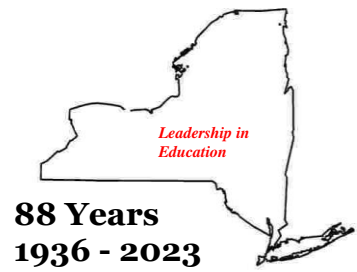




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Congratulations to Our Newly Elected 2023-2025 NYSO Officers Elected at NYSO 2023 Convention



Jennifer Lee-Alden
President



Anna Marie
Bonafide
1st Vice President



Amy
Zimmerman
2nd Vice President



Sue Norris
Secretary

Save the Dates!

Save the date for NYSO DKG 2024 Spring Conference and 2025 Spring Convention.

The Spring 2024 Conference will be April 19 and 20, 2024 at the Delta Hotel, Utica. This is the same location we used for our Spring and Fall 2022 Conferences. Room block information will be available in the Fall in *Pi Lights* and on the NYSO DKG website.

The 2025 Spring Convention will be held April 25-27, 2025 at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George. Updates will be provided in *Pi Lights*.

Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide

***“Moving Forward with
Manageable Leadership”***

Jennifer Lee-Alden’s Second Biennium Theme



**President-Elect
Jennifer Lee-Alden**

Biennium 2023-2025

*“Moving Forward with
Manageable Leadership”*



President-Elect Jennifer Lee-Alden’s Message 2023-2025 Biennium

President’s Banquet, Saturday Evening, April 29, 2023

Past Pi State Presidents, Past International President, Executive Committee, Executive Board and members and my family, it is with humble excitement I accept the position of New York State Organization DKG President for the 2023-2025 Biennium. This is the first time in the history of NYSO DKG that you have elected a State President for a second term, and I want to *thank you* for putting your faith in my leadership. I consider this an honor, and do not take this responsibility lightly.

Our theme for the 2023 - 2025 Biennium will be *Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership*.

The demands placed on educators in the last decade have reduced the time available for women to initiate and sustain professional, collegial relationships that promote personal and professional growth. Recruiting and retaining quality educators in the workforce is at an all-time low, placing additional responsibilities on those who currently serve the educational community. Teachers entering the field of education have many talents to share, yet need a support system to affirm their efforts and achievements as they establish and maintain their careers.

DKG has so much to offer in support of current and rising educators, so many Benefits of Membership! Yet we need to embrace the opportunity to build our future. Understanding time is finite, we must endeavor to identify current educators who exemplify the qualities of Key Women Educators, women who will benefit from our organization and in turn will benefit us in sustaining our future.

Asking us to focus on this seems contrary to the theme of *“Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership.”* I know it won’t be an easy lift. With the demands mentioned a few moments ago, it often seems like there isn’t room for one more thing. But I also know that if we value what we’re trying to do, if we think it’s important and we’re making a positive impact... Then it will get done - and there will be that positive feeling of accomplishment, that what we’re doing matters. And as I have said before, **if we ALL do some, then no ONE has to do all.**

Providing a framework for supporting educators **IS IMPORTANT AND WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT.** So how will we do it, **AND KEEP IT MANAGEABLE?**

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President-Elect Message 2023-2025 Biennium

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1. We will continue to embrace the benefits of technology to afford accessibility to meetings and resources and enhance training opportunities to prepare our current and future leaders. Many of us have increased our skills with leading online meetings, and the extra ZOOM account at the state level will give increased access to this resource.
2. We will continue to identify members with leadership talents and refine our leadership programs to include a formalized mentoring component, pairing a past or current leader with new State Committee Chairs and Officers. It is hoped that adding this piece to our Leadership plan will support the ideal of **Manageable Leadership** as well as retain the connection of members leaving leadership positions. Executive Committee Officers and Elected Personnel will reflect on their current responsibilities and suggest revisions that show a plan to make their job manageable. Officer responsibilities may be adjusted to show a balance of positions.
3. I will be asking the Executive Committee to consider making funds available to Area Councils who would like to host multi-chapter events to recruit new members, with a focus on identifying current educators. Presentation resources available through International will be shared. Area Councils will be encouraged to engage potential candidates in dialog that affirms their dedication and achievements as educators as well as benefits of being a DKG member.

Thank you for recognizing my leadership potential and offering this opportunity to serve as your NYSO President for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Working together, we will set and achieve our goals!

A huge THANK YOU, NYSO DKG, for a Successful 2023 Benefit Drawing!

Successful how?

Close to 5,000 tickets purchased by members and guests throughout New York State.

Much excitement at ticket drawing times at the 2023 NYSO DKG Convention.

Eight very happy winners of sensational Area Council offerings.

And, \$4,952 raised for the NYSO DKG Awards and Grant-in-Aid funds.

All this could have only happened as a result of each of your efforts!

Congratulations to these lucky members:

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| Marcia Johnson, <i>Alpha Tau</i> | Gift Basket from North Central |
| Marge LaPadula, <i>Alpha Eta</i> | Barnes and Noble gift card from South Central |
| Jean Sekel, <i>Pi</i> | Macy's gift card from Southeastern |
| Huyen Hoang, <i>Gamma Alpha</i> | Barnes and Noble gift card from West Central |
| Elaine McNulty, <i>Pi</i> | Tiffany gift card and Hudson Valley books from Eastern |
| Brenda Trivilino, <i>Gamma Epsilon</i> | Barnes and Noble gift card from East Central |
| Catherine Bala, <i>Epsilon</i> | Barnes and Noble gift card from Northern |
| Nancy Schwab, <i>Beta Mu</i> | Visa gift card from Capital |

A heartfelt *thank you* to the NYSO DKG Awards Committee and Treasurer Suzanne Patrick!!

