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The **Educational Excellence Committee** is delighted to present the *Session Workshops* for the 2015 Pi State Convention on April 24-26, 2015. The variety of topics supports the mission of DKG: "to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and educational excellence." *Jennifer Lee-Alden*

Pi State Is Proud to Welcome Keynote Speaker & Guest, **Dr. Gwen Simmons**



Dr. Gwen Simmons

Gwen Simmons, Ed.D., North Carolina, has served DKG extensively including terms as Chairman of the International Constitution Committee, member of the Constitution Interpretation Committee, member of the team that prepared the revised *2010 Constitution*, and member of the Committee that revised the *Society Handbook* creating the *2011 Go-To Guide*. Simmons currently serves as Society Parliamentarian.

Simmons is a Professionally Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) and is currently serving a third term as Secretary/Treasurer of the NC Association of Parliamentarians and a second term as Parliamentarian for the NC State Organization of DKG. She has presented keynote speeches to various professional groups including DKG and has presented workshops on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, leadership (*looking in the mirror for leadership*), mission-oriented Chapters, basic Parliamentary procedure, writing minutes and developing BYLAWS.

Simmons has taught all educational levels, elementary through graduate school. Formerly Director of the Counseling and Testing Center of a State University, she now maintains a private counseling, coaching and consulting practice. Simmons has co-authored a book (2009) entitled *See Jane Not Run ... Teachers are Leaders*.

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One of the ways **Dr. Joyce Tang** has challenged us to "**Invigorate Pi State**" is to grow our membership. Please consider inviting an Early Career Educator or potential member to the 70th Pi State Convention.

Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid due March 1, 2015

More details are included on p. 6 of this issue. Refer to the Pi State website for applications.



"Invigorating Pi State"

Dr. Joyce Tang

Pi State President 2013 - 2015

***See you at the 70th Pi State Convention from
April 24 to 26, 2015 at the Long Island Marriott!***

I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break and gatherings with family and friends. The holiday season is the time to take stock of the past and plan for the future. In 2014, Pi State had an outstanding year of activities and accomplishments. Reports in *Pi Lights*, regular updates on the Pi State's website, and the Spring and Fall State meetings in Syracuse and Glens Falls are constant reminders of the seamless collective efforts of all 2,600 stakeholders in *Invigorating Pi State!*

It has been great fun to work with the **Convention Steering Committee** to plan for the highlight of my Biennium - **The 70th Pi State Convention at the Long Island Marriott**. Come to Long Island to meet sisters from all over New York State, attend professional workshops and get professional hours, sign-up for fantastic tours to explore New York City and Long Island with friends and family, pay tribute to the sisters who passed away, honor the Woman of Distinction and recipients of Scholarships, Awards and Grants-in-Aid and most importantly meet and greet the State Officers for the next Biennium.

Dr. Gwen Simmons from North Carolina, DKG Parliamentarian, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Friday Night Opening Session. In addition to bringing greetings from International, her Keynote address will focus on a major challenge that many State Organizations and Chapters are facing – *Leadership*.

Your continued enthusiastic support for our **Benefit Drawing** will allow Pi State to provide Scholarships, Awards and Grants to exceptional women (*members and non-members*) to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies and for Chapters to launch or renew community projects to help the needy or less fortunate.

Help Pi State to meet the fundraising goal of \$6,334 for 2015!

Like many of you, I am excited about the **Pi State Strategic Action Plan**. At the Fall 2014 Board Meeting, the SAP Committee presented highlights of the Report. The revised report along with the results of the Surveys for 2014-16 Pi State Chapter Presidents are available from the Pi State's website and have been sent to Pi State Executive Board. Please review and discuss these documents at your Chapter meetings. Share your suggestions with Committee members for the development of goals and timetable.

REMEMBER: The top three issues that our 57 Chapters are facing are:

- [1] - Declining membership,
- [2] - Finding members to take on leadership positions,
- [3] - Encouraging members to attend meetings and participate in activities.

How can WE (Team Pi State) solve these problems together?

Finally, I hope that many of you will submit nominations of worthy candidates and Chapter projects for Scholarships, Awards and Grants-in-Aid as soon as possible and no later than MARCH 1st (SUNDAY). I would like to see many of you at the Sunday Awards Brunch on April 26 at the Long Island Marriott.

Dr. Joyce Tang



Deborah Bedard

President:**Deborah Bedard**

Deborah Bedard, *Alpha Epsilon*, Capital Area, was initiated in 1998 and has served her Chapter on many Committees and Offices. She has been Chapter President for two biennia, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary and is currently Corresponding Secretary, which she has done through five biennia and produces the Chapter newsletter. She has served in various capacities for the Capital Area Council: Chapter Representative, Raffle Basket Coordinator and Chair of the "*Health, History and Horses*" Conference in Saratoga.

On the State level, Deborah was State Secretary 2011-2013 and currently serves as Pi State First Vice President 2013-2015. She is currently liaison to both Northern and East Central Areas and has served on the World Fellowship Committee, Spring Conference Steering Committee in Saratoga and Registrar for the Fall Executive Board Meeting in Albany. She currently serves on the Leadership Development Committee, Frederica Hollister Awards Committee, GLM Grant(s)-in-Aid, and Chairs the Bea Small Award Committee.

Deborah holds an Associates' degree from SUNY Adirondack, BS from Russell Sage and MA in Literacy from Castleton State College, VT. She holds N-6 and Reading Specialist certifications. She has led her Johnsburg Central School Teachers' Association as both a local and NYSUT leader. She has been a first grade teacher for the past 16 years and Reading Teacher K-12 for 15 years in her District. She is a member of the NYS Reading Association and has presented at local and state conferences. She has been a Boy Scout Leader for 10 years, Church School Teacher for 13 years and is still active in her Church as an Extraordinary Minister. She runs 10K, 15K, Full and Half Marathons and bikes, hikes, cross-country skis and snowshoes.

Deborah's Society and professional experiences enhance her leadership abilities. As President of Pi State, Deborah will serve as a dedicated, competent, caring, well-qualified, organized, enthusiastic, committed, articulate, experienced, professional and effective leader. "*She is a true definition of a sister,*" stated Tracy Watson, *Alpha Epsilon* President. It is Deborah's hope that through her efforts Pi State will *celebrate their membership in DKG*.



Karen Butters

First Vice President:**Karen Butters**

Karen Butters, *Beta Mu*, Northern Area, has served on various Committees for her Chapter, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Music and Membership Reps and as President for 3 terms. For Northern Area, she has served as Council Chair. For Pi State, Karen served on the Music Committee 2001-2005 and was Music Chair 2005-2013. She presented at Pi State Conventions 2009 and 2011. She attended CTAUN 2012 and 2014 and plans to attend in 2015. She served as Music Chair for the 2012 DKG International Convention in NYC. As Pi State Second Vice President, she has been actively serving on the Pi State Executive Committee, has been liaison to Area Councils and attended Area Council Conferences. She served on the Leadership Development Committee, chaired the Frederica Hollister Committee and organized *NY Dines Out* gathering in Indianapolis.

A Music educator for over 35 years, Karen holds a BME cum laude from Iowa Wesley and graduate hours from Crane School of Music, Gordon College, University of Rhode Island and Texas A&M. As a Music specialist she has taught K-8 Vocal/General Music for Long Lake Central School and all phases of Music P-8 for Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES. Karen planned and implemented programs on Adaptive Music Arts -in -Education.

Currently retired, she still substitutes in area schools and is Director of Adirondack Singers, a group she prepared to perform with Kenny Rogers. Karen has also been a Water Safety Instructor, a nursery/florist assistant and worked in various capacities for both the Adirondack Museum and the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, a member of the Blue Mountain Lake Beautification Committee, and is studying to become a Lay Minister. She is a life-long learner.

Karen is a people-person, well-organized, efficient and dedicated and as Susan Norris, *Beta Mu* Vice President, stated - "*has a passion and enthusiasm for DKG*."



Susan Kenoyer

Second Vice President: Susan Kenoyer

Susan Kenoyer is the Immediate Past President of *Psi*, Northern Area. Her service and dedication to the importance of professional women educators, to Delta Kappa Gamma and its goals are evident. Sue earned her BS degree from the University of Vermont and MAT in Secondary Mathematics from Michigan State University. She has joyfully taught for 37 years and says, "*I couldn't have retired if I hadn't had college teaching opportunities as an Adjunct at Plattsburgh State University.*" She has served in state and national mathematics organizations and the Women Mathematics Educators organization. Her community involvement has been evident in her activities on the Boy Scout Council, Northern Adirondack Teachers Organization and the Methodist Church.

