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Join Pi State Sisters at the

Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

"Opportunities to Connect"

October 12-13, 2018 The Radisson Inn

125 Denison Pkwy, Corning, NY 14830 (607) 962-5000

Look for Registration, Hotel Information and Workshop Descriptions on pages 4-6 of this issue.

Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, October 12th

10:00am-1:00pm Registration set-up 1:00-3:00pm Executive Committee

2:00pm FDF/ Setup 3:00-8:30pm Registration 4:00-8:15pm FDF Sales &

DIRECTORY Distribution

5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner
6:30-7:15pm Workshops Session 1
7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session 2
8:20-9:15pm Opening Session
9:15-10:15pm Dessert Reception
INFO FAIR

8:00-11:45am Registration

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6:30-8:00am Optional Breakfast 8:00-8:15am Executive Board Sign-In

8:15-10:30am Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 13th

10:30-11:30am FDF Sales &

DIRECTORY Distribution

10:40-11:25am Workshops Session 3 11:45am-1:15pm Legislative Luncheon

1:15-2:00pm 15th Anniversary

Celebration of Pi State Educational Foundation

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Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Applications due February 15, 2019 ... Summary on pp. 18 and refer to the Pi State website.





"Opportunities to Connect" Mary-Martha Harvey Pi State President 2017 - 2019

WE ARE LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE.

I hope all our Chapters have enjoyed a successful and rewarding start to your school year and to your new DKG year with your 2018-2020 leaders, Committees, programs and projects. This is a time of renewal and a time for us all to create unity, retain and reinstate members and strengthen our Chapters. I applaud the dedication, commitment, creativity and engagement of our leaders and members as we all collaborate, plan, appreciate differing viewpoints, and face each new challenge together. *I wish all our Chapters much success*.

Plans for the Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar October 12-13 at the Radisson Hotel in Corning are complete. Many of you have already registered. Please know that after September 8, late registration is still open. The room block at the Radisson is closing on September 13. In this issue of *Pi Lights*, you will find our first CTLE qualified workshop on Friday evening, the Keynote Address by Teresa Keys, *Alpha Tau*, "*Mindfulness in Education: Give 'Em a Peace of Your Mind.*" (*Please note*: CTLE Registration information will be emailed to Chapter Presidents by the end of September.) Committees are planning their INFO FAIR displays for Friday evening during the Dessert Reception. The 2019 Convention Skit Committee is preparing a special invitation to Geneva. I hope to see many of you and look forward to having every Chapter represented by their President or designee at the Executive Board Meeting on Saturday. The Board of Directors of our *Pi State Educational Foundation* and President Ginny Dudko, *Tau*, are planning a wonderful 15th Anniversary Celebration after Saturday's Legislative Luncheon ... and remember their "18 x 18" Challenge.

Our "LDS on the Road" in Victor June 28, Baldwinsville June 30 and New City July 2 was a resounding success with special thanks to our State Officers and our hard-working and dedicated Leadership Development Committee and their Co-Chairs Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau, and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Alpha Alpha. It was wonderful to meet our new Chapter Presidents and other Chapter members in attendance.

Plans are well underway for the **2019 NY State Convention**, "Connecting with the Finger Lakes," April **26-28 at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront in Geneva.** The Convention Steering Committee with Co-Chairs **Carol Lord** and **Jane Morehouse**, *Beta Delta*, have been meeting. Chairs of Committees have also been meeting. The Ramada is providing a beautiful venue on the shores of Seneca Lake in the heart of the historic Finger Lakes Region and Wine Country. A **Three-Hour Pre-Convention Institute**, receiving CTLE credit, is planned by State EEC Chair **Karen Evans**, *Beta Omega*, for Friday morning, 26 April from 9:00am to noon. More information about the Convention and the Institute as well as other CTLE workshops, including registration forms, will be in the mailed winter issue of *Pi Lights* and on the State website. Room reservations are open by calling the Hotel, 315-789-0400 (ask for Delta Kappa Gamma room block, \$146.42 city view, \$157.77 lake view, both including tax.) The State Executive Board will meet. New State Officers will be elected. Voting on changes to State BYLAWS & Standing Rules will be planned.

On behalf of our NY State members, I want to welcome new State Editor 2018-2022 **Kim Goldhirsch**, *Alpha Zeta*, and *thank* her for this, her first *Pi Lights* issue.

NY State Nominations and Applications

Nominations/Applications Reminder

The deadline for Nominations/Applications for State Offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary and members for the Finance and Nominations Committees is November 15, 2018 to NY State Nominations Committee Chair Diane Battaglia.

Links, regarding responsibilities and duties of each Officer's position, and Application and Nomination Forms may be found on the Pi State Website: www.dkgnystate.org.

Officer Application Forms may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on Officers
- * Click on drop-down State Officers & Elected Personnel
- * Click on link for **State Application Form for Officers** in State Officers section

Job Descriptions for State Officers and Elected Personnel may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on Officers
- * Click on drop-down State Officers & Elected Personnel
- * Click on link, Job Descriptions for Officers & Elected Personnel

State Officer Nomination/Application

Applications must include a photograph for use in Awards programs, *Pi Lights* and on State website. The photograph may be sent electronically to *Chair of the Nominations Committee* Diane Battaglia, dianebattaglia@roadrunner.com or a print included with the application.

