her my friend. As a keenly observant educator, Sandy notices the abilities of children and adults even before they can grasp it themselves. It only takes one person within a community to believe, support, and cultivate your strengths to make you into the person that you were meant to be.

Dr. Kay's virtuosity in highlighting the importance of creating a tangible profile of developing talent (Talent Record) is invaluable to educators and parents. *On Human Potential* uses federal guidelines to define the giftedness domains (Intellectual Aptitude, Specific Academic, Creative/Productive, Leadership, Visual Performing Arts, Psychomotor/Kinesthetic) as the foundation for creating the profile. Dr. Kay builds on empirical gifted research and expounds on the fact that to develop a strength into a talent it takes over 10,000 hours of quality practice, environmental factors, and teacher and parent support. It is the supportive factor that aids in discerning that a strength could inevitably become a talent. Thus, cultivating a strength into a talent involves all those connected to a child in the school setting and beyond. Every individual brings to light the child's aptitude in a specific domain and how it has evolved in different settings. The Talent Record documents all aspects of the child's talent development in a concise profile which follows the child throughout their educational career. This record becomes the confluence of collective evidence so a clear image of talent emerges.

On Human Potential uses evidence-based research intertwined with relevant student samples to bring theory into practice. It illustrates how anecdotal evidence and using multiple measures reinforces the perception of a talent to teachers, parents, and even to the students themselves. Included in the book is a wealth of resources in each domain for educators and parents to use as a framework to guide them in ascertaining the evidence needed for the profile.

The book is not only for educators but also for parents, grandparents, and caregivers that are involved in the child's life because it provides the tools to develop the child's profile based on their observations. It strengthens the caregiver's ability to cultivate the child's inherent attributes and bridge it to talent, then subsequent expertise.

Call for Submission of Chapter Initiates and Photos

Please continue to send photos of your Chapter Initiates to State Editor Kim Goldhirsch (kgpilightseditor@gmail.com) and President Sue Kenoyer (suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com). Be sure to include Initiate names, area/grade/subject that they teach and where. Photos should be sent in jpg format.

Calling all talented women!

The **Educational Excellence Committee (EEC)** is excited about our new biennium. We are looking for talented women who would like to lead a workshop at one of our Executive Board Meetings/Seminars or the State Convention.

If you have an idea for a workshop you would like to attend, or a suggestion of a person who has an interesting topic, or you would like to present, please send your idea to us! Thanks to the groundwork by **Karen Jones** and **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, we have an exciting opportunity to offer workshops that can count as professional development time, or CTLE, Continuing Teacher and Learning Education. You can send any and all workshop ideas to **Sue Norris** at sknorris@frontiernet.net. The workshop submission form can be found on our NYSO DKG website.

I would like to introduce the members of the EEC for 2019 - 2020. They are **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Alison Brown, Karen Jones, Jennifer Lee-Alden, Della Ludwig, Jo Salo, Vicky Stockton, Pat Turner, and Eileen Venezia**, and **Sue Norris**. I appreciate the enthusiasm they have brought for planning the workshops for this biennium.

The deadline for workshop submission is November 1st, but our committee will meet in early October to look at workshop ideas for the Spring 2020 Executive Board Meeting and Seminars. Send us an email with your thoughts, right now! Thanks for helping us offer the best "Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge, and Growth."

By Sue Norris

The Personnel Committee needs YOU!

As DKG members, we are a diverse group of educators with many skills! The Personnel Committee needs YOU to step up and help NY State. The Personnel Committee is always on the lookout for energetic, talented, and organized women to serve as one of NY State's Elected Personnel. We have five Elected Personnel: Executive Secretary, Webmaster, Treasurer, Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator, and Editor. Each of these positions are integral part of NY State's Executive Committee.

This year we are looking to fill the positions of Executive Secretary, Webmaster, and FDF Administrator. The duties of these positions vary, and we are sure that YOU would be a great fit for one of them. Each position is a four-year term and has an annual honorarium. Here is a short description of each of the positions:

If YOU are organized the Executive Secretary position is one you might enjoy. Some of the duties are organizing State and Biennial reports, compiling the State Directories, and maintaining permanent records. You would also help plan State meetings by making site arrangements, and prepare materials needed.

If YOU are a computer person then the Webmaster position is the one you might like. The Webmaster's duties include keeping our NY State website up to date, investigate new web materials that might useful to our site, keep our site in compliance with DKG standards. You may also be a resource for Chapter Webmasters as they set up their websites.

