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Dear NYSO DKG members:

As you all know, we are faced with an unprecedented health crisis. States, communities, and organizations across the nation are forced to take steps to safeguard our citizenry. We, as an organization, must consider what is best for our members, and so we are announcing some changes in the calendar.

The Executive Committee has been conversing frequently about plans for upcoming events. In particular, our Spring Executive Board/Seminar Meeting scheduled for April 24 – 25, 2020 has been a major topic of discussion. We have not rushed into a decision because the meeting is at the end of April, rather than the March to mid-April dates that seemed to be the focus of so many changes. Not only did we have concerns about our members' health, but we also have a fiscal responsibility to our organization to consider.

With all of this in mind, and in consultation with the Executive Committee and Past Presidents, I have decided to cancel our April 24 – 25 meeting in Syracuse. There are some items of business that must be addressed. Here is the plan.

1. The Executive Board must vote on the proposed budget. Our governing documents allow for this vote to be electronic. Once the details are ironed out, members of the Executive Board will receive a ballot by email to return to both Lisa Huyck (NYSO DKG Secretary) and me. Look for details in forthcoming emails.
2. The Standing Rules changes which have been proposed are more a matter of cleaning up language and can easily wait until our Fall meeting (October 16 – 17 at the Delta Hotel in Utica).
3. Appointment of personnel: Executive Secretary, Webmaster, and FDF Sales. According to our acting Parliamentarian, the current Executive Secretary and FDF Sales can continue in these roles until the Fall meeting. The President can temporarily appoint an Interim Webmaster as of July 1, 2020 until we can vote in October.
4. Our NYSO DKG State Chairs will each write a Board Report that will be placed on our State webpage.
5. Those receiving awards will be notified and receive any monetary amounts at the designated times. Our Saturday luncheon at the Fall meeting will become our Awards Luncheon, where we can honor the awardees, our 25- and 50-year members, and celebrate Chapter Birthdays and Anniversaries.
6. The April 25 Leadership Training session for new presidents will not take place. The Leadership Development Committee will have to consider if they intend to do anything to replace this session. The three "On The Road" sessions will still take place in July. The Committee will also begin work on the possibility of writing webinars on the individual topics covered in the training.
7. If you have booked a room at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center for the April 24 & 25 meeting, you will have to call and cancel the reservation. They will not do it automatically.

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Sue Kenoyer
NYSO President 2019 – 2021

*“Opportunities for **D**ialogue, **K**nowledge, and **G**rowth”*

As I write this message, it is 42 degrees and sunny in Plattsburgh on the Canadian border. There is definitely the promise of spring in the air, which means it is time for our NYSO Chapters to elect new officers for the 2020-2022 biennium, induct new members, and celebrate special chapter occasions. **NO, WAIT...** That is what would have happened! When I first wrote this message, we were getting ready for our Spring Executive Board/ Seminar Meeting in April. Now we are somewhat confined to our homes, practicing social distancing, and distance learning (for many of us), with lives that look very little as they did a month ago. Everything is on hold until this virus runs its course. No one is even trying to predict when that will happen. As a mathematician, I am going to say that equation has way too many variables to solve.

DKG membership starts at the chapter level and our first responsibility is to our chapter. If asked to serve your chapter as an officer I hope that you all take that responsibility of membership seriously and respond with a hearty **YES, I CAN DO THAT!!!** As teachers we have led a classroom of students for many years, and we all have the skill set necessary to handle any chapter office. At the State level, your Executive Committee stands ready to help with training, suggestions, and hopefully, answers to your issues. If we don't know the answer to your question, we will research to find it. International has made many changes in the last few years, one of which was to do away with most of the old report structure that was so time consuming. I was a chapter president for six years and look forward to taking on the role again in the future.

Recruiting, retaining and reinstating members is of primary importance to us. Without growth, our Chapters will eventually dissolve. The influx of new members keeps our Chapters and Society vibrant, moving forward, and open to new ideas. Our focus at the Spring Executive Board Meetings and Seminars was supposed to be membership. Deborah Bedard and the Membership Committee have been working for months on their Keynote presentation and workshop. I am excited to hear what some of our newer members have to say about their membership. We will still hear from them, but it will be at our Fall Meeting in Utica. Finance has also asked to be part of our Fall Meeting presentations and we will find a way to fit both into the agenda.

This summer, we may still have a special opportunity to attend an International Convention. For many of us Philadelphia is almost in our backyard! This is the closest a Convention has been since New York hosted it. This is a great opportunity for our NYSO members who have never attended a Convention to do so. I always find it stimulating, and I am awestruck to be in the company of these amazing women. The attendees are helping to lead DKG into its future path as a Society for working and retired educators. As a society everyone, regardless of age, feels a part of an entity that is making contributions to education. I look forward to seeing many members from New York, and around the world, in Philadelphia!