Erin Merrill, NYSO DKG Awards Committee Interim Chair

CALENDAR OF NYSO IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

June 2023 – April 2025

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|--------------------------|---|
| June 3, 2023 | DKG Northern Area Conference, 9:30 a.m., Clarkson University, register by May 25, see NYSO DKG website for registration link |
| July 1, 2023 | DEADLINE: Chapter Dues sent to International and NYSO Treasurer |
| July 1, 2023 | Deadline: Supplemental Directory information to NYSO Executive Secretary Anna Marie Bonafide- ajjjrav@msn.com |
| July 11-16, 2023 | DKG International Conference, Detroit, Michigan |
| July 18-23, 2023 | DKG International Conference, Phoenix, Arizona |
| July 26-29, 2023 | DKG International Conference, Tampere, Finland |
| August 4, 2023 | NYSO Committee Chair Training - Virtual, time TBA |
| August 11, 2023 | NYSO Executive Committee Leadership Training, TBA |
| August 31, 2023 | Supplemental Directory Orders due to NYSO Executive Secretary Anna Marie Bonafide |
| September 1, 2023 | Deadline Fall <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYS <i>Pi Lights</i> Editor Mary-Martha Harvey mharvey@frontiernet.net |
| October 14, 2023 | West Central Area Conference, Letchworth State Park, Humphrey Nature Center, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. |
| October 24, 2023 | East Central Area Council “ <i>Women's Night Out</i> ” with Vendors- Featuring Senator Pamela Helming. 5:00pm, Club 86, Geneva. |
| October 28, 2023 | North Central Area Council “ <i>The Future Is Now; Educational Opportunities to Prepare Students for Jobs of the Future</i> ” at Delta Lake Bible Conference Centre |
| November 1, 2023 | Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due- Pi State Educational Foundation ... NYSO DKG (dkgnystate.org) |
| Before November 15, 2023 | IRS Form 99 |
| December 1, 2023 | Deadline Winter <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYSO <i>Pi Lights</i> Editor Mary-Martha Harvey mharvey@frontiernet.net |
| April 18-19, 2024 | NYSO DKG Spring Conference, Delta Hotel, Utica, NY |
| April 25-27,2025 | NYSO DKG Convention, Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, Lake George, NY |
| REMINDER: | Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair, Deb Bedard ASAP |

Supplemental Directory Information
Due July 1

Information for the **2023-2024 NYSO State Directory Supplement** is due by July 1, 2023 to Anna Marie Bonafide, Executive Secretary/First Vice President Elect. Chapter Presidents received forms at the April Convention and through email.

The following information is needed:

Chapter Number:_____ **Chapter Name:**_____

Chapter President:_____

Phone Number:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

List Programs for 2023-2024: Include date, meeting place and the program.

List ONLY New Initiates:

Please include name, address, phone number, email and their current position.

Please email this information to Anna Marie Bonafide at- ajjirav@msn.com.

TO ORDER:

Those who are interested in purchasing a Supplement Directory should send

\$5.00 per order

(check payable to NYSO DKG)

by August 31, 2023

to:

Anna Marie Bonafide,

26 Horseshoe Drive,
Selkirk, NY 12158.

Important BYLAW and Standing Rule Information for Chapters

Your State BYLAWS and Standing Rules Committee presented 18 proposed changes to our documents at the April 28-30 Convention. Some of these were due to the International Constitutional Convention during the summer of 2022. Our documents must be in compliance with all International documents. Other changes were proposed by State Committees. You can see the complete list in the Winter 2023 issue of *Pi Lights*.

International changed the description of some membership levels. If your Standing Rules describe membership levels, then you need to consider the new wording in Article III, Section C. International did away with Induction fees. So, if your Rules mention an Induction fee, then make the change. The process that International uses to collect dues changed and the wording in Article IV Finances, Section A.3 reflects the new process. International collects a one-time fee of \$49.50 for Chapter Honorary members. Chapters can charge Honorary members dues.

At the International and State levels the Nominations Committee name changed to Nominating Committee. Chapters can also make this change if so desired.

Make all necessary changes so that the name of our organization is NYSO DKG.

Chapters need to submit their Standing Rules for review each biennium. Chapters can find the check off sheet for required and recommended items on the State website. You can email rules to suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com or mail them to 254 Allen RD, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. As you work through the process, please feel free to send us questions.

On a final note, your State BYLAWS Committee will be submitting the state documents to International for review once all the changes approved by the Executive Board and General Session are made.

Sue Kenoyer

A Parliamentary Minute

Over the years, members have told me they are nervous about running meetings and getting it correct. DO NOT fear, what you do is never wrong and many of Robert's Rules have been condensed. This column is mainly for Chapter Officers and State Committee Chairs. Chapter Chairs will find this useful also.

Congratulations on agreeing to serve at the State level during President Lee-Alden's second biennium 2023-2025.

State Committee Chairs:

- Do read thru either the files you receive hard copy or zip files that the previous chair sends to you. These files have a wealth of information in them.
- Do create an agenda.
- Do appoint a Secretary.
- Do give each member a task to do so they feel part of the Committee.
- Do adjourn the meeting (If it is a small Committee, merely say, "This meeting is adjourned at...")

Karen P. Crumley
NYSO Parliamentarian

Educational Excellence News ***EEC***

It's been a busy 2021-23 biennium for the Educational Excellence Committee and many thanks are in order. To the EEC itself, thank you for your enthusiastic participation. The committee members brought their specialties among which included music, knowledge of CTLE credits and qualifications, legislative issues and the UN and CTAUN to the table every time we had meetings to plan and to review workshop proposals. We worked hard to offer a balanced blend of workshops that addressed NYSO-DKG business, personal and professional growth for members still active in the classroom and those who are retired.

Thank you to those who presented workshops. There were a total of 21 workshops on many different topics over the course of the biennium. No matter what stage you might be in your career or what position you hold in your chapter, there was something for everyone. That was only accomplished because of the generosity of our presenters in sharing their expertise and talents.

One thing of which I believe the EEC is particularly proud is that of the 21 workshops that were presented, one fourth of them were offered for CTLE credit for our active teachers who need those professional development credits. We think that is a big assist to our members and is yet another advantage to membership in NYSO DKG. We wish the turnout for those workshops had been greater, so we plan to continue to encourage more of those kinds of workshops in the future and publicize them more so everyone is aware that they are available and will take advantage of them.

In closing, **the Educational Excellence Committee is now seeking workshop proposals for the Spring Meeting in April 2024. The deadline for proposals is November 1, 2023.** It seems like a big gap of time between November 1 and the Spring Meeting, but that will give the EEC time to review proposals so we can find that balanced blend of workshops we strive to offer and publicize what will be available for credit. Please start thinking about a workshop you might like to present. The proposal forms are on our NYSO website and may be submitted to me, either as an email attachment or sent in regular mail. My contact information is on the form.

Happy Summer!

Submitted by Rosemary Van Wart, EEC Chair

THE DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

Are You Attending the International Conference in Detroit?

If you are attending the International Conference in Detroit, please contact **Anna Marie Bonafide**, Executive Secretary at ajjirav@msn.com.