If YOU love to shop Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator is the one for you. The main duty of the FDF Administrator is to attend NY State meetings to provide members an opportunity to purchase DKG materials. You will be responsible for keeping an inventory items and order new inventory. You will submit records of sales and forward monies to the treasurer.

Complete descriptions and applications are on the NY State Website in the section labeled "Officers."

If you have any questions, please contact me at celiabradford01@gmail.com

As you can see the Personnel Committee has a job just for YOU!

By Celia Bradford

The New York State Membership and Expansion Committee strives to be a link between our International Society and New York State Chapters. Over the course of this biennium we hope to share Society information and support Chapters to grow and maintain their memberships.

Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma begins at the Chapter level and your records are often consulted to verify membership data. Membership begins upon the payment of dues. All members will be dropped as of October 1 if dues have not been received. As a result of *International Constitution and Standing Rules* changes Chapters are required to record in their minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination. Please remember when a Chapter member passes away all Chapter Presidents need to complete ***The Death of a Member Report (Form 6) as soon as possible.*** Copies of filled out forms need to be sent to International, our New York State Organization Treasurer, and myself as the New York State Organization Membership Chair. If we receive the form within 3 months of death of date a condolence card will be sent to the family. Without a Form 6 a member cannot be removed from the Chapter's roster. Only International can remove a name **after** the Form 6 is received. The Form 6 also allows our organization to honor the member in our Hour of Remembrance Ceremony held during the New York State Convention.

Chapters are encouraged to visit both the New York State and International websites for resources regarding membership. We look forward to supporting New York State members and invite you to contact the Membership and Expansion Committee to assist with any issues regarding membership. Contact information can be found on the New York State website.



Deborah Bedard

Deborah M. Bedard
NYSO Membership and Expansion Chair

NYSO Communications and Marketing Committee

The ***Communications & Marketing Committee*** makes recommendations regarding communications and publicity for NY State and helps to develop ways to promote communications within and beyond NYSO. The Committee is responsible for assembling and preserving materials essential to the continuation of the history of NY State and for encouraging the writing and updating of Chapter histories, primarily through biennial Chapter Presidents' reports.

Members of the Committee for the 2019-2021 biennium are:

Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Chair, *Alpha Nu-C*
Mary Ann Baldari, *Alpha Beta-SE*
Brita Donovan, *Beta Omega- C*
Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, *Alpha Alpha- WC*
Carol Frost, *Chi-NC*
Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega -EC*
Donna Krayenvenger, *Gamma Delta- NW*
Mary Kula, *Beta Epsilon- SW*
Maureen Nicolo, *Alpha Rho- SC*
Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar, *Alpha Phi- E*
Joan Slagle, *Beta Omega- C*
Kim Goldhirsch, NYSO Editor, *Ex Officio, Alpha Zeta-E*
Heidi Himes, NYSO Webmaster, *Ex-Officio, Gamma Delta-NW*

The goals of the 2019-2021 Committee include:

- ◆ Develop ways to promote participation in Chapter, Area and NY State events
- ◆ Maintain a *Facebook* page for NY State and its Area Councils
- ◆ Nurture web creation among chapters and area councils, and assist them in designing and certifying websites by DKG
- ◆ Encourage use of electronic programs for professional research, feedback and planning such as Wiki, Survey Monkey and blogs

**21st CTAUN Conference at the United Nations:
Friday 28 February 2020**

"War No More"

Please mark Friday, February 28, 2020 on your calendar, and let colleagues know as well. We will honor the UN on its 75th anniversary and call for the implementation of the following words from its Charter:

"We the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind..."



Peace is the most profound purpose of the UN. Educators can play a significant role in achieving and sustaining peace. The 2020 CTAUN 'War No More' conference will help educators at all levels of education and interested members of society who care about learning, educating, advocating and moving from a culture of violence to a culture of peace.

"The idea of war is obsolete" *Eleanor Roosevelt*
"If we could end Apartheid, why not war?" *Bishop Desmond Tutu*

Details on the conference, including program, registration, and special hotel rates for out-of-town conference participants, will be posted on the CTAUN website: www.teachun.org



Attention Educators

Apply for the
**EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION AWARD**
given out during the
Conference.