Within one year of her initiation in *Psi* Chapter in 1995, she began holding Chapter offices. She served 3 terms as President and successfully increased membership. In that role she was also one of the prime forces behind the *Psi* major fundraiser, "*Tea with Historic Women.*" She was Chair of the Northern Area Council from 2011 to 2013. Her direct involvement with Pi State began as a member of the Educational Excellence Committee and as Registrar of the Fall Meetings in Glens Falls in both 2011 and 2014. Expanding beyond Pi State, she has attended Northeast Regional Conferences in Burlington, Vt., Hershey, Pa. and Portland, Maine and the International Conference at Indianapolis.

In her dedication to forwarding the goals of professional women educators she is organized, efficient and handles her responsibilities with courtesy and kindness.



Jennifer Lee-Alden

Secretary: Jennifer Lee-Alden

Jennifer Lee Alden was initiated into *Beta Omega*, Capital Area, in May 2009. She earned her BMA from S.U.C. at Fredonia, MS in Educational Psychology and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the College of St. Rose, Albany. She has been teaching Music in the Shenendehowa Central School District for 21 years.

At her Chapter level, Jennifer has been Corresponding Secretary 2012-2014, a Program Presenter, Member of Capital Area Council and now Chapter President for 2014-2016. At the Pi State level, Jennifer has presented workshops at the 2012 Fall Conference and the 2013 Spring Convention, is member of the Educational Excellence Committee 2011-2015, performed music for Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars and Conventions, attended Leadership Training working with Committees, presenters, State Officers, Chapter Presidents, the Webmaster and *Pi Lights* Editor. At the International level, Jennifer attended the 2011 NE Regional Conference in Hershey, attended and assisted the 2012 International Convention, NYC, the 2013 NE Regional Conference in Portland, Maine and presented a workshop at the 2014 International DKG Convention in Indianapolis.

Jennifer was the recipient of the Lucile Cornet Award to attend and present at the National Association for Music Education Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel on October 27, 2014. She continues to add to her presentation experiences and contributions to her teaching profession on a regular basis at the local, state and national levels. Her book, a music education resource, will be released this winter from Lorenz Publishing Corp. and look for her articles in *Activate* magazine. Her various community involvement activities includes her Church, civic and service clubs, assisting with the local Boy Scouts and serving on two Ad Hoc Committees for the Galway Board of Education. Jennifer's special interests are gardening, reading, cooking, cross-stitching and activities for her family of 3 boys.

Nominations for the Nominations Committee:

Mary Kay Hickey, *Beta*, North Central

Dr. Margarethe D. McCurry, *Alpha Epsilon*, Capital

Barbara Keis, *Phi*, Eastern

Charlotte Garofalo, *Gamma Epsilon*, Northern
West Central Area - TBA

Nominations for the Finance Committee:

Cindy L. Baker, *Beta Epsilon*, Southwestern Area

Linda Carol Flaherty, *Beta Gamma*, West Central Area

Harlene Gilbert, *Beta Delta*, East Central

Dr. Sharon Kulhanek, *Alpha Lambda*, Northwest Area

Noreen F. LeCann, *Beta Xi*, Southeastern Area

Awards Committee Benefit Drawing

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

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

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

2015 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name _____
 Chapter _____
 Phone _____

Drawing at Pi State 2015 Convention
 April 24-26, 2015

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

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

Save the Date: Leadership Development for New State Chairs
July 27-28, 2015, Hilton Garden Inn, North Syracuse

Pi State Visitations 2015

Date 2015	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
April 23	Alpha Omega & Beta Kappa	Jane Tanner
May 6	Alpha Alpha Founders' Day 60 th Anniversary	Dr. Joyce Tang
May 7	Alpha Kappa & Delta	Deborah Bedard
May 16	Alpha Rho, Beta Phi, Beta Chi and Beta Zeta	Beryl Szwed
May 20	Chi 60 th Anniversary	Dr. Joyce Tang

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

CTAUN Conference at United Nations "The United Nations at 70: Making a Difference" Friday, 30 January 2015

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

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

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



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

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

*Applications are available on the
 Pi State website:
www.deltakappagamma.org/ny.*

Elaine McNulty
 Pi State Scholarship Chair
 P.O. Box 35
 Ashland, NY 12407
emcnulty39@yahoo.com
 518.573.7741

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

All application postmarked by March 1

DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS 2015-2016 due FEBRUARY 1st

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

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1

Refer to the Pi State website www.deltakappagamma.org/NY for applications and further information.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in <i>Pi State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i> : "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years." <i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member, who was the 15th Pi State President in 1967, was instrumental in the beginnings of our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	Karen Butters P.O. Box 136 Blue Mountain Lake 12812 <i>kbutters@frontier.com</i>
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past Pi State President <i>Gladys L. Mersereau</i> (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.	Dr. Joyce Tang 4140 Union Street Apt 12P Flushing 11355 <i>erindale@verizon.net</i>
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.	Maria Toulas 12 Fonda Road Rockville Centre 11570 <i>mjtoulas@gmail.com</i>
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.	Arlene Ida 3 Sherwood Park Drive Burnt Hills 12027 <i>aiddski@nycap.rr.com</i>
Pi State Achievement Award	The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a five year member, nominated or supported by a member or Chapter for outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.	JoAnn Wallace 6246 The Hamlet Jamesville 13078 <i>jctedi@aol.com</i>
Bea Small Award	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i> , the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.	Deborah Bedard P.O. Box 782 Glens Falls 12801 <i>dmbedard29@yahoo.com</i>
Travel & Study Stipend	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>Pi State Standing Rules</i> . Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at Convention, <i>Seminar for Purposeful Living</i> , CTAUN Conference or travel/study of your choice.	Joyce Krupnik 372 North Main Street Wellsville 14895 <i>skrupnik@aol.com</i>
Scholarship	Pi State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum. International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org .	Elaine McNulty PO Box 35 Ashland 12407 <i>emcnulty39@yahoo.com</i>

**WINTER - A time to: Celebrate - Reflect - Resolve to 'take on' new personal challenges AND -----
Work Together to Make our Chapters even Stronger!**

As part of our Northeast Regional Conference held in Portland, Maine, I attended and participated in **Dr. Lynn Schmidt's** workshop entitled "*It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter.*" I was so "*invigorated*" by the presentation that I simply couldn't wait to share the experience. I presented at the 2014 Spring Seminar and last summer's Presidents' Leadership Development. The program included easy access to a plethora of DKG diagnostic resources which Chapters could use to continually improve and grow their Chapters, thereby enabling them to become even stronger. Many of these documents may be accessed by using the *Pi State DropBox*. Presidents who were able to attend the President's Leadership Development Seminar and members who were able to attend the 2014 Spring Workshop or the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis have access to these resources.

Some of the resources are: "*Mandates for Chapters from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Constitution*;" "*Moving Chapters Forward - Building Leadership Capacity in the Chapter*;" "*Four Stages of Team Building*;" "*Ten Strategies to Master Team Building*;" and "*Membership Basics from A to Z*."

These and other resources serve as a basis for enabling Chapter members to develop plans for:

- a) Growing membership
- b) Increasing diversity within the Chapter
- c) Encouraging members to utilize their experience & expertise
- d) Analyzing best practices and increasing team building efforts
- e) Sharing our vision with others.

The following were among the suggested and/or implied strategies for the development of an ongoing plan to strengthen and sustain Chapters in the future:

- 1) Analyze your Chapter's strengths and needs
- 2) Decide which area(s) to initially focus upon, including procedure(s) for increasing membership; having more diversity and inclusion; encouraging more members to participate – to assume more leadership within the Chapter, and so on
- 3) Determine when, where and how to begin the planning process
- 4) Document Chapter findings (SAP)
- 5) Follow through and review annually.

Sharing and applying the planning strategies and collaboratively developing them within each Chapter, beginning with the 2015-2017 biennium, are priorities. The planning process for strengthening and "*invigorating*" our Chapters is ongoing. Some of our Chapters are further along in the process while others are just beginning. There may be some Chapters who have a '*carved in stone*' unwritten procedure which they think everyone in their Chapter knows. Whatever the case, I believe that engaging in conversation with Chapter members about the status of our individual Chapters, utilizing the talents and experience of each of our sisters, referring to and applying the suggested resources from "*---Barbells---*", and creating a documented plan which is reviewed and updated annually, will strengthen our current membership and ultimately assure our continuing growth in the future!