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8. This cancellation limits the number of workshops that the EEC can offer during the biennium. The EEC will have to consider the possible offerings and decide just which ones will ultimately be offered in the fall and next spring. There is a May 1, 2020 deadline for workshop proposals for this fall.
 9. The Benefit Drawing for the Area Council Baskets will continue to run and will be held at the Fall meeting in Utica. Continue to sell those benefit tickets.
- The Sheraton has been extremely cooperative and has agreed to postpone our meeting reservation to April, 2022 without penalty. Our finances are not impacted by the cancellation. The Hotel was under no obligation to do this and we are extremely grateful for their generosity.

Area Council Conferences in 2020

South Central Area Conference

Saturday, May 30, 2020

See Flyer on page 5 for information

Southeastern Area Conference

Postponed until fall

Northern Area Conference

Saturday, June 27, 2020

Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, New York

Tour and planning meeting for 2021 Convention

Eastern Area Conference

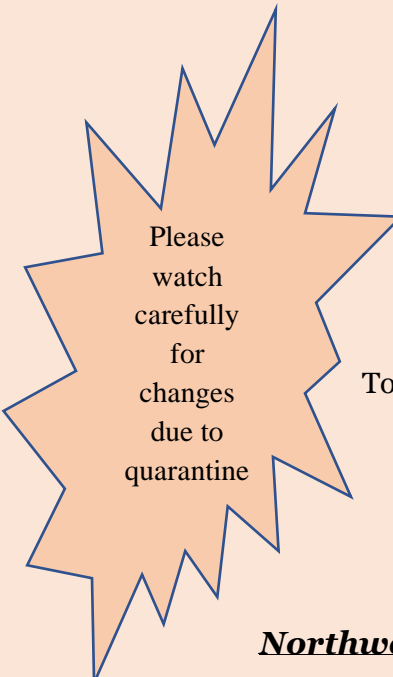
October 3, 2020

Mt. St. Mary's College, Newburgh, NY

Focus on Membership and Leadership

Northwestern and Southwestern Area Conference

Saturday, October 3, 2020



Please
watch
carefully
for
changes
due to
quarantine

***Thank You to Our Current Area Council Chairs
for Your Leadership!***

Northwestern/Southwestern Regions

Dr. Renee Funke (*Kappa*) and
Cindy Reger (*Beta Nu*)

West Central Region

Claudia Cerasani (*Beta Gamma*)

East Central Region

Denny Clark (*Omega*)

South Central Region

Sue Lemak (*Beta Phi*)

North Central Region

Vicky Stockton (*Alpha Chi*)

Northern Region

Margaret Leone and Dr. Kathy Lavoie (*Psi*) and
Beryl Szwed (*Beta Mu*)

Capital Region

Sharon Patrick (*Alpha Kappa*)

Eastern Region

Barbara Keis (*Phi*)

Southeastern Region

Joan Goldstein (*Gamma Alpha*)

Area Council Information

The NYSO website is a great source for information to help your Area plan for its next conference. These references can be found by clicking on the NYSO menu under Area Councils. Date requests, conference information, changes in your chairs, and financial reports should be sent to Dr. Renee Funke, NYSO Second Vice President. If your Area would like to schedule a Go-To-Meeting, submit your request to NYSO President Sue Kenoyer along with the date, time, email addresses of attendees and the organizer at least two weeks in advance of your requested date. Please be sure to include your Area Council Liaison in any correspondence sent out to your members.

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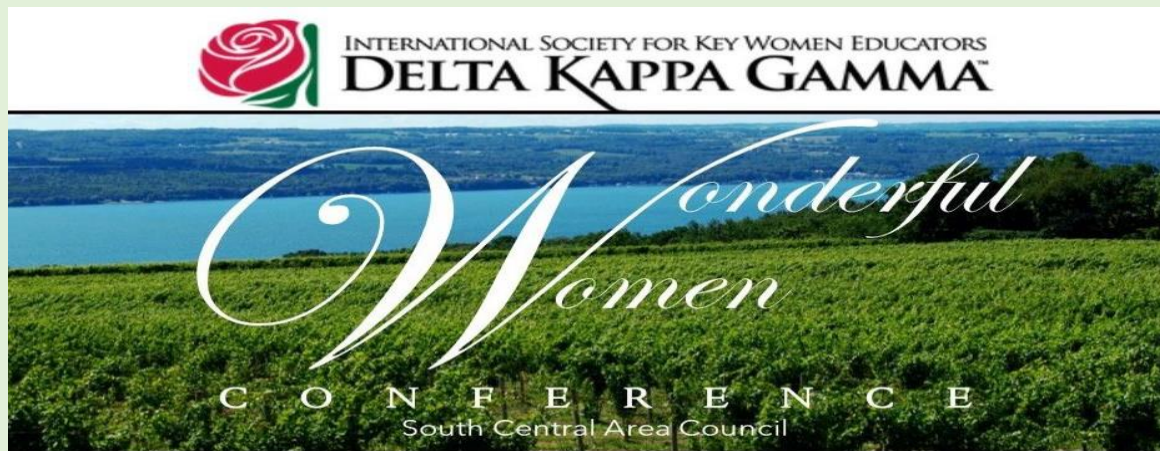
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**Come Relax at Castel Grisch Winery
Watkins Glen, NY**