We are going to plan a dinner out on Friday for those from NYSO DKG who are interested.

Anna Marie Bonafide

PHOENIX IS
CALLING . . .



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Phoenix Conference

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

YOU CAN

- Play an important role in making the DKG Phoenix Conference a success.
- Greet and assist conference attendees in your volunteer position.
- Be a part of an international conference.
- Give as much of your time as you are able in order to make this event a wonderful experience for you and your colleagues.

Click the link below to volunteer!

[Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Phoenix Conference \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Click the link below to sign up:

[Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Phoenix Conference \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

ATTENTION DKG MEMBERS:

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX**

PHOENIX IS CALLING...

Join DKG members in Phoenix July 18-22, 2023

- Experience the native culture at the Gila River Community
- Win prizes during the Bingo Trivia Night
- Enjoy dynamic keynote speakers
- Learn new skills at a variety of workshops
- Browse and shop at the Society Expo
- Explore the various resort amenities



Now is the time to register! Go to www.dkg.org
or snap the QR code.





An Opportunity to Make a Difference

Now Accepting Applications for the Position of DKGIEF Director

The future growth of DKGIEF depends on the **skills** and **experiences** of elected DKGIEF Directors and their **level of passion** for the vision of the Foundation to “*educate the world.*”

DKGIEF Directors manage the following funds for the purposes of fundraising, investment, donor management, and distribution of awards:

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|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Scholarship | World Fellowship | International Speakers | Emergency | Cornetet |
| | Eunah Temple Holden | Educational Projects | Golden Gift | |
| | | Educators Book Award | | |

If you are passionate about the DKGIEF’s mission and have the skill set to contribute to the work of the Foundation, we urge you to apply to become a DKGIEF Director. General information and application can be found on the DKGIEF webpage or use the QR code below.



NYSO DKG WEBSITE
www.dkgnystate.org

CHAPTER INDUCTEE PHOTOS Sought for NYSO Website

Chapters are encouraged to send individual photos of their Inductees as email attachments to Webmaster Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net, for the NYSO Website's HOME PAGE Inductee Slideshow. Individual photos should be of good quality so that a portrait could be cropped for the website size. Individual photos are preferable to group ones. The Inductee's name and Chapter should be included in the email.

ATTENTION: Chapter Webmasters

Website & Print Information Release Forms must be completed and signed by each Chapter member. Forms should be kept on file by the Chapter Webmaster. Access form at www.dkgnystate.org under Chapters, "Chapter Websites." Forms remain in effect until the member makes changes or withdraws permission.

Policy for Submissions for State Website

All submissions for the NYSO Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to: NYSO President Jennifer Lee-Alden, nysdkgpres2123@gmail.com, and to Webmaster Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net. Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to NYSO will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

SHORTCUT to Finding Your Item on the NYSO Website

Look at the bottom of the HOME PAGE to the right of the Compliance Seal and below the "Thanks for Stopping By" statement for the SEARCH box. Type in what you are looking for and hit enter. You will see a page with options for your search. Select the one you want and hit enter. You will be taken to the item on the website that matches your search.

EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES

You can find the latest updates and news links on the NYSO Website by clicking on the red button, "EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES," on the HOME PAGE or using the following link to the archive, <https://www.dkgnystate.org/chapter-resources.html>, in the CHAPTERS menu/Chapter Resources/EDUCATION NEWS.

This feature is compiled by **Judy Wadsworth**, *Alpha Alpha*, for the Monroe County School Boards Association and shared by permission. Send comments to judithw@frontiernet.net.

Mary-Martha Harvey, Webmaster

A Reminder from the BYLAWS & Rules Committee

At the end of each biennium, Chapters must submit their current approved **Chapter Standing Rules** to the NYSO DKG President and the Chair of the BYLAWS & Rules Committee.

Please make sure that your Chapter Standing Rules are up-to-date and voted on in your Chapter Meeting prior to the end of the current biennium. Indicate the date of the Chapter approval vote in the document.

Sue Kenoyer
Chair BYLAWS & Rules Committee



North Central Area Council Conference

"The Future is Now"

Educational opportunities to prepare students for the jobs of the future.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center

8912 Turin Rd, Rome, NY 13440

9:00 - 9:30 Registration, Continental Breakfast

9:30 - 9:45 Welcome & Orientation

9:55 - 10:25 First session

10:35 - 11:05 Second session

11:15 - 11:45 Third Session

11:45 - 12:00 Break, move to Dining Hall

12:00 - Lunch followed by State Speaker, Baskets drawing

Registration fee \$30.00 includes Breakfast and Lunch

Please register by October 13, 2023

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Special dietary needs _____

Name for Name Tag _____ *Chapter* _____

Mail form and check payable to DKG Chi Chapter to:

Sue Peters-Bush, Registrar

7367 Old State Road

Croghan, N.Y. 13327

Email: spbushdkg@gmail.com

North Central Area Council Information

“The Future Is Now”

**The DKG North Central Conference
Delta Lake Bible Conference Center
Rome, New York
October 28th, 2023**

This year’s Conference focuses on the theme *“The Future Is Now”* and will showcase educational innovations that are happening within the Mohawk Valley Region.

Key presenters at the Conference are several Delta Kappa Gamma *Nu* Chapter members: **Erica Schoff**, **Michelle Hall** and **Christina Warner**. These DKG educators are helping to bring 21st century changes that are empowering local students to prepare for life after high school.

Schoff and Hall will be presenting on the continuum of services and pathways provided by School to Career Programs, Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH), and the Utica City School District. The unique program provides cutting edge graduation pathways and also empowers students to have 21st century power skills that they will be able to utilize as they enter the workforce. In addition, Warner will share details about the P-TECH program which is offered at the Oneida-Herkimer Madison BOCES. The program is currently in its eighth year of operation and offers an integrated high school curriculum focused on STEAM principles. The program enrolls freshmen students in a flexible and individualized four, five or six-year program combining academic rigor and career focus with graduates earning a high school diploma and an accredited Associate’s degree from Mohawk Community College at no cost. Students experience internships with P-TECH business and industry partners. Graduates are regarded as viable candidates for employment with partnering companies.

Lastly, **Dr. Michael A. Carpenter**, Interim Dean, College of Engineering, SUNY Polytechnic Institute will be highlighting the growth in holistic approaches being planned and undertaken to increase the number of STEAM students trained for modern industry. SUNY Poly is currently working with community and industry partners. Dr. Carpenter will offer insights about special programs offered at the middle school as well as the high school levels for local students. As New York’s only Premier Public Polytechnic he will share unique educational opportunities which are only matched by 5-6 academic institutions in the nation.