Terri Palmiero

Congratulations to our newly certified Pi State Chapters' websites:

Alpha Alpha and Webmaster **Lori Burch**
<http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org/>

Alpha Rho and Webmaster **Kelly Batrowny**
<http://www.alpharho-pistate-dkg.org/>

Beta Omicron and Webmaster **Robin White**
<http://betaomicrondkgny.weebly.com>

Gamma Zeta and Webmaster **Mary H. Bacalles**
www.gammazeta-pistate-dkg.org

Omega and Webmaster **Katja Stevens**
www.dkgpistateomega.org

To view Chapter Websites, go to Pi State website, click on **NEW! Chapter Websites**, scroll to website to view **and** click on website.

Greetings DKG Chapter Presidents and Membership Chairs

We are quickly approaching our Pi State Spring Convention to be held April 24-25, 2015. At the Convention we will be holding our **Hour of Remembrance** for our departed sisters. Please check the following list of members. If there are errors or missing members from your Chapter, please help me to make sure we have a complete list to honor our dearly departed sisters. My email is dmbootie@hotmail.com.

Chapter	Member	Date of Death
Alpha Beta	Stephanie Viemo	10/8/2013
Alpha Chi	Nancy Spadafora	11/4/2013
Alpha Epsilon	Helen Cackener	9/24/2013
Alpha Epsilon	Gretchen Holzhauer	3/20/2013
Alpha Nu	Annette DeLyser	6/15/2013
Alpha Nu	Lois Hahn	6/16/2013
Alpha Xi	Monica Rudd	1/7/2014
Alpha Pi	Carol Dunstan	2/28/2013
Alpha Rho	Julia K. Albertalli	2/15/2014
Beta Alpha	Charlotte Conable	7/19/2013
Beta Delta	Marcia Altman	8/10/2013
Beta Eta	Gladys Iler	1/25/2014
Beta Psi	Ruth Schwarz	6/13/2013
Beta	Dr. Laretha Leyman	6/19/2013
Chi	Paula Wardwell	9/17/2013
Honorary State	Elma Patterson	5/21/2013
Kappa	Elizabeth Alday	12/24/2013
Psi	Phyllis Barnard	12/31/2013
Alpha	Joan Bivona	9/12/2013
Beta Mu	Cornelia Bonsignore	5/28/2013
Beta Gamma	Dorothy Cox	1/2013
Alpha Tau	Evelyn Dahlberg	11/14/2013
Alpha Phi	Anne R. Forman	3/2013
Alpha Phi	Dorothy Hicks	2/15/2013
Alpha	Judith McAfee	1/23/2014
Alpha Delta	Gloria M. Musante	1/19/2014
Alpha Tau	Kaye Newcomb	1/21/2014
Delta	Evelyn Riccio	11/18/2013
Beta Kappa	Susan Ada Zimmerman	11/24/2013
Alpha Nu	Kathleen M. White	7/12/2014
Gamma Epsilon	Betty J. Mallott	6/14/2014
Delta	Mary Ann Boord	8/16/2014
Alpha Theta	Marilyn F. Greenwell	5/9/2014
Beta Nu	Bernice Rogers	4/5/2014
Nu	Mary Elizabeth Schroyer	2/14/2014
Beta Gamma	Ruth H. Gibson	7/20/2014
Pi	Ludima Burton	7/23/2014
Beta Omega	Mary Lee Weeks	8/17/2014
Chi	Linda Yousey	4/28/2014
Pi	Linda Hoshlyk	7/9/2014
Alpha Tau	Jeanne Baker	7/4/2014
Beta	Clara M. Edwards	6/1/2014
Alpha Nu	Antoinette McNaughton	
Beta	Martha Lang	4/19/2014
Alpha Rho	Donna Kole	3/28/2014
Omega	Claris Schwing	10/6/2014
Chi	Barbara Ann DuColon	10/18/2014
Beta Chi	Pauline Leveen	11/10/14

It will soon be time to complete the **Necrology Reports for your Chapter**. Please help me complete my reports to International on time by submitting your reports to me **by February 1, 2015**. I will also be sending out a form to the Presidents asking for confirmation of your (*or your representative's*) attendance at the **Hour of Remembrance** at the 2015 Pi State Convention. *Thank you* for your cooperation in this matter.

Diane Bootie

World Fellowship

The following three women selected to receive **World Fellowship Grants for 2014-2015** are studying at Universities in NYS:

Hanita Djaya, Indonesia, Humanities Interdisciplinary Disability Studies, University at Buffalo, SUNY
email: hanitapd@yahoo.com
birthday: 8/15

Sun Young Pyo, Republic of Korea, Public Policy State University of New York at Albany
email: pyo1056@naver.com
birthday: 2/17

Margarita Troetsch, Panama, Classical Performance (Voice), Queens College
email: elisatroetsch@gmail.com
birthday: 1/10

We can support these graduate students by reaching out to them in a number of ways. Some contact ideas are:

- Send cards - welcoming, holidays, birthdays
- Email them on a monthly basis
- Invite them to a meeting or Chapter function.
- Invite them to attend a State, Regional or International Conference.
- Take them out to eat.

Let us also continue to support the International World Fellowship Fund by providing contributions and increasing our chapter members awareness of the World Fellowship Program.

Emilie Stris

Using Technology to Support Education Advocacy *Legislative Brunch*

"Using technology to mobilize educators and the community to support teacher education programs and students" is the topic to be addressed during the annual **Joint Legislative Brunch co-sponsored by Alpha Alpha and Beta Eta Chapters.**



Jamie Dangler

The keynote speaker is **Jamie Dangler**, Vice President for Academics at United University Professions (UUP), the union that represents academic and professional faculty at the State University of New York's 29 state-operated campuses. Dangler chairs UUP's Task Force on Teacher Education. In that role she helped to organize the 2014 campaign

to delay implementation of the state's new edTPA certification program to give faculty members and students time to react to the new regulations.

All interested DKG members are invited to attend this **Legislative Brunch on Saturday, January 24, 2015 in the Elaine Wilson Formal Lounge, Haffey Hall, St. John Fisher College from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.** More specific information, including directions and a parking guide, are included in the two-page registration flyer which is accessible at <http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org>.

Judy Wadsworth

Audit Committee

The Ladies of the *Audit Committee* have examined the financial records of Pi State and found them to be in good order. We are extremely pleased that the Chapter Treasurers are sending their dues and Initiate fees in a timely manner. We hope that the current and future Treasurers will follow suit. We also appreciate the cooperation of the Treasurers in getting the Tax forms done by September 1—two months early. A *huge thanks* to Pi State Treasurer, **Suzanne Patrick**, for her encouragement, assistance when needed and positive approach to making this early deadline.

The Committee is working on new forms for the **Area Conference Financial Report** and the **Pi State Convention Report**. They will be going to the Executive Committee soon for approval. It should make it so much easier to file a report for those meeting.

I mentioned the following information to the Presidents at the Fall Executive Board Meeting in Glens Falls, but feel that ALL members should be aware of the excellent job that the *Finance Committee* is doing.

- Since the 2008 recession, the *Finance Committee* has not only regained what we lost but have added to it significantly.
- In the fiscal year 2006-2007 the Pi State Budget was \$77,585 and for 2014-2015 the budget DROPPED to \$61,488!!! *Wish I could say the same for my personal budget!* Kudos to the Finance Committee.

If you ever have any questions regarding your financial documentation, etc. Please feel free to call or email me, 315-823-1519, jeanbsekel@yahoo.com.

Jean Sekel

Pi State Audit Committee: Chair **Jean Sekel**, Pi; **Ruth Ann Fultz**, Beta Gamma; **Carol Lamb**, Beta Mu; **Jane Tanner**, Beta Kappa; Pi State Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, Rho, ex-officio member.

The DKG Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Members of the Choir (l to r): **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*; **Roselyn Freedman-Baum**, *Alpha Alpha*; **Jean Sekel**, *Pi*; Martha's guest **Barbara Gray-Black**; **Martha Strever**, *Alpha Zeta*; **Vicky Stockon**, *Alpha Chi*, with **Dr. Andrea H. Morris**, *Alpha Beta*, providing accompaniment and **Bridget Bishop**, *Alpha Alpha*, conducting ... **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu* (not pictured).

Photo by Sue Gentner

Hello to All Pi State Musicians!

The Pi State Choir sang during the Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Glens Falls. **Vicky Stockton**, *Alpha Chi*, added her beautiful signing to *America the Beautiful* during the morning Executive Board Meeting. In the afternoon, the Choir directed by Pi State Music Rep, **Bridget Bishop**, *Alpha Alpha*, sang with special permission by song writer, Pam Chappell, her composition *One* and then performed *Blessing* by Felicia H. Knowles.