Could be the best \$45 you will ever spend!



May 30, 2020

9:00am-3:00pm

**Wineries, Waterfalls, & Watkins Glen's Story
Wine Pairings, Morning Pastries, & Lunch included**

For details & to register contact Sue Gruber 607-333-4313

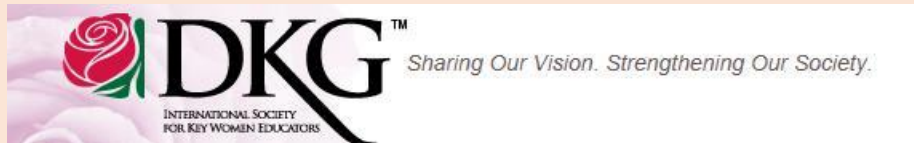
Fearless

Authors

who are

Mindful

Educators



SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 3, 2020

Eastern Area Council invites Members, Educators
and Pre-Service Teachers to our Conference

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Mount Saint Mary College

Workshops will be offered to meet the needs and
interests of all:

- A STEAM approach to children's literature
- Mindfulness: What it is and how it can be used
in our everyday lives to improve our well-being
- Fearless Living: A Fearless Living trainer
speaks about the tools adults and children need to
give purpose to their lives and be comfortable taking
risks.

CTLE credits may be available.

**COME FOR KNOWLEDGE; COME FOR
ENRICHMENT; OR JUST COME FOR BRUNCH!**



SAVE THE DATE July 7, 2020

MARKET EVENT | 7PM | READING TERMINAL MARKET

The 2020 DKG International Convention features the first ticketed event to follow an Opening General Session! Once there expect to experience one of America's oldest (since 1893) and largest public markets. RTM is home to 80 local merchants, many of whom are remaining open exclusively for DKG's two-hour event.

Your ticket gives you access to the food vendors and Molly Malone's beverage stations. Reading Terminal Market is the perfect venue to reconnect with DKG friends from past international events and to make new connections – all within steps of your convention home for the week. Don't miss this unique convention event!

Tickets sales are limited and include two hours of food and drinks along with entertainment on the premises.

You can purchase a ticket for this event when you register for the Convention.

DKG INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS FOUNDATION PRE-CONVENTION EVENT

WHERE: National Constitution Center: "an interactive museum, national town hall, and civic education headquarters dedicated to the U.S. Constitution and its legacy of freedom."

constitutioncenter.org

WHAT: Private, personally-guided, small-group tours (30 members each)

Show in the round

Box lunch

Access to the "hop on hop off" bus for the entire day

The National Constitution Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education.

Date: July 7, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Price: \$60 ticket

Limited to the first 350 registrants



Walk alongside 42 **LIFE-SIZE**, bronze statues of the **FOUNDING FATHERS** and relive the moment that launched a government ruled by "We the People."
(Photo courtesy of National Constitution Center)



Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

SAVE THE DATE!

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia, PA. The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown is the official convention hotel.

Hotel blocks are now open!

Registration is now open!

The convention will include opportunities for personal and professional growth as well as fellowship with members from around the world. The City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection offers attendees lots to do outside the convention activities.

*Go to www.dkg.org to find out all of the details
of the Convention including a day-by-day schedule.*

In Memoriam

Rita Kay Kennedy	<i>Beta Eta Chapter</i>	4/8/2019
Eleanor Guido	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	4/18/2019
Amy Rozelle	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	8/12/2019
Mary Ann Guarney	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	9/6/2019
Anne Price	<i>Gamma Zeta</i>	9/6/2019
Irene Ferguson	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	9/23/2019
June Renner	<i>Omega</i>	10/20/2019
Nancy Johnson	<i>Beta Theta</i>	10/21/2019
Marea Roberts	<i>Alpha Kappa</i>	10/31/2019
Sister Agnes Boyle	<i>Alpha</i>	11/21/2019
Aranka Lawyer	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	11/15/2019
Jean Henry	<i>Chi</i>	12/30/2019
Marjorie Backlund	<i>Beta Delta</i>	1/19/2020

“LDS On the Road”

Last year the Leadership Development Committee asked Chapter officers and potential officers to complete a survey asking their opinion about the delivery format for the Training for New and Incoming Chapter Presidents and Officers. The two most common responses were to hold a shortened version on April 25 after our Spring Executive Board Meeting and Seminar in Syracuse and to once again go “on the road” to locations around the state like we did two years ago.