Please come join us to learn about the future of STEAM education!

NYSO DKG HONORARY MEMBERS

**Dr. Marlene Caroselli
Hon. Joan Christensen
Ruth Colvin
Meg Gardinier
Dr. Ellen Grant**

Biennium 2023-2025

“Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership”

CONGRATULATIONS to 50- and 25-Year Members Honored at 2023 Convention

Twenty- two fifty year and twenty-nine twenty-five-year members were honored at the Celebration Luncheon at the 2023 Convention on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Crowne Plaza/ Desmond.

***** **50-Year Members: Initiated in 1973** *****

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| <i>Alpha</i> | Mary F. Spada |
| <i>Tau</i> | Barbara Boncek |
| | Lorraine Ganz |
| <i>Alpha Theta</i> | Carol J. Feltz |
| <i>Alpha Lambda</i> | Carolyn Jolley |
| <i>Alpha Rho</i> | Mary Jane Eckel |
| <i>Alpha Tau</i> | Mary Kay Bolan |
| | Margaret Colacino |
| | Cecilia M. Colosi |
| | Alice M. Russell |
| | Jeanne M. Smith |
| | Marilyn A. Sacheli |
| | Linda L. Utter |
| | Carla A. Vitale |
| <i>Alpha Phi</i> | Phyllis A. Voegeli |
| <i>Alpha Psi</i> | Phyllis Boerner Cousins |
| | Jane E. Olcott |
| | Marlene K. Towne |
| <i>Beta Gamma</i> | Marilyn R. Hubbard |
| <i>Beta Delta</i> | Roberta Ann Leu |
| <i>Beta Theta</i> | Dawne E. Wilkins |
| <i>Beta Rho</i> | Mary Jane Eckel |

***** **25-Year Members: Initiated in 1998** *****

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| <i>Beta</i> | Kathleen Tavarone |
| <i>Nu</i> | Vera Ellen Beggs |
| | Nancy J. Hester |
| <i>Tau</i> | Laurie Cauthers |
| | Phyllis Coombe |
| <i>Chi</i> | Sharon J. Bondellio |
| | Leueen Smithling |
| <i>Alpha Beta</i> | Evelyn P. Finn |
| <i>Alpha Epsilon</i> | Deborah M. Bedard |
| <i>Alpha Eta</i> | Nancy A. Casey |
| | Harriet Cornell |
| | Carol Ann Racca |

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| <i>Alpha Theta</i> | Marcia O. McCarthy Cathleen J. Tuck Spero |
| <i>Alpha Lambda</i> | Lori Ellman Karen Ann Mauro |
| <i>Alpha Rho</i> | Mary Jane Eckel |
| <i>Alpha Tau</i> | Cecilia M. Colosi |
| <i>Alpha Phi</i> | Joyce Tang |
| <i>Alpha Chi</i> | Patricia S. Aubry Janet Y. Lanning |
| <i>Alpha Psi</i> | Marion R. Lloyd |
| <i>Beta Theta</i> | Gail F. Bedell |
| <i>Beta Eta</i> | Dorothy R. Pecoraro |
| <i>Beta Rho</i> | Mary Jane Eckel Donna Monico |
| <i>Beta Tau</i> | Barbara S. Christiansen Carla R. Vitale |
| <i>Gamma Alpha</i> | Jacqueline T. Basker |

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, 2021-23
NYSO DKG First Vice President*

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Area Council Representatives for the NYSO DKG Nominating and Finance Committees Elected at the 2013 Convention

Nominating Committee

Dee Hushmendy, Chair (2023-2027) *Alpha Nu- C*
Karen Butters (2023-2027) *Beta Mu - N*
Susan Peters-Bush (2023-2027) *Chi - NC*
Noreen LeCann (2023-2027) *Rho - SC*
Annmarie Santorelly (2023-2027) *Zeta - E*

Finance Committee

Marie Scoles (2023-2027) *Beta Delta - EC*
Barb Filipiak (2023-2027) *Alpha Theta - NW*
Diane Dietrich (2023-2027) *Beta Epsilon - SW*
Linda Flaherty (2023-2027) *Beta Gamma - WC*
Grace Murphy (2023-2027) *Alpha Beta - SE*

THE PI STATE ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE SELECTS TWO RECIPIENTS OF THE 2023 Pi STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In presenting the Awards, **Dr. Andréa H. Morris**, Chair of the Pi State Achievement Award Committee 2021-23, gave a brief historical summary about the establishment of the Pi State Achievement Award. During the 2020 pandemic, Past State President, **Deborah Bedard** (2015-2017) was acknowledged as the 2020 recipient. Previous awardees of the Pi State Achievement Award that were in attendance were recognized. This award is given for the third time at a State Convention to two recipients, previously awarded in the 1990 and 2003.



Beryl Szwed

Beryl Szwed, the first recipient of the 2023 Pi State Achievement Award, has been a member of the DKG/NYSO, *Beta Mu* (N) Chapter for 30 years. She has served on the Chapter level as Chair of various Committees, Vice-President, Treasurer and Chapter President.

She has attended State, Regional and International Conferences and Conventions; served on the Audit Committee and was the Executive Secretary (2003-2011) and was the Representative for the Northern Finance Council on the International level.

Some of Beryl's activities are member of the Association of Mathematic Teachers for New York State, New York State Association of Mathematics Supervisors, and Liaison to New York State Council of Education Associations

*Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Chair
Chair, Pi State Achievement Award
Committee*



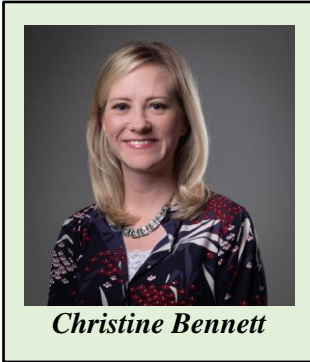
Sue Kenoyer

The second recipient **Susan T. Kenoyer** is Past State President (2019-2021) and has been a member of NYSO DKG, *Psi* Chapter (N) for 28 years. She has had and continues to add to her extensive active service and involvement on the Chapter Level, serving as Chapter President and Secretary for 7 years, Chairs of various Chapter Committees, Chair of Northern Area Council Meetings for two years, and has attended 10 Area Council Meetings. She was Registrar at NYSO DKG State Conferences and Conventions, and Liaison for North Central, Capital and Northern Areas. Susan has also attended 9 Regional and 5 International Meetings.