If you have developed a teaching project based on the 2020 Conference Theme "War no More" you may be eligible for this award

Details under "Awards" at www.teachun.org

Application Deadline:
January 3, 2020
submit to
excellenceineducation@teachun.org

Alpha Theta Chapter strives to remain relevancy while trying to ensure interest levels are high for new members and retirees. The chapter is currently featured on the International website for their virtual field trip to Delta Kappa Gamma International Society in Austin, Texas. The chapter members were excited to see the building and the workers, as well being able to ask questions about what goes on at Headquarters. Coordinated by Christina Unger with the assistance of technology guest speaker, Daniel Mault, and DKG Technology Director Victor Trisnadi, they were able to Skype and enter the walls of headquarters. Victor used an IPAD and traveled throughout the building as their hostess, Executive Director Nita Scott, took them through the offices and grounds. Read more at https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Project_Spotlight/



Get Connected!

Publications Benefit

An often-overlooked benefit of being a DKG member and a good internal marketing tool is the opportunity to be published in a professional journal.

DKG has two scholarly publications—*Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators* and *Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*. Both are peer-reviewed so being published in either is an honor and resume-worthy.

The Journal has three online issues per year and focuses on research-based and documented works.

Collegial Exchange issues, printed and mailed to every member, focus on articles based on practice and experience related to education, the Society, women and children, plus personal reflections and creative works.

Learn more about these quality periodicals on the website under the **Publications** tab.

The Numbers Behind the Need

Healthy chapters and engaged members often wonder aloud why we need internal marketing. Consider these facts shared with SO Membership Chairs during their recent training:



Over the last five years, DKG has lost 250 chapters and over 13,200 members. Inductee numbers have declined as well.

If one key to retaining members is to provide access to information as frequently as possible, as research suggests, consider using the DKG website to help meet this need.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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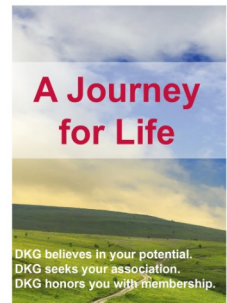
Using Website Resources for Internal Marketing

Chapters and members are the backbone of DKG so retaining and growing those numbers are essential to the good health of our Society. One important way we can do this is through internal marketing.

Internal marketing means promoting DKG's Purposes, Mission, projects, and benefits to members so they see the value and want to continue their membership. One suggested way to market internally is to provide access to information as frequently as possible.

DKG's website is continually updated, constantly available, and supports all marketing efforts. The **Resources** tab alone has a wealth of information for chapters wishing to retain and inform members.

The newly-revised pamphlet *A Journey for Life*, under the *Brochures/Flyers* link, promotes DKG in an easy to read format and includes a long list of benefits in one place. Print the pamphlet from the website or order it from the DKG Store for a minimal shipping and handling fee.



Other marketing materials for members on that link include flyers on the Emergency Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Insurance Benefits.

Videos of convention speakers, tutorials, webinars, and presentations on reorientation of members, found under the *Presentations* link, provide valuable help for creating vital chapters, mentoring members, and building connections.

The *Leadership Lab* links members to resources for expanding leadership and includes a free gift of an audio training from Susan Leahy to help members speak with greater confidence. Enhancing leadership skills and opportunities is a benefit of membership.

There is much more for members, such as business cards and resume templates, links to the *DKG App*, the *Go-To Guide*, and *Biennium Reports* from International Committees. Peruse the **Resources** tab and find ideas for marketing to your chapter members today. Keep them informed to keep them as members!

The Member-Side of the Website

The **Resources** tab, with its wealth of information for internal marketing, is only available to members once they are signed into the DKG website. Getting members signed in so they can see the resources and more on the member-side is another way to keep them informed. Chapter presidents can help members log in by providing a computer at a meeting and walking them through the process. Members will need their ID number and the generic password the first time they log on. Treasurers, as well as presidents, have ID numbers on membership rosters. If anyone needs help, they may use the website's chat feature, another valuable tool for keeping members happy and involved.

International Communications and Marketing Committee



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Contact information is on the last page

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 New York State members and chapters. These projects are supported solely by your membership fees and donations. Remember that, as a member of the Foundation, you may apply for funding for either individual or group projects in your classroom, school or community—please do so by the application deadline of either November 1st or May 1st. We love to give away money for worthwhile projects!