The Leadership Development Chair, **Lisa Meade**, and members of the Committee will be at locations nearest to them. NYSO President **Sue Kenoyer** and Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley** will be on hand at all the sessions to greet you. The registration form for the “on the road” sessions will be available online and will be emailed to the current Chapter Presidents.

Locations for “on the road” sessions:

Region 1: Northwestern, Southwestern, West Central and East Central

July 22, 2020 at the Legacy at Fairways, 681 High Street, Victor 14564

Region 2: Northern, North Central and South Central

July 24, 2020 tentatively at the Ilion Public Library, 78 West St., Ilion 13357

Region 3: Capital, Eastern and South Eastern

July 25, 2020 tentatively at the Nanuet Public Library, 149 Church Street, Nanuet 10954

If you are unable to attend the date in your region, you can certainly attend one of the other sessions. Lunch will be served. Each session will begin at 10 AM and will be completed by 3 PM.

Watch for more information in the President’s News and Notes as plans are fully developed.

We’re excited about offering the “on the road” format again this biennium. The evaluations last biennium were very positive. Take the opportunity to travel with your DKG Sisters and increase your knowledge of DKG and leadership.

Save The Date!

The **International Convention** will be in Philadelphia, PA at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown on July 7-11, 2020. Hotel booking and conference registration is ongoing.

The 2020 NYSO **New Officers “On the Road”** training will be held July 22, 24 and 25 around the state.

The **2020 NYSO Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar** will be in Utica, NY at the Delta (Marriott) on October 16 & 17, 2020.

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

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.

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

The raffle has been postponed to our fall 2020 meeting. Plenty of time to keep selling benefit tickets.

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 & Grant(s)-in-Aid, and Leadership Development

Name _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

Drawing at NY State Fall Executive Board,
Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

Dear DKG Sisters:

Membership is one of the keys to maintaining viable chapters and strengthening our State Organization. Your State Membership Committee would like to highlight members and celebrate their achievements. The Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Utica will use time to highlight the topic of membership.

Do you have a chapter member who has been inducted within the last five years? We are seeking members who are willing to share a brief story regarding their **acceptance** of the honor and responsibility of membership. We would also like to share the stories of members who have **retained** their membership over a number of years or members who have chosen to **reinstate**. We are hopeful that we will be able to publish these stories in *PI Lights* over the next few issues.

Our membership stories can focus on:

- Why was the invitation to membership accepted?
- Who extended your invitation of membership?
- How has DKG helped you grow professionally?
- How has DKG helped you help others?
- What is your favorite meeting/project and why?
- Have you ever received a scholarship, grant, or monetary support from DKG? How have you used it?
- How has DKG supported your educational community?
- Tell us about someone you have extended an invitation of membership to our Society and why.

We encourage all New York Members to participate. Every member has a story yet to be told. Working together we can strengthen our organization by inspiring members to extend the invitation of membership to potential members.

Deborah Bedard

Chair NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee

dmbedard29@yahoo.com

Elected State Personnel Nominations

In the Fall, the Personnel Committee was looking for some energetic, talented, and organized DKG members. We were very pleased to receive applications for the positions Executive Secretary, Webmaster, and FDF Administrator. We have some very experienced and involved members to recommend.

The Personnel Committee is pleased to recommend the nomination of **Karen Crumley** for NYSO Executive Secretary for a four-year term beginning in July 2020.

Karen is our current NYSO Executive Secretary. As a member of *Tau Chapter*, she has been their Secretary, President, and Parliamentarian. She has served NYSO as Secretary, President, and as both 2nd & 1st Vice President. Karen has been the Committee Chair of the: Bea Small Award, BYLAWS & Rules, Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid, and Frederica Hollister. She has also served as a member on many of the NYSO Committees. At the international level, Karen was the Steering Chair of the 2012 International Convention NYC, and the Chair of The Holden Fund and Non-dues Revenue Committee.

Karen taught first grade for 31 years. While teaching, she was the 1st Grade Level Chair and the leader of 1st Grade Literacy and Math. She received her BA from SUNY Fredonia, MA from SUNY New Paltz, and Graduate work in Literacy at Lesley University.

The Personnel Committee is pleased to recommend the nomination of **Mary-Martha Harvey** for NYSO Webmaster for a four-year term beginning in July 2020.