Sue has held mathematical positions in Michigan, Florida, Kansas and Plattsburg as a teaching assistant, assistant precalculus coordinator and adjunct instructor. From 2014-present, Sue has been a member of the Mathematics Department and the Champlain Valley Council of Retirees (CVCR). In the Northern Adirondack Area, she served as Mathematic Department Chair for 26 years.

Sue has received honors as "*Teacher of the Year*" and "*Women of Distinction for Education.*" During the pandemic her remarkable achievement was conducting her own virtual State Convention that successful and well-organized.

2023 Ruth Williams DKG Scholarship



Christine Bennett

The 2023 Ruth Williams NYSO DKG Scholarship was awarded to **Christine Bennett**, *Omega Chapter EC*, at the 2023 Convention.

School district leadership requires a varied professional 'toolbox' of knowledge, strategies and grit. While NYSED School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) Certification college programs provide a broad understanding of pedagogy, curriculum supervision, strategic planning and building leadership guidance, the intricacies of leading within a specific department such as Human Resources are not always prevalent. Human Resources leadership is a common BA/BS degree earned within the private

sector. Likewise, a common Human Resources Certification earned by those with BA/BS in a Human Resources field is PHR.

The PHR, Professional in Human Resources Certification, is offered through Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI). Those in HR college programs complete their degree and use that knowledge to take the PHR exam. Since Christine Bennett comes from a 15-year teaching background, Christine will apply DKG scholarship funds to complete a Cornell University PHR Exam Preparation Course and then take the PHR certification exam. A thorough knowledge of HR competencies (such as: ethical hiring, diversity and inclusion, US law and Federal regulations and workforce management) can all advance student learning initiatives and school district performance. Such focuses keep the school district in compliance while ultimately providing the background functions required to meet our mission and vision for student success.

Christine Bennett is currently the Executive Director of Human Resources with Newark Central School District, Newark, NY.

Congratulations, Christine!

*Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott
Chair, NYSO DKG Scholarship Committee
& Mary Ann Baldari*

The Bea Small Award 2023 Recipients ***Congratulations!***



Chi “Welcome to Teaching Swag Bags”

This project recognizes and shows appreciation for first year teachers in 14 schools districts and 2 BOCES Tech Centers in Jefferson and Lewis counties. The personalized swag bags include school supplies, personal items, individually packaged snacks, a gift card or store coupon, DKG information, and an inspirational quote.

Project Director **Kim Pierce**

The Bea Small Award 2023 Recipients

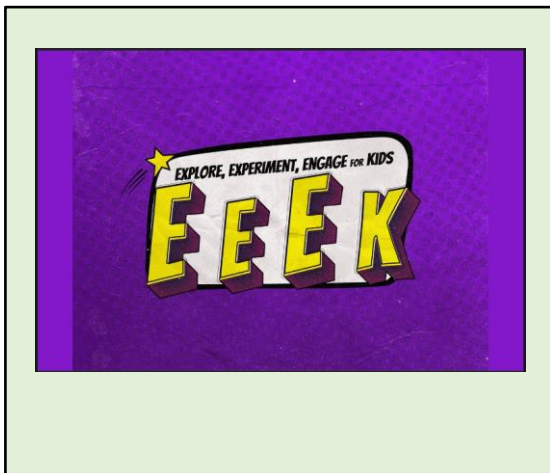
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Alpha Theta “Got the Tots Covered”

This project provides the children attending the Medina Head Start Program’s community with naptime blankets. Members donate two yards of fleece fabric and their time to make the tie-fleece blankets for the students to use and keep for naptime.

Project Directors **Peggy Hanavan, Barb Filipiak and Lois Donovan**



Beta Delta “EEEK! (Explore, Experiment, Engage for Kids!)”

This project coordinates and compliments the school’s curriculum (Grades 3-5) by providing an alternative way to learn outside the classroom, giving students at-home opportunities to explore and engage with local history as well as experiment with small science projects. Students may accomplish these lessons on their own time without a computer.”

Project Director **Nellie Ludemann**, Executive Director at Seneca Falls Historical Society.



Alpha Zeta “A Book in Every Bag”

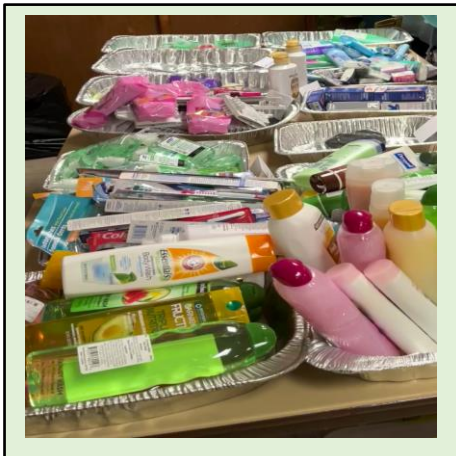
This Chapter fills 100 or more backpacks annually with age-appropriate school supplies for students in our area who are in need of help in preparing for school. For the past three years we have also included 1-2 books.

Project Director **Kim Goldhirsch**

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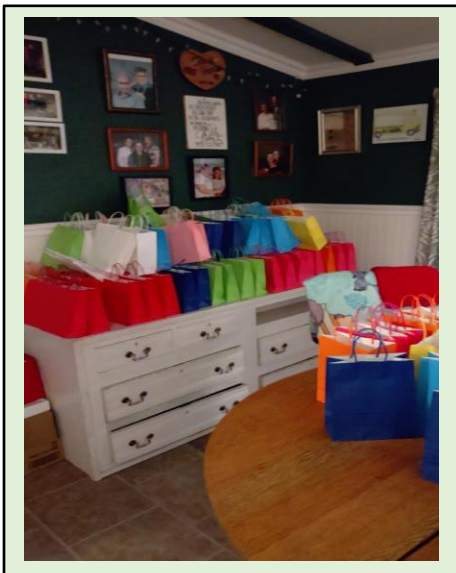
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Alpha Nu “Domestic Shelter Program”

Families are only ready to help their children learn if their needs are met. Our pocketbook/toiletry collection has been enhanced by adding a literacy component. Women are provided with a pocketbook filled with toiletries for basic needs, including underwear and socks. A library has been created for the shelter with books for students of all ages.