During the Pi State Convention April 24-26 in Uniondale, NY the Choir will be featured at most functions throughout the weekend, including the President's Banquet and the Hour of Remembrance. If you are planning to attend the Convention and would like to participate in the music by singing or playing an instrument, please contact Bridget Bishop at meanmom5@rochester.rr.com. You may also sign-up by filling out the form for this purpose that is on the Pi State website www.dkg.org/NY, located under *Educational Excellence Committee*.

Bridget Bishop

"Woman of Distinction" Recognition Nominations due March 1, 2015

The *Pi State Educational Excellence Committee* invites Chapters to nominate a DKG sister from their Chapter for recognition as a "**Woman of Distinction**" at the **2015 Pi State Convention** at the Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Uniondale. All Chapters have a member that reflects outstanding qualities, represents excellence in professionalism and contributions to the Society and community, and demonstrates the dedication and commitment to DKG's vision and mission. Please join us in nominating one member from your Chapter for recognition in 2015.

Chapter Presidents are asked to submit name and Chapter of the nominee by March 1, 2015 to *Educational Excellence Committee* member, **Barbara Bostwick Quinn**, 2892 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, New York 13148 ... barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com ... 315.651.5982.

Jennifer Lee-Alden

Dr. Ellen E. Grant Named Pi State Honorary Member



Dr. Ellen E. Grant

At the Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar on October 18, 2014, the Pi State Executive Board voted unanimously to name **Dr. Ellen E. Grant**, Second Deputy Mayor of the City of Buffalo, a Pi State Honorary Member. *Alpha Lambda* President **Fran Romeo** will plan her Initiation and Orientation.

In her letter to Dr. Grant, Pi State President **Dr. Joyce Tang** stated: "Your support of women and their role in the educational community is needed for Pi State to carry out the Society's Mission (i.e., promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education)" and her welcome and address to the 2013 Pi State Convention in Buffalo was an "inspiring talk/welcome to our membership." **Welcome to Pi State, Dr. Grant!**

Special thanks to the Nominations Committee for all their work:

Lochie Musso, *Alpha Eta*, Chair; **Patricia Alena**, *Beta Theta*; **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu*; **Carol Engle**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Dr. Valerie Lagakis**, *Alpha Phi*; **Dr. Margarette McCurry**, *Alpha Epsilon*; **Ruth Mowry**, *Psi*; **Ellen Nowyj**, *Alpha Iota*; **Barbara Brooks Quinn**, *Beta Eta*; and **Kelly-Jo Riker**, *Beta Rho*

PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* awarded two grants in December.

- ✓ One grant was awarded to **Dr. Jean Lloyd**, *Gamma Alpha*, for her project, "Picture Books and Love of Learning." Dr. Lloyd hopes to increase the vocabulary and communication skills of students in Pre-K and Kindergarten through reading to them in small groups and providing them with books. Members of her Chapter will participate in the project.
- ✓ Susan Summerfield, *Pi*, was the recipient of a Grant for her project, "Math in the Stories." She plans to develop kits for elementary school students which will include a book with a math-related theme and a game or activity related to the book. At the Middle School level Susan hopes to develop a classroom library of books with math themes and develop activities and games related to those books.

Project Grant Applications are due May 1 or November 1. An applicant must be a member of the Pi State Educational Foundation. Projects must promote literacy. Membership forms, contribution forms and applications are available on the Pi State website.

A Challenge from the Foundation Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* is encouraging you to join the Foundation. If you are already a member, consider making a contribution to the Foundation. For every new member and every contribution made between January 1 and June 30, 2015 each of the five Directors of the Foundation will contribute \$1.00. If we get 100 new members, the Foundation will receive \$2500.00 in membership fees plus \$500.00 from the Directors. All of that money goes back to members for their personal and Chapter projects.

The Directors are challenging you to make them dig deep in our pockets!

Agnes Becker

Foundation Project Grant Applications due May 1, 2015 and November 1, 2015.

****ATTENTION FOUNDATION MEMBERS****

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the *Pi State 2015 Convention & Seminar* at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale 11:15-11:45am.

There will be an election of at least two Directors for the Foundation Board with terms of 4 years. Interested Foundation members should send a letter of intent by email or letter to Foundation President **Agnes Becker**, 3448 East River Rd., Grand Island 14072 ... ambecker13@gmail.com.

Pi State Foundation Directors**2012-16**

Agnes Becker, *Gamma Delta*, Chair
Anne Price, *Gamma Zeta*, Vice-President
F. Carol Ramsey, *Omega*, Secretary

2011-15

Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer

2014-18

Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau*

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations

(September 1, 2014 to December 6, 2014)

Northwest/Southwest Area Councils, donation to the Foundation

Diane Huggler, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price

Diane Masters, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price

Terri Palmieri, *Alpha Chi*, donation to the Foundation

Melinda Riviello, *Beta Tau*, donation to the Foundation

Anne Price, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Chapter members who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday with a wonderful surprise party and contributions to the Pi State Foundation

Rebecca Carter, *Pi*, in memory of Linda Hoshlyk and Ludima Gus Burton

Susan Norris, *Beta Mu*, in memory of Niki Crahan

Beta Xi in memory of Irene Barta

Beta Xi in memory of Barbara O. Meyer

Beta Omega in memory of Mary Lee Weeks

Pi State Educational Foundation Lifetime Members

(September 1, 2014 to December 6, 2014)

Alpha

Elizabeth Siegel-Blashka

Alpha Nu

Patricia Ackley

Alpha Rho

Harriet Sweet

Beta Mu

Susan Norris

Beta Omega

Melanie McDonald

Beta Psi

Janet Fulcher

Gamma Alpha

Jean Lloyd

Pi

Marion Buchner

Tau

Phyllis Coombe

Leah Exner

Mary Ellyn Levy

Judith Lucyk

Zeta

Annmarie Santorelly

Within Pi State are **10 Area Councils** that include all our 57 Chapters with over 2600 members. Within Chapters are the creative members who worked diligently to present the fantastic *Fall 2014 Area Council Conferences*. ***Congratulations!***



Tressa Smith, President Gamma Gamma, with Benefit Basket

The Northwest & Southwest Area Councils Conference October 4, 2014 ... "Teachers: The Core of Education"

Seventy DKG sisters from western New York arrived at the **Roycroft Inn in East Aurora** on 10. 4.14 for a Conference entitled: ***"Teachers: the Core of Education."*** There were multiple baskets for the benefit drawing as well as a very special blue topaz ring donated by a DKG sister. **Ashli Skura Dreher, 2014 NYS Teacher of the Year**, was the speaker. She is a high school Special Education Teacher in the Lewiston-Porter District. Her message with photographs of her students encouraged everyone to not only set goals for our students, children and grandchildren, but to help them see how to achieve them.

Joan Slagle had a FDF table and did a brisk business. It was helpful for DKG sisters who don't get to the State meetings to be able to buy DKG items. Pi State Second Vice President **Karen Butters** gave a powerful *Thought for the Day*, sharing the goal of loving our students, not just teaching them. Also in attendance were **Mary-Martha Harvey**, Pi State Editor; **Jeanne Schenk**, Immediate Past Pi State President and **Deb Bedard**, Pi State First Vice President.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. Conference Co-Chairs, **Pat Turner** and **Ellie Robinson** were honored to serve with such dedicated and creative DKG sisters who helped to plan and present this conference.

Photos by Deb Bedard

Ellie Robinson

The West Central Area Council Conference ... October 25, 2014 ... "The River That Binds Us: The Genesee"



Registrar Sue Genthner, Alpha Alpha

Photos by Bridget Bishop



(l to r) Pam Eberhardt, President Alpha Alpha; Cindy Zhe, Beta Tau; Gretchen Hughes, Alpha Alpha; and Marjean Nielson, President Mu



Pi State First Vice President Deb Bedard with authors Sue & John Babbitt. Sue Babbitt is member of Mu.



Marie Ochal, Beta Gamma, created the centerpieces for the Conference.

On October 25 the **West Central Area Council Conference** was held at the Historic Avon Inn in Avon, NY. The West Central Planning Committee provided attendees with a most enjoyable morning with the theme, ***"The River That Binds Us: The Genesee."*** **Dr. Jane Hogan**, WC Area Council President, welcomed 60 sisters.