When the Foundation was formed in 2003, the original Board of Directors made provision for providing scholarships. The Board feels we are now in a position to consider doing so. The scholarship would be offered to Pi State Educational Foundation members, for the purpose of furthering the recipient's knowledge in the field of literacy and learning. This could be accomplished by attendance at such things as college courses, workshops, conventions, seminars, trainings, and conferences. Since education is a life-long process, both active and retired members would be encouraged to apply. The application and guidelines to apply will be posted on the Foundation section of the state website soon. Please keep checking!

Toward this end of funding a new scholarship, as well as continuing to fund our great grant projects, we are beginning a new Challenge: "Twenty In Twenty." We are simply asking that, before the end of 2020, would you consider making a donation to the Pi State Educational Foundation of \$20 . . . or \$20 in 2020? Perhaps you gave your initial \$25 membership fee some time ago, and then forgot all about us, or maybe you gave a donation a long time ago. Our work goes on, and we can only continue funding wonderful literacy grants, and now—hopefully—some great literacy learning opportunities, because of YOUR generosity! As I'm fond of saying, "A \$25 membership or \$20 donation is barely 'dinner out'—what a deal!" Consider a \$20 donation in honor of someone as a gift idea for a special occasion or perhaps for the upcoming holiday season! Donation forms are on the Foundation section of the NY State DKG website.

Next year three seats on the Foundation's Board of Directors will need to be filled. Do you have a heart for literacy and learning? Consider running for one of these very important positions. We have many talented women in New York State who could serve in these positions . . . perhaps one of our former grant recipients. If you would like more information about what the position entails, contact Ginny Dudko at vdudko@frontiernet.net.

Submitted by Ginny Dudko

Remember that lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is \$25.00 and entitles you to apply for a literacy grant.



Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Fall 2019	September 28	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey Jennifer Lee-Alden Sue Kenoyer
	October 5	<i>North Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	October 17	<i>East Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
Spring 2020	May 5	<i>Omega 65th Anniversary</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	May 11	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 15	<i>Rho</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	May 21	<i>Beta Gamma</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden

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

Capital Area Conference

On August 8, 2019 Capital Area Sisters united to attend our conference “*Erie Canal: A Historical Experience*” in Herkimer, NY. **Kate Elder** from *Alpha Psi*, led a Breakout Box Workshop at the **Frank J. Basloe Library**. Attendees worked in small groups to decipher clues that led to combinations needed to unlock the boxes. Kate also shared strategies to help us to incorporate Breakout Boxes in our classrooms. The conference continued as lunch was served at the Waterfront Grille. Remarks from **President Sue Kenoyer** were shared. Attendees were encouraged to adopt leadership roles at all levels of our Society. Members also received information on membership. The conference concluded with an afternoon boat ride on the Erie Canal. During the journey historical information was shared on the importance of the canal. The highlight of the cruise was traveling through an original 100 year old lock!

Thank you to all who helped to make this event a success. Special thanks to Executive Committee members **Lisa Hyuck**, NYSO Secretary, **Suzanne Patrick**, NYSO Treasurer, and **Karen Crumley**, NYSO Executive Secretary for attending and sharing the day with us!

Deborah M. Bedard
Conference Chair

Kate Elder explains the use of breakout boxes



DKG New York State was organized April 18, 1936 in NYC by 14 founding members. Today there are over 2,400 members in 52 Chapters and 10 Area Councils throughout the State including 56 Honorary Members. The 2019-2021 Biennium theme is "Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge and Growth".

Epsilon Chapter's 75th Anniversary Dinner Celebration



The ladies listed are seated left to right around the table.

Cathy Bingay, President
Virginia Sullivan, Treasurer
Marylou Collins, Secretary
Rosemary Pepe along with honored guests, **Marianne Scacco**, **Josephine Granath**, and **Geraldine Lynette** celebrated *Epsilon Chapter* of Delta Kappa Gamma International's 75th Anniversary at **Cafe Cardini** in Queens, NY on June 20, 2019.

Photo & Article Credit: Rosemary Pepe

Beta Omega Chapter Celebrates 40 Years!

New York's Chapter, *Beta Omega*, celebrated our 40th anniversary in May 2019! The executive committee planned a wonderful program filled with history and celebration. **Joan Slagle** shared a brief history, fond memories of our chapter and introduced special guests, **Jean Sekel** and **Celia Bradford**, *Pi Chapter*. Our Rites and Rituals Committee led the large group of chapter members present in a recommitment ceremony that included presenting each sister with a red rose in honor of this special day.