Project Director **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**



Rho “Bags for New Teachers”

For six years this Chapter has prepared Bags for new teachers in the seventeen school districts in their area, containing items to encourage them, including motivational stickers, items for classroom and a flyer about DKG with a local contact.

Project Director **Lisa Huyck**

*Mary-Martha W. Harvey
Chair, Bea Small Board of Trustees*

THE DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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



The Native American Grant(s)-in Aid Award



Audrey Shenandoah

The Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee is pleased to announce that one very deserving woman will be receiving this award. We are happy to note that she is a recipient who has re-applied and this grant will once again help her reach her goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. She will receive \$500 for two college semesters.

Audrey Shenandoah Audrey is a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in Akwesasne, New York. She attends SUNY Potsdam. Audrey plans to continue her studies in Early Childhood Education. She hopes to become a teacher in an elementary school within her community. This past semester had some challenges for Audrey and she was proud that her hard work helped her to accomplish her goal of successfully completing all of her coursework and will continue on with the same determination.

The references of recommendation that have been received on Audrey's behalf have all used the same words that describe Audrey as "caring and humble." She always strives to do her very best and her dedication to her family, culture and education are very important to her.

We are proud to be helping Audrey reach her dream of becoming an elementary education teacher.

*Patricia Turner
Committee Chair*

Look for Registration Forms and Information on Upcoming Area Council Conferences On NYSO DKG Website

West Central Area Council

October 14, 2023

10:00-1:00pm

**Letchworth State Park
Humphrey Nature Centre**

East Central Area Conference

October 24, 2023

5:00pm

**Club 86 in Geneva, NY
"Women's Night Out"**

Area Vendors and Guest Speaker NYS Senator Pam Helming

North Central Area Conference

"The Future is Now ...

Educational Opportunities to Prepare Students for Jobs of the Future"

October 28, 2023

**Delta Lake Bible Conference Centre
Rome, NY**



US FORUM UPDATE

The US Forum's purpose is to inform members of DKG on Legislation and Issues that affect Women, Children and Education so that they can make informed decisions on their involvement. All DKG Members in the United States are members of the US Forum.

US Forum International Presentations Summer 2023

Grow Your Garden of Mental Illness 2:45pm, July 14 at the Detroit Westin Cadillac. The program will feature Federal Legislation and resources on incorporating mental wellness in your chapter and state meetings, along with helpful personal hints.

SPA: Special Personal Activity 2:45pm, July 21 at the Sheraton Grande at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, AZ. The program features Award Winning Educator Ashley Crose of Scottsdale United School district, information on Federal Legislation and activities for chapters and state organizations.

National Legislative Seminar 2024

The US Forum Steering Committee will be presenting NLS in Washington, DC, March 10-13, 2024. The seminar will enable members from throughout the United States to listen to National Speakers on pertinent legislative topics, visit with their Representatives and become more aware of how to advocate.

Get Involved

Members Follow the US Forum, their website <https://dkgusforum.org> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum/features> updates on legislation, upcoming informative zoom meetings and copies of their newsletter. Legislative action can be directly followed on Congress.gov

I have appreciated serving the NYSO members as the State US Forum Representative this biennium and I encourage all NY members to get engaged in Legislation and make their voices known. ***You can make a difference!***

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn
2021-23 NYSO First Vice President and US Forum Representative*

**News from
THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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

When you want to remember someone special who is passionate about children and learning, please consider making a donation in their name. Donation forms can be found on the State website, www.dkgnys.org.

As always, we are looking for new members of the Foundation.

A lifetime membership is only \$25. Membership forms, grant applications and literacy scholarship applications can be found on the State website.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Educational Foundation!

*Sue Summerfield, President
Pi State Educational Foundation*

Jean Sekel's REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS

NEW MEMBERS OF PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

(October 2021 to April 2023)

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Lois Gibson | Tau |
| Linda Mahoney | Chi |
| Amber Gladle | Gamma Epsilon |
| Carol Anne St. George | Alpha Alpha |
| Theresa Clark | Beta Delta |
| Jane Morehouse | Beta Delta |
| Darlene Cieri | Beta Delta |
| Gail Johnson | Beta Delta |
| Mary Jo Shrey | Beta Delta |
| Francesca Davide | Alpha Pi |
| Stefanie Benjamin | Tau |
| Elizabeth Becht | Beta Delta |
| Shelly Lee | Alpha Iota |
| Deborah Conte | Pi |
| Judith Matthews | Alpha Nu |

DONATIONS MADE BY

(March 2021 to April 2022)

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Celia Bradford
Sheila Brady-Root
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Anne Price
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Irene Ferguson
Elizabeth Mussack
Andrea Null
Beverly Simons
Ann Archer
Mary Augusta Boogaard

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(March 2021 to April 2022)

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| Members | Beta Theta | Marjorie Hunt |
| Members | Beta Theta | Nancy Johnson |
| Members | Beta Theta | Jill Virts |
| Members | Beta Theta | Patricia Younglove |
| Members | Alpha Theta | Celeste Crawford |
| NYSO Executive Comm. | | Lisa Mead's mother |
| NYSO Executive Comm. | | Judy Giren |
| Karen Crumley | Tau | Judy Giren |
| Karen Crumley | Tau | Ellyn Levy's Nephew |
| Joan Slagle | Beta Omega | Remigia Foy |
| Phyllis Frantel | Omega | Beverly Simons |
| Joan Slagle | Beta Omega | Mary Rose Holzhauer |
| Barbara M. Filipiak | Alpha Theta | Catherine Benjamin |

DONATIONS MADE BY CHAPTER IN MEMORY OF

(April 2022 to June 2022)

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| Deborah Bedard | Alpha Epsilon | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Members | Alpha Epsilon | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Carol Frost | Beta Rho | Jean Henry |
| Sue Kenoyer | Psi | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Margaret Connoly | Beta Omega | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Anne Marie Carlson | Phi | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Andrea Morris | Alpha Beta | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Mary Martha Harvey | Omega | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
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| Arlene Ida | Alpha Kappa | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Baker Funeral Home | | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| NYSO Executive Comm. | | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Karen Crumley | Tau | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Joan Slagle | Beta Omega | Dr. Margarethe McCurry |
| Members | Beta Theta | Dorothy Wiggins |
| NYSO Executive Comm. | | K Goldhirsch's Mother-in-law |
| Members | Alpha Kappa | Margarethe McCurry |
| Members | Beta Tau | Roma Emery |
| Members | Beta Tau | Jane Barnard |