Guest Authors, **John and Sue Babbitt**, presented a summary of their book, *A Postcard History of the Genesee River*. Both retired educators, John and Sue have published the Postcard History Series: Steuben County for Arcadia Publishing. John's love of photography and being a postcard collector combined for this interesting pictorial journey along the Genesee from its humble beginnings in Gold, Pennsylvania, to its mouth, where it empties into Lake Ontario. The Genesee is one of the few rivers in the United States that runs south to north. The Seneca Nation fished and hunted along the River. In the early 1800's, it served as a source of waterpower for numerous industries. The Babbitts also signed books for attendees.

Attendees were treated to mementos of antique postcards of the Genesee River and its communities and landscapes and a delicious brunch. **Jeanne Schenk**, Immediate Pi State Past President, presented *The Thought for the Day* and **Deb Bedard**, Pi State First Vice President, gave the State Greetings. **Sue Babbitt**

Alpha Rho Initiates



(l to r) **Molly Batrowny**, Special Education Teacher with GST BOCES; **Kathryn Davis Milliken**, retired Secondary Instructional Support Teacher from Elmira CSD; **Gaile Felli**, retired Reading Specialist from Horseheads CSD; **Janet Nykeil**, retired Elementary Teacher from Horseheads CSD; **Lynne Munson**, retired Library Media Specialist from Horseheads CSD; **Kristen Ruhmel**, Academic Intervention Services teacher with Corning Painted Post SD

Maureen Nicolo

Beta Theta Initiates



Jill Virts, **Angel Southwick**, **Marie Smith**, **Valerie Manning**, **Sally Burgess**-Ceremonies Chair, **Heidi Dates**, **Megan Caminiti**, **Laura Bedell-Humbert**, **Ariane Baer-Harper**, **Jenna Jones** (missing from picture: **Jennifer Hayden**)
Beta Theta new Initiates are Teachers in Williamson CS (Ariane), North Rose Wolcott CS (Laura, Meagan, Jenna, Angel) and Red Creek CS (Heidi, Valerie, Marie, Jill, Jennifer).

Marcia Waterman

Beta Delta Initiates



Initiate Liz Becht, retired PE Teacher, Seneca Falls SD with her mentor **Kathy Gotham**, retired Elementary Teacher, Seneca Falls SD

Elisa Keating



(l to r) **Jennifer Palmer**, School Psychologist, Seneca Falls SD; **Lauri Nigro**, Administrative Secretary, Seneca Falls SD; **Stephanie Lando**, Elementary Teacher, Seneca Falls SD; **Lisa Bennett**, Secondary English Teacher, Waterloo SD

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Pi State PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES FOR 4.25.15

Karen P. Crumley, *Tau*, Chair

Please save the following pages 1–3 (pp. 14, 15 & 16 in this issue) and bring to the Pi State Convention, April 24-25, 2015 at the Long Island Marriott, Uniondale.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR 4.25.15

In accordance with ARTICLE XII Section A of the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board and the Pi State Convention at their meetings April 25, 2015 in Uniondale, NY.

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

1. To amend Article III Section C by adding #3:

To Read:

The fee for State Organization and Chapter Honorary Members is \$49.50.

Rationale: This acknowledges that Pi State is in compliance with the 2014 International Standing Rules.

2. To amend Article VI Section C 1 which reads:

The *Pi State* President shall call to order a meeting of the membership corporation at each State Convention or at a spring State Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the spring issue of *Pi Lights*.

By deleting spring and replacing with winter

To Read:

The *Pi State* President shall call to order a meeting of the membership corporation at each State Convention or at a spring State Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the **winter** issue of *Pi Lights*.

*Rationale: This will give proper notification to all members with the submission date of December 1st for the winter issue of *Pi Lights*.*

3. To amend Article VI Section F 1a which reads:

The slate of officers, with candidate qualifications, shall be published in the spring issue of *Pi Lights*.

To Read:

The slate of officers, with candidate qualifications, shall be published in the **winter** issue of *Pi Lights*.

*Rationale: This will give proper notification to all members with the submission date of December 1st for the winter issue of *Pi Lights*.*

4. To amend Article VII Section A 1 which reads:

Business of Pi State shall be conducted biennially at a Convention, in the odd numbered years, for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, amending BYLAWS and Standing Rules, electing officers, and transacting other business. The time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Executive Board.

To Read:

Business of Pi State shall be conducted biennially at a Convention, in the odd numbered years, for the purpose of receiving reports, adopting policy, amending BYLAWS and Standing Rules, electing officers, and transacting other business. The time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the State Executive **Committee**.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

5. To amend Article VII Section B 1a which reads:

Executive Board meetings shall be held at least once a year at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.

To Read:

Executive Board Meetings shall be held at least once a year at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive **Committee**.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

6. To amend Article VII Section B 1a which reads:

Executive Board meetings shall be held at least once a year at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Board.

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*Continued from page fourteen***To Read:**

Executive Board meetings shall be held at least once a year at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive **Committee**.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

7. **To amend Article IX Section A 1 which reads:**

Society Business

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| a. Audit | d. Finance – <i>elected</i> | g. Membership/Expansion |
| b. BYLAWS & Rules | e. Historical Records and Scrapbooks | h. Nominations - <i>elected</i> |
| c. Communications and Publicity | f. Leadership Development | i. Personnel |

By deleting e. in above to read:

Society Business

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Audit | d. Finance - <i>elected</i> | g. Nominations - <i>elected</i> |
| b. BYLAWS & Rules | e. Leadership Development | h. Personnel |
| c. Communications and Publicity | f. Membership/Expansion | |

Rationale: This acknowledges that the duties of the Historical Records and Scrapbooks will become part of the Communications Committee. A member of said Committee will be responsible for the Historical Records and Scrapbooks of Pi State.

8. **To amend Article IX Section C 1c by adding #4:****To Read:**

The Committee shall be responsible for assembling, organizing, and preserving materials essential to the continuation of the history of Pi State and to encourage the writing and updating of Chapter histories.

Rationale: This acknowledges that Historical Records and Scrapbooks are part of the Communications Committee.

9. **To amend Article XII Section B #1 which reads:**

All proposed amendments to these BYLAWS shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee by January 1st with a copy sent to the Pi State President. Any member, Committee, Chapter or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment. All proposals for amendment shall be studied by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and recommendations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval before they are published in *Pi Lights* and submitted to a vote at an Executive Board Meeting and a State Convention.

By deleting January 1st and replacing with November 1st**To Read:**

All proposed amendments to these BYLAWS shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee by **November 1st** with a copy sent to the Pi State President. Any member, Committee, Chapter or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment. All proposals for amendment shall be studied by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and recommendations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval before they are published in *Pi Lights* and submitted to a vote at an Executive Board Meeting and a State Convention.

Rationale: This will give proper notification to all members with the submission date of December 1st for the winter issue of Pi Lights.

PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGES for 4.25.15

In accordance with Section 13 of the **Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board or the Pi State Convention at their meetings April 25, 2015 in Uniondale, NY.

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

1. **To amend Section 2 Finance 2.41:****To Read:**

2.41 Vouchers for reimbursement may be secured from the Pi State Treasurer **or Pi State President**. The completed vouchers are to be sent to the Pi State President for her signature before payment is made by the Pi State Treasurer.

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Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

2. To amend Section 3 Chapters 3.13:

To Read:

3.13 The Chapter President shall appoint an Historian **from the Communications Committee** who shall maintain the history of the Chapter in appropriate fashion. The Chapter shall determine whether or not a scrapbook is to be kept.

Rationale: If article IX of the Bylaws is amended, it becomes necessary to amend SR 3.13.

3. To amend Section 3 Chapters 3.19:

To Read:

The Chapter President shall submit to the **Committee member of the Communications Committee** responsible for historical records a report of Chapter events at the end of her biennium.

Rationale: If article IX of the BYLAWS is amended, it becomes necessary to amend SR 3.19

4. To amend Section 5 Pi State Secretary 5.41:

To Read:

She shall act as liaison to **Committees Subject to Endowments**.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

5. To amend Section 5 Editor 5.72:

To Read:

5.72 The **Editor** shall send ten extra copies of the issue of *Pi Lights* containing the Convention Registration Forms to the Pi State Convention Chair.

Rationale: Pi State is using Editor and not Pi Lights Editor so this brings our documents in compliance throughout.