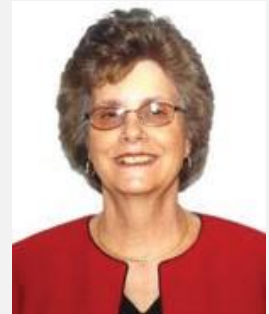
Mary-Martha is member of *Omega Chapter*. She has served Omega as: President, Co-Parliamentarian, Co-Founder of Omega's Website, and registrar for Tri-Chapter Conference on Education. On NYSO level, Mary-Martha served as President, 2nd & 1st Vice President and "*Pi Lights*" Editor. She has been the Committee Chair of Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid and Ad Hoc Committee on State Financial Resources. She has been a member of many of the NYSO Committees. At the 2012 International Convention NYC, Mary-Martha was the International Newsletter Editor as a member of the Publicity Committee, presider and hostess.

Mary-Martha was an instructor and supervisor of Inclusive Childhood Education at Nazareth College. She was employed at the Canandaigua City School District as a Visual Arts Teacher and Supervisor. While at CCSD, she served as Principal K-2, Assistant Principal K-5, and District Coordinator for Student Teachers. She received her BA and MA from SUNY Brockport and CAS from SUNY Oswego.

The Personnel Committee is pleased to recommend the nomination of **Joan Slagle** for NYSO FDF Administrator for a four-year term beginning in July 2020.

Joan is our current NYSO FDF Administrator. In *Beta Omega Chapter*, she has been President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Historian. She served NYSO as President, 2nd & 1st Vice President and Secretary. Joan has been the Committee Chair for Bea Small Award, Frederica Hollister and Ad Hoc Committee for Head Quarters Resources. She has served as a member on many NYSO Committees.

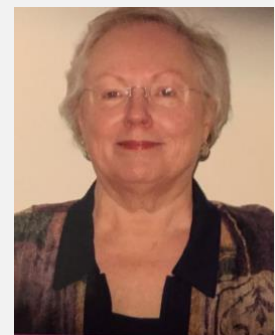
Joan is a retired high school teacher. She taught English, French, and Social Studies (including AP History, Government and Economics). She is currently a member of the Board of Education. She received BS from SUNY Albany and MA from College of St. Rose.



Karen Crumley



*Mary-Martha
Harvey*



Joan Slagle



Get Connected!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

March/April 2020

Communities, MyDKG Connections

One strength of DKG is the support and collegial fellowship of members. If you feel isolated or have questions you think would be better addressed by a colleague, go to Communities on the DKG website.

There are 23 Communities found under MyDKG. Join one—or more—today. Post a question or comment. Members with similar interests belonging to that Community may have the answer you need!

Be sure you have shared your profile under the My Participation tab of your MyDKG profile. This will allow others to see you in the members-only directory. You can find members to connect with about common interests or positions.

Keep your email updated in MyDKG to allow Headquarters to connect with you when they send out important information.

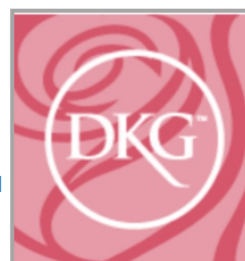
Your SO Can Help Too

Chapter members may find help from their state organization (SO) as well as from Headquarters or Communities. Your SO's website will have the name and email address of the SO officers. If you cannot find it there, use the chat feature on the International website to ask! They will have that information and be glad to help!

Get Connected with Headquarters

Chapter members are the heart of our Society; Society Headquarters is the central nervous system! It directs and integrates functions of the body, collects and interprets decisions of the body, and keeps the body moving. Thus, keeping the heart connected to the central core is important, and Headquarters staff is there to make that happen.

When the heart is feeling disconnected and needs support of Society Headquarters, knowing who to contact helps ease the anxiety. Nita Scott, Executive Director, said, "The membership team is usually one of the first to interact with members about concerns." Trish Woodley, Membership Director, and the membership team welcome questions and concerns and respond as quickly as possible, usually the same day. They field all kinds of questions! Email them at mem@dkg.org.



Phyllis Hickey, formerly Business Director, is now Strategic Outreach Director, and Peggy Jonas is the new Finance Director. Members, especially treasurers, will call on Peggy with questions. Victor Trisnadi heads the technology team, all of whom will help with website, newsletter, or technology questions. Of course, the International President is there too!

Connect with Society Headquarters staff through email, phone calls, or the chat feature. The Contact Us tab on the DKG website provides a starting point with the email addresses and specific extension numbers for all Headquarters' staff.

Don't feel isolated or wonder who to contact! If you have questions or concerns, determine your area of need and connect with a staff member.

First Line to Connect—the Chat Feature

The chat feature is the quickest way to get connected with Headquarters. A membership specialist monitors it constantly during business hours—7:30 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. Central time. Questions left when the chat is offline are answered the next business morning. (If you know your member number, include it please.