DONATIONS MADE BY CHAPTER IN MEMORY OF

(July 2022 to May 2023)

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| Members | Pi | Maggie McCurry |
| Barbara Bostwick Quinn | Beta | Maggie McCurry |
| Members | Beta Chi | Mary Lou Walker |
| Members | Omega | Marguerite Wiegand |
| Grace Murphy | Alpha Beta | Maggie McCurry |
| Grace Murphy | Alpha Beta | Betty Savage |
| Grace Murphy | Alpha Beta | Carol Dougherty |
| Grace Murphy | Alpha Beta | Roseann Hickey |
| Andrea Morris | Alpha BETA | Rose Ann Hickey |
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| Mary-Martha Harvey | Omega | Wanda Ward |
| Karen Crumley | Tau | Wanda Ward |
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| Ginny Dudko | Tau | Susan Summerfield |
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| Karen Butters | Beta Mu | Rose Ann Hickey |
| Karen Butters | Beta Mu | Beryl Szwed |
| Deborah Bedard | Alpha Epsilon | Suzanne Patrick |
| Ginny Dudko | Tau | Agnes Becker |
| NYSO Executive Comm. | | Elisa Keating |
| Members | Tau | Ellyn Levy |
| Joan Slagle | Beta Omega | Virginia Dudko |
| Sharon Patrick | Alpha Kappa | Suzanne Patrick |
| Members | Alpha Kappa | Suzanne Patrick |
| Joan Slagle | Beta Omega | Susan Kenoyer |
| Jane Crosby | Alpha Tau | Shirley Crosby |
| Jane Crosby | Alpha Tau | Beverly Simons |
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| Eastern Area Council | | Kim Goldhirsch |
| Mary Hickey | Beta | Karen Cunningham |
| Elaine McNulty | Pi | Pi Chapter |

***The Pi State Educational Foundation:
See NYSO Website for applications & more.***

Due Dates for Grant Submissions

Project Grant Applications

November 1st

May 1st

Literacy Scholarship Applications

February 15th:

Rho Chapter's 2023 Woman of Distinction

Photo by Leanne Nydan



Rho Chapter presented their **Woman of Distinction** award at their banquet on May 12. Pictured are President **Lisa Huyck** and Awardee 56-year member **Dottie Lawson**.

Chi Chapter's 2023 Woman of Distinction



Awarded to **Sue Peters-Bush**, *Chi* Immediate Past President.

Photo by Sue Pennock

DKG International Website: www.dkg.org

Gamma Epsilon Annual Brunch & Auction



Members of the *Gamma Epsilon* Chapter met on November 19, 2022 to have our *Annual Holiday Brunch & Auction*. This event is held at Clarkson University where members participate in an “all you can eat” breakfast buffet including an omelet bar, donate books for the Sheard Literacy Center at SUNY Potsdam and bid on items to help supplement our scholarship each year. This year members and guests donated several books to the Literacy Center. Pictured above are *Gamma Epsilon* members and their guests. We were also able to raise half the amount of money we need towards our yearly scholarship.

We look forward to this event every year and hope that in the future it will continue to **grow**.

Photo & Article Courtesy of Amber Gladle, *Gamma Epsilon* President

Nu Chapter News



*(left to right) Initiate Nicole Collver *, Nu President Elizabeth Klug, Nu 1st Vice President & Sponsor, Marybeth Cosentino (* Nicole Collver is a School Psychologist, Whitesboro CSD, working towards her CAS in Administration.)*

Photo by Erica Schoff, Nu, Nicole's sister!



*Nu Chapter's
2023
Woman of Distinction
Award to
Risë Messmer*



**25-year Member
Nancy Hester**



**25-Year
member,
Vera Beggs**



Alpha Alpha Celebrates Its 2023 Scholars

On June 3, *Alpha Alpha* members, scholars and guests gathered at SUNY Brockport to celebrate the Chapter's Scholar Award recipients. The program included updates from all seven scholars, and a presentation by Chapter member **Dr. Carol St. George**, the 2022 recipient of the NYSO-DKG Frederica Hollister Award. Since 1985, *Alpha Alpha* Chapter has been offering Scholar Awards to undergraduate college students at \$1000 for each of four years if they maintain good grades and stay in the field of education.

Photo and article by Judy Wadsworth

Beta 85th Birthday Celebration



NYSO Secretary Amy Zimmerman
presenting at
Beta's Celebration 4.22.23

Photos & Article by
Beta President
Mary Kay Hickey



Beta Initiates New Grant-In-Aid Program for Untenured Teachers

Beta Chapter initiated a new Grants-In-Aid program aimed at untenured teachers in the Greater Cortland Area. The grant provided one hundred dollar stipends for invocative classroom ideas.

Thirty-four educators submitted applications of which the Committee selected fourteen awardees.

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Beta Celebrates 85th Birthday

On April 22, 2023 Beta Chapter celebrated their 85th birthday. The Chapter was formed on February 12, 1938 by 12 women educators of which three were NYSO State Founders: Honorary Member **Dr. R. Louise Finch**, Dean of Woman Cornell University, **Pauline Meyer** Head of the Music Department at Cortland Normal School and **Dr. Alice Pierce** Director of Rural Education at Cortland Normal School. Another Chapter founder **Dr. Elsa Brookfield**, teacher of French and German at Southside High School in Elmira later became NYSO Second State President (1938-1942).

The Chapter went from Lake Ontario, the Greater Syracuse area to Elmira and Binghamton and covered most of central New York. Beta members were heavily involved in the State and International activities. Xi, Nu, Pi, Sigma, Mu and Rho were all formed by Beta Members. Chapters that were later formed from Beta included Alpha Rho, Beta Rho, Beta Sigma, Beta Kappa, Beta Upsilon, and Alpha Omega.

Beta President **Gladys Mersereau** (1943-45) became the fifth State President (1946-48.) She later became the First State Executive Secretary and the first recipient of the Pi State Achievement Award in 1954. In all, five Beta members have received the Pi State Achievement Award. Besides Gladys, **Dr. Alice Pierce** (1955), **Dr. Elsa Brookfield** (1957), **Carol Kendall** (1969), and **Marie Cady** (1971).