6. To amend Section 6 Meetings 6.35

To Read:

6.35 Following the Convention and prior to July 30, the Convention Treasurer shall send a Financial Report to the Pi State President, **Pi State Treasurer** and Pi State Audit Committee Chair.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

7. To amend Section 8 Committees 8.53 Nominations:

To Read:

After consideration of the following policies, the Pi State Committee on Nominations shall prepare for the **winter** issue of ***Pi Lights*** a slate of one candidate for each elective office:

Rationale: This will give proper notification to all members with the submission date of December 1st for the winter issue of Pi Lights.

8. To amend Section 8 Committees 8.59 e. Nominations:

To Read:

The Committee shall prepare for the **winter** *Pi Lights* a slate of candidates.

Rationale: This will give proper notification to all members with the submission date of December 1st for the winter issue of Pi Lights.

9. To amend Section 10 Communications by adding a new 10.03:

To Read:

Each Chapter shall be encouraged to update their histories at the end of each Chapter President's Biennium.

Rationale: If we amend Article IX Section 1C#4, SR 10.03 becomes necessary.

10. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.48 The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award:

To Read:

The award shall consist of a plaque to be presented at the biennial Pi State Convention **or in non-Convention years at the Spring Seminar**.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

11. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.5 The Pi State Achievement Award:

To Read:

The award is given to one member at the biennial Pi State Convention or in non-Convention years at the Spring Seminar.

Rationale: This is the present practice of Pi State.

Workshop Session I: Friday, April 24th 6:30 - 7:20pm

A. "The Interactive Book Report: Ecosystem and Sustainability"

- This workshop involves a half year study conducted in Rockland County + Sweden involving 4 schools. The classes used interactive instructional methods: "The Interactive Book Report." The purpose of the study was to evaluate how teaching by engaging the students in playing to learn would impact their cognition and meta-cognition skill development and retention of presented material.

Dr. Marjorie Schiering, *Alpha Phi*

B. Attributes and Aspects of Autism

- One in 50 individuals is currently being diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum of Disorders (ASD). As educators, we need to discover and understand the positive aspects of this syndrome.

Jean Fontana, *Alpha Phi*

C. The ABC's of UN Briefings

You are invited to learn about UN briefings through a model presentation by your DKG Representatives to the United Nations. Come hear about current topics addressed by DPI/NGO, a history of briefings and how they work.

International EEC Member Lochie Musso, *Alpha Eta*

D. Manage Your Ups and Downs-

An interactive workshop to help you manage the stresses and tensions in your professional and everyday lives.

Sheila Brady Root, *Alpha Alpha*

Workshop Session II - Friday, April 24th 7:30 - 8:20pm

E. Overview of Amended Bylaws and Standing Rules

An open forum for members to ask questions and have an understanding of the Amended BYLAWS and Standing Rules to be presented Saturday morning at the Executive Board and General Session meetings.

Karen Crumley, *Tau*

F. Do You REALLY Know All the Benefits of Belonging to DKG?

When asking someone to consider membership to DKG and they ask about the benefits, do you fish around for answers? If so, come and learn about the many benefits DKG offers. From fellowship, workshops, insurance, scholarships, and so much more!!!

Jean Sekel, *Pi*

G. Born to Read - A Bright Idea!

Does your chapter need a fresh, new service project? *Tau* Chapter has had a successful literacy project for over 10 years, serving babies and toddlers in our high-need area. find out how we started it, fund it, and keep it running!

Virginia Dudko and Elizabeth Huggler, *Tau*

H. Let's Get Movin! Circle Dances Using Music From

Around the World - Participating in group music experiences builds community! Let's strengthen the fellowship within our state organization while sampling music from other countries and cultures! No experience is necessary, and the dance steps can be adapted for all abilities. If you have enjoyed some of Jen's other music workshops, you won't want to miss this opportunity to de-stress and build your "musical intelligence!"

Jennifer Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*

Pi State members can earn Professional Development hours for attending the workshops at the 2015 Pi State Convention! Look for updates on the Pi State website.

The Educational Excellence Committee is delighted to present the fourteen Session Workshops for the 2015 Pi State Convention on April 24-26. The variety of topics supports the mission of DKG: *"to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and educational excellence."*

We warmly invite you to attend and participate in the presentations as we promote three Purposes of the Society:
I. *"To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship"*

VI. *"To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action"*

VII. *"To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society."*

Workshop Session III - Saturday, April 25th 2:15 - 3:15pm

I. Motions Move Meetings - More information on this workshop by our Convention Keynote Speaker will be forthcoming.

DKG Parliamentarian, Dr. Gwen Simmons

J. The Philosophy and Mystique of Chinese

Watercolors - An international fusion of cultures, melding east and west, Lynn's workshop encompasses the mystique, inspiration, techniques, teaching & history of Chinese watercolors. Through close-up interaction between materials, philosophy and actual paintings, the participant will gain a personal understanding of this transcendental art form.

Lynn Vergano

K. Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories -

We all have stories to tell! Join in a guided, informal writing workshop to explore and share memories from our lives. This will be a low-key, anyone-can-do-it, opportunity to find your writing voice. For those who attended the April 2014 Pi State Seminar, we will follow a similar format with new topics.

Melanie McDonald, *Beta Omega*

Workshop Session IV - Saturday, April 25th 3:30 - 4:30pm

L. From Butterflies to Brava - Strategies for Successful Presentations -

Learn how to de-stress yourself, connect with your audience and share information in a positive, persuasive way.

Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

M. Tools to Increase Chapter Membership -

Our Society is graying. We have many dedicated and involved Sisters, but we need to look to the future. We have a duty to ensure our Society's Mission, Vision and Purposes live on to impact the lives of future key women educators.

Pi State 1st VP Deborah Bedard, *Alpha Epsilon*

N. Leadership Take Three! Are you a Chapter President with lingering questions? Do you have helpful suggestions for other Chapter Presidents? If you answered, "Yes" to either of these questions, this session is for you! Presidents will be surveyed prior to the workshop session and suggested topics will be discussed.

Pi State Editor, Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*; Immediate Past President, Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau*; Leadership Development Committee Co-Chairs Sheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*, and Ruth Ann Fultz, *Beta Gamma*

REGISTRATION FORM
2015 Pi State Convention ... April 24 - 26, 2015
Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
101 James Doolittle Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553-3637

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____
Badge Name _____
E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Chapter _____ # of Conventions you have attended: ☐ 0 ☐ 1-3 ☐ 4-6 ☐ more than 6
Guest Name(s) for Badges _____

All Registration Fees include Friday Night Dessert Reception and Convention Program.

Early Registration Fee (Postmarked by March 12th) \$ **91.00** _____
Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 12th) \$ **110.00** _____
One Day Registration Fee \$ **75.00** _____
Friday, April 24 Dinner 5:00-6:15pm (Cost per member or guest) \$ **57.00** _____

Buffet Style "Little Italy" - Includes Caesar Salad with Parmesan Croutons and Roasted Peppers; Marinated Artichoke Salad; Tomato & Fresh Mozzarella Salad; Hearty Minestrone Soup; Mezzi Rigatoni (with Grilled Tuscan Vegetables, Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Flat Leaf Parsley); Homemade Meatballs (with Pomodoro Sauce & Grated Parmesan Cheese); Lemon Roasted Chicken (with roasted Peppers, Capers and White Wine Butter Sauce and Tomato Confit); Tilapia Oreganata & Broccoli Rabe (served with extra Virgin Olive Oil & Garlic); Caesar Dressing - Italian Tiramisu Cake (with Expresso Chocolate Sauce), Coffee, Tea and assorted regular and diet soda

Friday, April 24 Dessert Reception 9:35-10:30pm (Included in Registration) Guest Cost \$ **27.00** _____
Includes a Sundae Bar (3 flavors of ice cream; chopped nut; coconut; chocolate chips; Crunch bar pieces; Reese's Pieces; chocolate sprinkles; cherries; strawberry, chocolate and butterscotch sauce; and whipped cream); Diced Fresh Seasonal Fruit; Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Raisin and Peanut Butter Cookies; Biscotti; Coffee, Tea and assorted regular and diet soda

Saturday, April 25

Continental Breakfast 7:00-8:00am (Cost per member or guest) \$ **30.00** _____

Birthday Luncheon 12:00-2:00pm (Cost per member or guest) \$ **52.00** _____

Includes Caesar Salad and please select one of the following:

- ☐ Roasted Vegetable Lasagna Topped with Béchamel Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese
☐ Lemon and Thyme Roasted Breast of Chicken with a Natural Jus
☐ Tilapia Filet Piccata with a Lemon Beurre Blanc

Includes Cheesecake; Assorted Multigrain Bread; Coffee, Tea and assorted regular & diet soda