We are online
[Click here to chat now](#)

It'll help speed your reply if it relates to membership.) Every attempt is made to answer questions when you start the chat but some require research and the specialist will get back to you as quickly as possible. All types of questions are answered, so if you do not know who to contact, start with the chat feature.

International Communications and Marketing Committee Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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.

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.

In our last issue, we reported that three grants had been approved for funding in the November 2019 round. However, the grants themselves were inadvertently omitted. We apologize to the winners! Their information follows:

--Corrine DeRue of Alpha Tau Chapter was awarded \$1,200.00 for her grant "Uke Can Do It!" She will purchase a classroom set of ukuleles for use in her Grades 3-5 school. The students will learn how to care for the instruments, to read chord tablature and how to play simple chords leading to songs.

--Deborah Hoffman of Beta Delta Chapter was awarded \$778.40 for her grant "Waterloo's Stories from Oral Histories." Consultation services are being paid for to learn how to best collect, choose and store oral histories from seniors in the Waterloo area that have been heard from past family members and friends. Once recorded, the stories will be transcribed and made available to the public throughout the school and community.

--Elaine Anderson of Alpha Tau Chapter received the third grant of \$826.30 for her project entitled "Interactive Read Alouds In the Primary Grades." She will purchase a variety of books so as to form a foundation of literacy communities to provide students with the tools to discuss literature in a meaningful and collaborative way. This will service approximately 120 primary students in her school.

Our 20-in-20 Challenge is in full swing now that the year 2020 is here. Would you consider sending the Pi State Educational Foundation a check for \$20 (or more!) in 2020 so we continue our very valuable work supporting literacy and learning? Donation forms are on the New York State website and can be made in honor or memory of someone if you wish. Be a 20-in-20 Donor!

Foundation President Ginny Dudko's contact information has changed! Please update these changes in your directory for when you contact her with questions and concerns about the Pi State Educational Foundation. Her email address is: gdudko50@gmail.com and her home phone number is now 845-672-3875.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Foundation . . . remember that the deadline for the next funding round is May 1, 2020 and then November 1, 2020.

Apply for a grant!

Submitted by Ginny Dudko

Remember that lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is \$25.00 and

Membership entitles you to apply for a literacy grant.

Building Relationships with Persistence and Pride

A Guide to Enhance Chapter Membership

Dr. Doreen Croyle, President Zeta Chapter

Education is a social enterprise and it involves communication, collaboration, and cooperation. Yet, in its very design, classrooms create silos where teachers are isolated from their peers and time is the enemy. Novel and veteran teachers alike seek out companionship that enables them to express their concern about students, changes in curriculum, and their own educational pathway when career opportunities arise.

DKG provides an avenue for educators to gather in a supportive and engaging manner that is simultaneously social and educational. When new members join the chapter it becomes invigorated, revitalized, and joyful!

Chapter presidents and current members need to connect with educators who are passionate about the profession and over time, build a relationship that amplifies support and concern. Look at local colleges, neighboring districts, and siblings of members that may also be educators. If you are no longer employed in an educational community, ask principals for the names of outstanding educators in their building. It is often with a great deal of pride that they will give you a few names as it enhances the school's reputation of having highly effective teachers. Once you contact a potential candidate emphasize that they would be an asset to the chapter. Just plant the seed. Upon the next meeting or correspondence discuss the regional, state, and international components of DKG. Always be cordial and explain the advantages of the organization, such as: networking, grants, scholarships, the UN connection, and the United States Forum. Younger teachers enjoy being involved in a cause or, at the very least, be given the opportunity to make a difference.

It would be appropriate at this time to ask for an email address to send them an overview of DKG. If you have an upcoming event invite them as the chapter's guest and introduce them to members that have similar interests. If they are reticent about coming alone, ask if they would like to bring a colleague. At each connection point always state that there is no pressure to join and reinforce that the chapter would be delighted to have them as a member. The process of accepting a new member may take one meeting or a course of communication over a few months. Always be mindful that teachers are very busy with work, family, and personal events. Stress that the benefits outweigh the minimal obligation and there will be an ebb and flow to that obligation over time. The president or chapter member needs to be persistent and constantly connect with the potential candidate in a supportive and friendly manner. The pride of being asked to participate in an international organization takes the teacher out of the classroom and into the global educational community.

CTAUN 2020



Several NYSO members were among the 673 attendees at the 75th CTAUN session at the United Nations, Manhattan, NY, on February 28, 2020. Past NYSO State President Anne-Marie Carlson chaired the event with aplomb in the beautiful Trusteeship Council Room. She and her Committee arranged prime reserved seating for International guests President Cathy Daughtry, Executive Director Nita Scott, Membership Director Trish Woodley, NYSO President Sue Kenoyer and Past State Presidents Dr. Andréa Morris, Karen Crumley and Joan Slagle.