Special Guest NYSO Secretary **Amy Zimmerman**, Alpha Tau discussed Beta's contribution and involvement in the Society and encouraged members to seek new members. Also in attendance was NYSO Parliamentarian **Karen Crumley**, Tau who encouraged members to get involved at the State level. After a presentation on the Chapter's history by NYSO First Vice President and Beta member **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, the Chapter participated in a pound auction to benefit their new Grants-In-Aid project.



Members listening to NYSO DKG Executive Secretary
Amy Zimmerman's presentation.8

Beta Initiates New Grant-In-Aid Program for Untenured Teachers

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Awardees were from seven central New York school districts: Cincinnatus, Dryden, McGraw, Marathan, Homer, Groton, Cortland City Schools along with OCM BOCES, Cortland Christian Academy and St. Mary's Catholic School in Cortland.

Projects ranged from math and reading and curriculum materials to STEM projects, Hydroponic Matter, Weather Instruments and down draft tables supplies. Awardees were presented with their checks by their Building Principals and invited to attend a *Beta* Meeting and update the Chapter on their progress.

On Thursday, June 1, two of the awardees Dryden Librarian **Liz Corbet** and Technology Education Teacher **Russ Blasko** shared their projects at our Chapter meeting.

Beta Members are anxiously awaiting the next round of applicants. These Grants will promote creativity, while providing support and addressing needs for new educators.

Photos & Article by Beta President Mary Kay Hickey



(L to R) *Beta* Scholarship and Grants-In-Aid Committee Members **Esther Davis, Ann Marie Finamore** and **Katherine Locke** (far right) with Awardees **Russ Blasko & Liz Corbet** and

Beta Delta Welcomed Two Initiates on May 10th

Information & Photos Submitted by Diane Cappellino



Nicole Spitzer



Nicole & Amylyn with their sponsor Elisa Keating



Amylyn Marley

Tau Chapter Celebrates Its Members, History and Initiates

On May 11, 2023, *Tau* Chapter met at Sorello Ristorante on Kauneonga Lake, NY for a night of delicious food, fellowship and celebrations. On this night, members of *Tau* celebrated the Chapter's birthday.

Tau Chapter was organized on May 9, 1952. Since the Chapter's beginning, there have been many member representatives of the school districts in Sullivan County, Hancock and Downsville.

In celebration, **Babara Boncek** and **Lorraine Ganz** were honored as 50-year members of DKG. **Penny Coombe** received recognition as a 25-year member. Member **Mary Ellyn Levy** was recognized as the recipient of the *DKG Women of Distinction Award*.

Tau Chapter also inducted new members **Heather Mady**, **Kimberly Everett**, and **Sharon Schroder**. These women bring to the Chapter a wealth of experience in education and a dedication for community service. *Tau* Chapter welcomed these new members into the Society to continue the traditions, purposes and works of Delta Kappa Society International.

Photo and Article by Patricia Segar

(L to R) Initiates Sharon Schroeder, Kimberly Everett, Heather Mady, with Elizabeth Huggler, Tau Chapter President Mary Ellyn Levy and Past President Leah Exner



Omega Welcomes Their 2023 Grant(s)-in-Aid Recipients

Omega wishes these three deserving young women good luck in their education endeavors.



Omega Chapter is pleased to announce its 2023 Grant(s)-In-Aid recipients. Pictured on the left is **Hannah Kinslow**, a senior attending Newark High School. Hannah plans to matriculate at Penn State to become a kindergarten teacher. At center is **Katelyn Wilkes**, who attends Midlakes High School. Katelyn plans to become a Physical Education teacher and coach through her studies at St. Bonaventure University. Pictured on the right is **Natalee Mullen** from Canandaigua Academy. Nataleele aspires to be either a kindergarten or first grade teacher, earning her degree from SUNY Potsdam.

Photo & Article Submitted by Gail Francis Burr

Alpha Rho Welcomes Its Newest Member on May 18th



On May 18th, **Samara Farr Gromer** became a member of The *Alpha Rho* Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is vocal music teacher at Henry Avenue Elementary School in Elmira.

Information & Photo by Maureen Nicolo



Nu Chapter Initiate Nicole Collver

(* Nicole Collver is a School Psychologist, Whitesboro CSD, working towards her CAS in Administration.)

Photo by Erica Schoff, Nu

Beta Delta Created Care Baskets for Faculty & Staff

On October 20, 2022, *Beta Delta* Chapter members met to make **Care Baskets for every Faculty/Staff room in our four Seneca County School Districts.**

Members filled decorated boxes with snacks and wrote positive notes of support to our local educators. DKG pens, pencils and sticky notes along with a *Beta Delta* brochure were included in each box as a way to promote our organization.

Beta Delta members **Liz Logan, Theresa Clark, Diane Cappellino., Elisa Keating, Marie Scoles, Carol Lord, Janet Driscoll, Denise Capozzi, BJ Garnsey, Cornelia Johnson,** and guests **Amylyn Marley** and **Nicole Spitzer** participated in the project and then enjoyed a meal together.

Article & Photos by President Marie Scoles

Beta Delta Members Creating Care Baskets



Judy Wadsworth Recognized by Local LWV with the Carrie Chapman Catt Award

At the May 17, 2023 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters - Rochester Metro Area, *Alpha Alpha* member **Judy Wadsworth** was presented with the local League’s prestigious **Carrie Chapman Catt Award** for her service.

Judy served as editor of *The Voter*, the LWV-RMA monthly newsletter, from 2015 – 2022, educating members about LWV issues and activities. Judy is also a member of the government committee that meets with lawmakers to discuss and seek legislative support for League priorities and positions. The Carrie Chapman Catt Award is named after the founding leader of the National LWV.

In 2020, on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the National League of Women Voters, the LWV-RMA received *Alpha Alpha* Chapter’s Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award for its efforts to educate people of all ages – to register potential voters, inform them on issues, and encourage them to vote. Some of the local League’s activities are shown in the graphic below. To learn more about the LWV-RMA, visit its website at <http://www.lwv-rma.org/>



Judy Wadsworth

What League of Women Voters does:

We are the **LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® ROCHESTER METRO AREA **We.....**

Study issues.

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Go to www.dkg.org and click “My DKG” to check that your address, email, and other important information is up to date. Your username is your 6-digit member number. If you haven’t yet set up a password, contact your Chapter President or a State Officer to get the original password needed. Once you log on initially, you’ll be able to set your own personal password to access the International website.

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**Deadlines for 2023-2024
December 1, 2023...March 1, 2024...June 1, 2024**