Founders & President's Banquet 6:00-9:30pm (Cost per member or guest) \$ **60.00** _____

Includes Watermelon and Arugula Salad (with Feta Cheese and Balsamic Reduction) and please select one of the following:

- ☐ Citrus Salmon ☐ Pomegranate Crusted Chicken ☐ Roasted Cauliflower Steak

Includes Raspberry Mound; Assorted Multigrain Bread; Coffee, Tea and assorted regular & diet soda

Sunday, April 26

Scholarships/Awards/Grants-in-Aid Brunch 10:15am-Noon (Cost per member or guest) \$ **41.00** _____

Includes Field Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Quiche (Roasted Vegetables) and please select one of the following:

- ☐ Country Sausage ☐ Crispy Bacon ☐ Ham

Includes Seasonal Breakfast Potatoes; Muffins; Bagels with Cream Cheese; Coffee Cake; Freshly Squeezed Orange Juice; Cranberry Juice; Coffee and Tea

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS \$ _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

SEATING PREFERENCES _____

Mail Registration Form and Check payable to 2015 PI STATE CONVENTION to:

Susan Spivak, Registrar 2015 Pi State Convention
655 Middle Country Road, APT. 7D-2 ... Coram, NY 11727
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REGISTRATION & HOTEL INFORMATION

2015 PI STATE CONVENTION

1. **ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Remember to make your room reservations directly with *Long Island Marriott Hotel* 516.794.3800 or 1.800.832.6455. Mention DKG to receive ;.
2. **REGISTRATION FEES:** All DKG members (NO EXCEPTIONS) are required to pay the Registration Fee even if they plan to attend only one (1) event of the Convention. For example, if Member A wants to attend Sunday's Awards Brunch for Member B who is being honored as a *Woman of Distinction*, Member A is required to pay for the 1-Day Registration (\$75) and for her own Sunday brunch (\$41).
3. **GUEST COSTS:** Guests (i.e., non-DKG members, spouse, partner, or family members) are required to pay Friday Night Dessert Reception (\$27) and all other meals, if desired. The Convention Program packet is NOT included for guests. Any guest who wants full access to workshops and/or special events and a program packet must register individually and pay the Registration Fee as listed above
4. **TOURS:** Write a separate check to register for TOURS by Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (*see TOUR REGISTRATION FORM*). Refund for tours will be issued only if cancellations in writing are postmarked by Thursday, April 16, 2015. A minimum of 20 persons are needed for a tour to run. All members' family and friends are welcome to join the six fantastic tours of Long Island and New York City.
5. **REFUNDS/CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellation for a full refund of the Convention Registration must be in writing and postmarked by Thursday, March 26. No refunds will be made after March 26, 2015. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows. Returned checks will be subject to a \$35 processing fee.
6. **REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS:** To keep our environment green, we do NOT send confirmations to those who register by postal mail. Please save the e-mailed confirmation as your record. Checks will be cashed in 10 days. If you do NOT receive a confirmation of your registration within ten (10) days, please contact Registrar SUE SPIVAK.

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Website: www.longislandmarriott.com

Marriott Rewards: www.marriott.com/rewards



DKG Room Rates: Single or double room rate is \$166, including 11.625% state/local taxes.

Note: DKG special room rate expires Thursday, April 2, 2015.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES

All guests will make reservations directly with the Hotel on an individual basis, identifying Delta Kappa Gamma for special room rate. The *Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center* phone number for those within the (516) area code may call 516.794.3800 and those outside the (516) area code may call the toll free number 1.800.832.6455.

GUEST CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

The *Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference Center* check-in time starts at 4:00pm. Check-out time ends at 12:00 noon. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based upon guest room availability. Later check-outs must be requested in advance and approved to avoid additional charges after 12:00 noon. Express check-in and checkout are available. This is a smoke-free facility.

HOTEL GUEST PARKING: Complimentary Parking is available on-site for overnight guests.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET: High speed internet access is available in guest rooms for \$9.95 day.

HOTEL DIRECTIONS if you are driving: Go to www.longislandmarriott.com, click on Maps & Transportation, enter your address and print driving directions to the Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The 70th Pi State Convention Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, April 24th

2:00-9:00pm Registration
4:00-9:00pm FDF Sales
5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner
6:30-7:20pm Workshop Session I
7:30-8:20pm Workshop Session II
8:30-9:30pm Welcome & Keynote
9:35-10:30pm Dessert Reception

Saturday, April 25th

7:00-8:00am Optional Continental Breakfast
8:00am-noon & 2:30-4:30pm Registration
11:00am-4:00pm FDF Sales (closed 12:00-2:00pm)
8:15 -9:15am Executive Board Meeting
9:15-11:15am General Session
11:15-11:45am Educational Foundation Annual
Meeting & Rehearsal for Hour of Remembrance
12:00-2:00pm Birthday Luncheon
2:15-3:15pm Workshop Session III

Saturday, April 25th (continued)

5:30pm Chapter Presidents Line-Up
6:00-9:30pm Founders & President's Banquet &
Installation of State Officers
9:35-9:50pm Receiving Line

Sunday, April 26th

8:00-10:00am Registration
8:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance
10:15am-Noon Scholarship/Awards/
Grants-in-Aid Brunch
12:00 -12:15pm Hotel Check-out
12:30-1:30pm Transition Meeting of 2013-15 &
2015-17 Executive Committees
1:45-2:45pm Meeting of 2015 & 2017
Convention Steering Committees

A Pi State Thank You

*Pi State sisters send sincere **thank yous** to our 2013-2015 Officers, Committee Chairs and Committees for all their hard work and unsurpassed commitment and dedication to Pi State.*

SIX FANTASTIC TOURS FOR YOU AND GUESTS

Registration Form for TOURS is on p. 22

We encourage you, your family and friends to come a day early (Thursday 4.23.15) in order to tour **historic Harlem** or **fabulous Southampton** or stay a day late (Monday, 4.27.15) and visit the **9/11 Memorial Museum** or **Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall**. *The Marriott has agreed to honor the same Convention room prices for your extended stay.* If you want to do something earlier on Friday (4.24.15) before the Convention gets underway, consider an interactive visit to the **Museum of the Moving Image in Queens** or a tour of **two Long Island mansions**. The price includes transportation, knowledgeable tour guide and food as indicated.

These Fantastic Tours are open to all DKG members, family and friends. We urge local Long Island members to sign up too. If you have questions about the tours, call **TOUR COORDINATOR Mr. Gary Gomels** at **Fantastic Tours and Travel (631) 793-6225**.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd 2015 ... 1:00 – 7:00 PM

Tour 1T – Historic Harlem & A Combination of Lunch/Dinner

Come along to for an unforgettable day. You will explore the history and culture of this vibrant area with a local step-on guide who will show us an upscale “Historic Harlem” that you might never thought existed. Our first stop will be the “Apollo Theatre.” On the historic tour you will learn the history of this unique building and its legendary stars, past and present who made the Apollo a center of the world of entertainment with African-Americans and Latinos performers. The tour is educational, informative entertaining, and inspiring as you learn little known facts about the theatre and community. Then board the bus for a guided tour through the neighborhood which also includes St. John the Divine and Grant’s Tomb. Our last stop will be at the famous Sylvia’s Restaurant for a delicious lunch feast of “Soul Food.” (*Some moderate walking and standing*) **COST: \$129 per person**

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*Concluded from page twenty***THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd 2015 ... 1:00 – 7:00 PM****Tour 2T - Southampton, Winery & A Combination of Lunch/ Dinner**

You will travel east for a wonderful tour of Long Island's East End – “The Southampton Experience.” On this guided tour you will learn the history and lore of the oldest English settlement in New York State. The group will walk & ride through the village of Southampton with its one-of-a-kind retail shops, restaurants, art galleries, antique shops, and other attractions making for a rich shopping experience. Also tour the hidden neighborhood of the rich & famous and see “Mansion Row. Enjoy dinner at the “Historic Southampton Public House.” The day would not be complete without a Tour & Tasting at a Vineyard. (*Some moderate walking*) COST: \$119.00 per person

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th 2015 ... 12:00 NOON – 5:00 PM**Tour 3F – Behind the Screen “Museum of the Moving Image” & Lite Lunch**

You're off to a fascinating afternoon as we spend time exploring the wonders of the “Museum of the Moving Image,” which is a media museum located in Astoria, Queens. The exhibition is a one-of-a-kind experience that immerses visitors in the creative and technical process of producing, promoting, and presenting films, television shows, and digital entertainment. You will also learn about the skills, material resources, and artistic decisions that go into making moving images, from nineteenth-century to the present day impact of digital tools on film editing and postproduction. (*Lots of walking; advise using a walker*) COST: \$89.00 per person