Other NYSO members present were Sharon Patrick, Diane Davison, Arlene Ida and Sheila Brady Root, Barbara Keis, Ginny Dudko, Liz Huggler, Ellyn Levy, Fran Seymour, Pat Odessa, and Mary Ann Baldari. Members of NYSO and the CTAUN Committee who were there include Grace Murphy, Joan Goldstein, Lochie Musso, Eileen Venezia, former NGO Chair Dr. Rita King. These educators, and numerous others, smoothly facilitated the security process.

The topic this year was *War No More* and featured several panel discussions, individual speakers, and video clips. It did not pretend to have easy solutions to the ongoing wars. Rather, it emphasized the need for global discourse, the role women can play in deflecting conflict, and how women can be key players during war. Women can help others to survive, bring about peace, and end the normalization of war. One speaker had us consider the idea that ending war isn't just the cessation of bombs and fighting, but a change in the structure of thought and a process to imagine and construct a world where constructive change occurs for the better. That process needs to include women at the basic roots, along with men, to effect change. The effect of violence and chaos on children was another situation that women must face. A thought-provoking quote was that, "We write our life story by the choices we make." The quote is an incentive to be involved at a personal level.

CTAUN is an annual event that is publicized in The DKG International News, *Pi Lights*, and the CTAUN website (with a link on dkg.org). The Committee and Chair Anne-Marie Carlson motivated us to attend in spring 2021 when another topic will be highlighted.

Submitted by Joan Slagle



Pictured (left to right) are NYSO President Sue Kenoyer and Past Presidents Joan Slagle and Karen Crumley

DKG Gallery of Fine Arts selects work by Alison Brown

Congratulations to **Alison Brown**, *Psi Chapter*! Alison's jewelry entry, 'Walk In Beauty,' was selected by The Arts and Humanities Jury to be added to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts' website display. The unveiling of the Gallery works was the first week in December. Alison's work will be displayed on the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived.

The approved Policy Statement of the Arts & Humanities Jury has, at its core, the following explanation: "The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative arts...and all may enjoy, respect and learn more about excellence in arts and crafts." Visit the gallery often and take advantage of these artistic and creative "gifts to the world."

Walk In Beauty,
designed by
Alison Brown.
The name is based on the
same phrase from a
Navajo prayer



Alpha Chi Day of Service

Alpha Chi chapter members participated in a day of service in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20, 2020, when they assisted in food preparation and packaging, greeting and serving of guests, and cleaning up at Mother Marianne's Westside Kitchen in Utica.

Mother Marianne's Westside Kitchen serves 100-200 free lunches to hungry community members every day of the year, including holidays. Monday through Friday, nutritious hot meals are offered, and on weekends, bagged lunches are provided. The Kitchen is funded solely by donations, and volunteers accomplish all of the work. The facility is named in honor of Saint Mother Marianne Cope, who grew up in West Utica, worked in Syracuse, and is acclaimed for her charity work with the leprosy patients of Hawaii's Molokai island colony. She was beatified in 2005 and canonized in 2012.

Alpha Chi is dedicated to promoting the professional and personal growth of its members, with a special interest in the needs of women and children. Our chapter is proud of its long history of service projects that have benefited a wide variety of community organizations and constituents. Some of our past community projects have included collecting for area food pantries, collecting personal care products for organizations supporting the homeless, preparing holiday gift bags for nursing home residents, adopting a needy family at Christmas, collecting new and used children's books for donation to non-school agencies, and compiling filled "purses of promise" for domestic violence program participants. We are also happy to have been able to provide modest but ongoing support to the Jervis Public Library in Rome for the past 10 years by participating in their Adopt-A-Shelf program. For more information about these and other projects, we invite you to visit our website at www.alphachiny.weebly.com.



Heidi Macpherson wins 2020 ATHENA Award



Heidi Macpherson, Ph.D., won the *2020 ATHENA International Award*. Heidi is the first female president of SUNY Brockport and an honorary member of *Alpha Alpha Chapter*. The ATHENA International Award is given annually to a professional female leader who has demonstrated significant achievements in business, community service, and the professional advancement of women. The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and its Women's Council affiliate sponsor the annual ATHENA International Award, the ATHENA Young Professional Award, and the ATHENA Organizational Award. The January 23, 2020 ATHENA International Awards dinner was the 34th annual affair.