A special highlight of the evening was honoring our 2 charter members, **Barbara Cervenka** and **Aileen Donnan**. They each shared anecdotes describing how *Beta Omega* came to be the thriving chapter it is today.

Our sister, **Kathy Hoeltzel**, brought decades of chapter history scrapbooks out of storage for all our members to peruse. Our congratulations certificate from New York state was proudly on display as well. There was cake and *DKG/Beta Omega* favors to commemorate the anniversary. We concluded our 40th anniversary festivities by singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song! *Beta Omega* looks forward to a bright future as we strive to continue to build membership and share the 7 purposes of our society with area key women educators!

Charter members, **Aileen Donnan** and **Barbara Cervenka**



*Article and photo submitted by
 Karen Jones*

Alpha Tau Chapter

Alpha Tau sisters were honored to have outgoing President **Mary Martha Harvey** join us for an evening of celebration of three of our outstanding sisters; **Jean Smith** (Senior of the Year), **Jeanne Schenk** (Presidential Certificate, Sharing the Light Award) and **Patty Larche** (retirement). We were thrilled to have Mary Martha recognize and thank our chapter for their outstanding participation and volunteer efforts at the April convention in Geneva.

We would like to thank **Mary Martha Harvey** for her presence, her participation and for her service as President to the DKG sisters of New York State!



The *Alpha Tau* sisters of the Phelps – Clifton Springs district celebrated **Patty Larche's** retirement in humorous fashion. Costumes and kidding aside Patti has all of her *Alpha Tau* sisters most sincere wishes for an adventurous retirement.



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Berkeley Rasmussen

Gamma Delta Surprise Commendation

Past President of *Gamma Delta* 2004-2008 **JoAn Holesko** presented current **President Donna Krayenvenger** with a Presidential Commendation and certificate from State President 2017-2019 **Mary-Martha Harvey** at the Chapter's September 2019 Meeting. The Chapter recognized Donna for her continued dedication and commitment to her Chapter and DKG and for her extraordinary service. JoAn noted that Donna "was quite surprised, but certainly deserves it."



Photo and Text Courtesy of JoAn Holesko

Alpha Zeta Chapter



Chapter members, left to right, **Denise Gilhooly**, **Kim Goldhirsch**, Chapter President **Eileen Kerins**, and guest **Barbara Grey-Black** listen to Mid-Hudson Valley author **Anthony Musso** entitled “*Hidden Treasurers of the Hudson Valley*.” Mr. Musso entertained all with interesting historical stories of local properties.

The annual Scholarship Award’s Dinner was held in May, 2019 at the **Historical Beekman Arms Tavern**, Rhinebeck, NY. Committee Chair, **Linda Greenblatt** is pictured (center) with award recipients **Lauren Cerul** (left) and **Liz Lowney** (right). Each young woman was awarded \$1,000 to help with costs in their pursuit of a degree in education.



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Alpha Lambda Chapter Serves the Community

Alpha Lambda Education Project: “Mom and Tot” Bags

Four members of *Alpha Lambda*’s Education Committee met in July to assemble 26 “Mom and Tot” bags for Haven House, a shelter for women and children in Buffalo. The bags contain various Pre-K resources mothers can utilize when they go to appointments with their young children. Throughout the year, members collected board books, foam letters & numbers, workbooks, dry erase boards, tissues, and wet wipes to put in the bags. The Education Committee also created a list of ways these materials could be used to increase reading and writing skills. *Alpha Lambda* has supported this project for almost five years. It has proven to be a success with the staff, mothers and tots of Haven House.

Janice Juliano, Fran Romeo, and Michele Pagliaroli assembling the bags



Fran Romeo and Diane Andriaccio delivering 26 Mom and Tot bags to Child & Family Services in Buffalo

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NY State Due Dates 2019

November 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due

November 1 – Workshop Proposals for Spring 2020 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar due to EEC Chair

November 15 – Applications for State Webmaster (2020-2024), State Executive Secretary Position for (2020-2024), and FDF Administrator (2020-2024) due to NY State Chair Personnel Committee

December 1 – Submissions for Winter 2020 issue of Pi Lights due

REMINDER - Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair asap

Information for the Winter Issue of Pi Lights Due December 1, 2019

E-mail articles, photographs, Chapter Initiates, member accomplishments, Chapter service projects, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to:

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subject line – **DKG Pi Lights**

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2019-2020

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