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th 2015 ... 12 NOON – 5:00 PM**Tour 4F – Long Island Mansions [Light refreshments]**

Join us to tour two great mansions on Long Island. First you will tour “Oheka Castle” estate and gardens which is a Long Island Gold Coast Mansion. The philanthropist Otto Herman Kahn had it built as a summer home where he hosted lavish parties and regularly entertained royalty, heads of state, and Hollywood stars in the 1920's. At the time of its construction, the French-style chateau was, and still is today, the second-largest private residence ever built in America. Today, Oheka is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with its rich history of this magnificent estate. *You also will enjoy tea and coffee with a selection of homemade cookies from its Pastry Kitchen.* Next we will stop and tour “Old Westbury Gardens.” You will tour the house and stroll through the beautiful gardens. It's listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was the home of John S. Phipps, his wife, and their four children. The Westbury House is furnished with fine English antiques and decorative art from more than fifty years of the family's residence. It is large yet homey, and you will observe the great craftsmanship that went into it. (*Must depart at 12 noon, steps and lots of walking*) COST: \$99.00 per person

MONDAY, APRIL 27th 2015 ... 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**Tour 5M – 9/11 Memorial, Museum & Lunch**

Join us and be part of this exciting and memorable day to the “The National September 11 Memorial & Museum.” The Memorial is located at the World Trade Center site, on the former location of the Twin Towers, which were destroyed during the attacks. The Memorial remembers and honors the nearly three thousand people who died in 1993 and 2001. The memorial consists of two massive pools set within the footprints of the Twin Towers with the largest manmade waterfalls in the country cascading down their sides. The Museum is presented with a sequence of experiences which allow for individual and personal encounters within a historical narrative. You will then enjoy delicious Italian lunch in Little Italy. Our New York City Guide will take you through the Little Italy, Chinatown and Lower Manhattan. (*Moderate to strenuous walking; can use walker*) COST: \$129.00 per person

MONDAY, APRIL 27th 2015 ... 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**Tour 6M – Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall & Lunch at Carmine's Restaurant**

Hop aboard the bus to New York City for two landmarks. First you will visit the world famous Carnegie Hall and its century old musical legacy. The guides will share stories of many of world's greatest artists. Learn why Carnegie Hall was built and what makes Carnegie Hall unique. You will learn how the famed Hall was saved from destruction in 1960 and renovation in 1986. Next, you will enjoy lunch at the famous Carmine's Restaurant. Your last stop will be the largest cultural center in the world. Learn about its history which includes: Metropolitan Opera House, Julliard, the New Philharmonic, NYC Ballet, Avery Fisher Hall and Alice Tully Hall. The tour guide will share many wonderful stories about the center. Based on what is available that day, you will be permitted to enter up to three buildings. (*Moderate walking and standing; can use a walker*) COST: 129.00 per person

TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

2015 Pi State Convention

Complete the following Tour Registration Form and send it with a separate check, payable to "2015 PI STATE CONVENTION" (Note "TOURS" on Memo line) by Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (cut-off date) to:

Susan Spivak
REGISTRAR, 2015 PI STATE CONVENTION
655 Middle Country Road, APT. 7D-2
Coram, NY 11727

EMAIL: SSpivak48@aol.com ... PHONE: 631.803.2051

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____
 Chapter _____ Cell Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 Address _____
 Family/Friends Name(s) _____

DATE/TIME	TOUR	COST	TOTAL
April 23, 2015 1:00-7:00pm	<u>Tour 1T</u> – Historic Harlem & A Combination of Lunch/Dinner	____ X \$129.00 =	\$ _____
April 23, 2015 1:00-7:00pm	<u>Tour 2T</u> - Southampton, Winery & A Combination of Lunch/ Dinner	____ X \$119.00 =	\$ _____
April 24, 2015 12noon-5:00pm	<u>Tour 3F</u> – Behind the Screen "Museum of the Moving Image" & Lite Lunch	____ X \$89.00 =	\$ _____
April 24, 2015 12noon-5:00pm	<u>Tour 4F</u> – Long Island Mansions [Light refreshments]	____ X \$99.00 =	\$ _____
April 27, 2015 9:00am-5:00pm	<u>Tour 5M</u> – 9/11 Memorial, Museum & Lunch	____ X \$129.00 =	\$ _____
April 27, 2015 9:00am-5:00pm	<u>Tour 6M</u> – Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall & Lunch at Carmine's Restaurant	____ X \$129.00 =	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL for Tour Registration			\$ _____

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All Tours are offered by Fantastic Tours and Travel, c/o Mr. Gary Gomels
 6143 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 101 ... Commack, NY 11725 ... 1.800.552.6262

Questions - Contact Tour Coordinator **Mr. Gary Gomels** - Telephone: **631.793.6225**

REFUNDS/CANCELLATION:

Refund for tours will be issued only if cancellations in writing are postmarked by THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015 to Susan Spivak, REGISTRAR, 2015 PI STATE CONVENTION, 655 Middle Country Road, APT. 7D-2, Coram, NY 11727.

A minimum of 20 persons are needed for a tour to run.

Full refunds will be issued if the Tour Company cancels for insufficient enrollment.

Call for Proposals

For book: **Best Practices for Education Professionals Volume 2**

Best practices currently advocate that all education professionals consult and collaborate with colleagues across disciplines as a means of providing for students and their families a comprehensive, developmental approach to students' academic, career and social/personal growth. In that spirit, we are soliciting manuscripts that would be informative for individuals studying to be, or who are, teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, speech language pathologists, school administrators, or other school professionals. Accepted work will be included in the book titled **Best Practices for Education Professionals Volume 2**, which will consist of 10-15 chapters representing both research (qualitative, quantitative and mixed-design) and conceptual pieces about the most effective, current professional practices for the range of education professionals who work with P-12 children in schools.

We anticipate that the book will inform in-service and pre-service individuals about effective techniques, ideas, competencies and skills for working with children and families in schools and school settings and will serve as an important resource for individuals undertaking academic research on best practices for school professionals. Our goal is to highlight some of the most recent practices in the field of P-12 education. If you have completed recent research or have developed a conceptual perspective based on best practices, we invite you to consider this volume as a venue for publication for your scholarly work.

If you have scholarly work in progress and you are interested in contributing your work to this endeavor, the following is the (very tight) timeline for submitting work to us:

February 28th: 250 word proposal

March 15th: Fully-developed draft

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Assemblywoman Russell joins *Chi*'s Honorary Member, **Wilfreda Stone**,
who was initiated in 1978. **Sue Pennock**

Chi Honorary Member

Chi Chapter initiated Assemblywoman **Addie Russell** as an Honorary Member on 9.10.14.

Mrs. Russell, who represents the 116th Assembly District, embodies the spirit of DKG. She endorses and supports legislation in the interests of education and of women educators. She informs the public of current economic, social, political and educational issues so they may participate effectively in our world society. She has worked tirelessly on behalf of and as an advocate for education in the North Country.

Go to the DKG International
website: www.dkg.org

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- ✓ Join social networks;
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- ✓ Learn about Grants & Scholarships;
- ✓ Submit artworks to Gallery of Fine Arts;
& **find lots more!**

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

The Executive Committee requests nominations for the **Chair of Pi State Historical Records and Scrapbooks Committee**. Members, who are willing and available to take on the responsibility of Committee Chair, should contact **Dr. Joyce Tang**, 718.997.2839, erindale@verizon.net.

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

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

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

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Watch for information and registration forms at www.dkg.org.



Nancy Carroll and Linda Evans with Leandro

Mission Awareness Trip

After 8 years of sponsoring Leandro in the Philippines, **Nancy Carroll** and **Linda Evans**, *Sigma*, decided it was time to meet him! Their sponsorship started in 2006 through the *Christian Foundation for Children and Aging*, now called "**Unbound**," which works in 21 countries to help the poor and marginalized in society. For those who sponsor children, financial assistance is primarily for their education. Leandro graduated high school in March

2014 and plans to attend college. Nancy and Linda plan to continue their sponsorship. They spent 8 days touring Phillipines and visiting classrooms, Leandro's home and work groups named the "Mothers' Groups."

Nancy Carroll

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Email features, Chapter highlights, Initiates, photographs, information, articles, Area Conference information and **Pride of Pi** highlights to:

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2015

March 1, 2015 ... May 1, 2015 ... September 1, 2015 ... December 1, 2015