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Heidi Macpherson, Ph.D., with the ATHENA Award

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Photo

Congratulations to Dr. Barbara Mitrano, Alpha Alpha, on the publishing of her article, "Expanding Diversity: Gender and Labels," in Volume 86-2 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Barbara is a retired Professor at the SUNY College at Brockport where she taught the required research course to Women and Gender Studies majors.



Alpha Kappa Congratulates Kathleen Ferguson

Congratulations to Kathleen Ferguson, member of Alpha Kappa, who recently achieved National Board Certification.

Katie teaches second grade at Zoller Elementary School in Schenectady.

Submitted by Sharon Patrick,



Alpha Nu Welcomes new members



Welcome Karen Engel (left) and Sheila Brady (right). Alpha Nu President Wendy Diskin stands in the middle.

Welcome Donna Eager (far right).



Photo credit to Kristine Mackowski

We want to see your Chapter pictures in Pi Lights!

Please send photos of your Chapter events, Chapter celebrations and Chapter inductees to NYSO Editor **Kim Goldhirsch** (kgpilightseeditor@gmail.com) and NYSO President **Sue Kenoyer** (suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com). You must have permission from every person in the photo, and the photos need to be sent in jpg format.

For new inductees, be sure to include names, area/grade/subject that they teach and where. Please include at least one photo of just the inductees for a feature on our State Website which is a slide show of our Inductees with photo and caption of Chapter name and Inductees' names.

Nyuon Suzie Sebit from South Sudan is an honorary member of Gamma Alpha. She is a lawyer who studied in New York for additional education (Fulbright, Cora Weiss Fellowship) at NYU.



Huyen Hoang is a member from Vietnam who teaches at the university in Hanoi. She is shown at her induction.



Gamma Alpha Spotlights Members

Teaching Life Skills for Global Citizenship in Uganda

Gertrude Noden, *Beta Delta Chapter*, recently brought her Words Into Deeds professional development exercises to the UNIFAT Elementary School in Gulu, Uganda. Gertrude's connections with the school stem from many years during which her students raised a total of \$12,000 to support educational opportunities in Eastern Africa. A frequent guest to her classroom was Denis Okema, a Ugandan who had been abducted to be a child soldier at age 10. He later escaped to Gulu and was adopted by Abitimo Odongkara, founder of a school for children who, like Denis, were orphaned by the ongoing terrible conflicts. The UNIFAT School became a beacon of hope for thousands of children and continues to serve the families of nearly 900 Gulu children.



At the invitation of an NPO called *Friends of UNIFAT*, Gertrude was asked to present workshops for UNIFAT teachers and administrators that would bring both curricular elements and pedagogical best practices strategies. The workshops were attended by thirty teachers plus staff and several students.



Participants first studied the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and their own *Uganda Constitution*, comparing the two and relating these to their curricular goals for each grade. The same was done for the *UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals*, focusing on *Goal #3: Good Health and Well-Being*. During the second day of workshops, participants were tasked with designing grade-appropriate outreach projects for their students, including links to the *UDHR* and *SDGs*, goals and timelines, resources needed, and obstacles that would need to be overcome. In addition, Gertrude brought several cases of school supplies and 50 kits donated by the *Ithaca Days for Girls* group.



Three themes emerged from participants' post-workshop evaluations: limited financial support for students' outreach projects, lack of computers for access to electronic resources, and the desire to have additional professional development workshops. To address these, a large room is being renovated and equipped as a central computer center and an IT specialist was hired to provide on-site training for teachers and students. A small grants program has been launched that will provide teachers with funding for their proposed student outreach projects. The new facility will provide videoconferencing that will allow Gertrude and the teachers to work together in preparing these grants and bringing the strategies introduced at the workshops into their classrooms. These initiatives are being supported by *Words Into Deeds* and *Friends of UNIFAT*.

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Visitations

Year	Date	Chapter(s)/ Area	State Representative
2019	9/28/19	West Central AC	Mary-Martha Harvey Sue Kenoyer Dr. Renee Funke
2019	10/5/19	North Central AC	Sue Kenoyer Mary-Martha Harvey Jennifer Lee-Alden
2019	10/16/19	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Sue Kenoyer
2019	10/17/19	East Central AC	Sue Kenoyer Mary-Martha Harvey
2019	10/22/19	<i>Tau</i>	Lochie Musso
2020	5/2/20	South East AC	Deborah Bedard
2020	5/5/20	<i>Omega</i>	Suzanne Patrick
2020	5/7/20	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
2020	5/11/20	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	5/13/20	<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/15/20	<i>Rho</i>	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/21/20	<i>Beta Gamma</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	5/28/20	<i>Beta Nu</i>	Ellie Robinson
2020	6/3/20	<i>Alpha Lambda</i>	Sue Kenoyer
2020	6/4/20	<i>Beta Gamma</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	6/8/20	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Rene Funke

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

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