Nominations/Applications for <u>President</u> must include a mission statement defining her vision or goals for her biennium, not to exceed 250 words.

Letters of Support for State Officer Nomination/Applications must be received by the *Chair Nominations Committee* Diane Battaglia by November 15th.

Nominees for State Officers will have their photographs and biographies included in the winter issue of *Pi Lights* and on the website and will be voted on by the Executive Board at the NY State Convention.

All sections of the application must be completed in order to be considered.

Finance Committee

Nominations to the **Finance Committee** for four-year terms are needed from **Northwest**, **Southwest**, **West Central**, **East Central and Southeast Area Councils**. Nominees for *NY State Finance Committee* must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the State Executive Board from these areas. **Application Forms for Finance Committee** may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on NY State
- * Click on drop-down Area Councils
- * Click on link, Nomination Form for Finance Committee

Nominations Committee

Nominations to the **Nominations Committee** for four-year terms are needed from **Northern, Capital, South Central, North Central and Eastern Area Councils**. Nominees for *NY State Nominations Committee* must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the State Executive Board from these areas.

Application Forms for the Nominations Committee may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on NY State
- * Click on drop-down **Area Councils**
- * Click on link, Nomination Form for Nominations Committee

All complete nominations/applications with supporting documents must be postmarked by <u>November 15th</u> to the *Chair of the Nominations Committee* Diane Battaglia, 255 Park Street, Arcade 14009-1508, 585.492.3090, <u>dianebattaglia@roadrunner.com</u>.

This is your chance to step forward in service to DKG and to promote the ''personal and professional growth'' of a fellow sister or yourself.

DKG NYS Organization to Offer CTLE Credits in Fall 2018

The Delta Kappa Gamma New York State Organization has entered a collaboration with Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for Effective Teaching. This collaboration will be statewide and allow our members who need them to earn **Continuing Teacher and Leader Education** (**CTLE**) credits for some of the activities completed at the DKG State, Regional and Chapter levels.

To be credit-worthy, the professional development must meet a specific need of certificate holders. As you are thinking about future Chapter meetings and conferences, keep in mind what current educators need in professional development. The workshops must be in one or more of the following areas:

- content specific
- general pedagogy
- designed to meet the needs of ELL (English Language Learners).

"Acceptable CTLE must be conducted through activities designed to improve the teacher or leader's pedagogical and/or leadership skills, targeted at improving student performance, including but not limited to formal CTLE activities. Such activities shall promote the professionalization of teaching and educational leadership, as applicable, and be closely aligned to district goals for student performance."

http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/ctle.html#acceptable

Through our collaboration with the Teacher Center we will be using **Frontline** (**My Learning Plan**) to register for sessions, complete evaluations and generate CTLE certificates. For our part, we will need to provide workshop agendas or course outlines, updated instructor resumés showing the person's qualifications for offering the program, statement of need (?s *include why the course/program was needed, by whom, and how do you know*), and completed sign-in sheets submitted after the workshop. Participants will need to register through Frontline for sessions in advance.

The plan is to begin offering CTLE credit for sessions that meet the CTLE standards. At the NYS Executive Board Meeting and Seminars in October, your folder will contain some very important papers detailing the process for submitting paperwork that is needed in order for members to receive CTLE credit. One of the first aspects of planning will be to update our Educational Excellence Committee Workshop Proposal form to include much of the information that is required to offer CTLE hours.

A *special thank you* to **Valerie Lovelace**, Executive Director, and **Amy Carcini**, Program Support Specialist of Greater Capital Region Teacher Center for Effective Teaching, and **Ellen Sullivan** of New York State United Teachers Research and Educational Services for their expertise in helping us through this process. Throughout our collaboration they will continue to offer their invaluable support.

Karen Jones

President's Message

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As I commence my second year as NY State President, I am most grateful for members sharing ideas, questions and concerns; visiting Chapters and celebrating their projects and accomplishments; and working with our State Executive Committee and Committee Chairs and their Committee members who are making significant contributions for us all. We are indeed an Organization where we value each member, their talents and their contributions to education and are united by our seven purposes.

Our Chapters are truly "the heart of our Society."



Teresa Keyes

Keynote Speaker for Pi State Opening Session Friday, 12 October 2018 Radisson Hotel, Corning 14830

Wayne-Finger Lakes School Librarian Teresa Keyes, Alpha Tau, is an enthusiastic advocate for UPK-12 mindfulness initiatives, offering training for building leaders and teachers who want to weave meditation and presentmoment awareness into their school culture.

Teresa combines 15 years' experience as a teacher and professional development coach with her integrated wellness background. She is certified as a yoga instructor (RYT 200, Restorative), International Forest Therapy Guide, and Reiki 1 practitioner.

Her goal is to help educators find peace of mind through establishing their own meditation practice, thereby becoming mindful role models for their students.

Teresa and her husband, Corey, raised their two children in Bloomfield and now spend much of their free time hiking, biking, and kayaking.

Keynote Speaker for Pi State Legislative Luncheon on Saturday, 13 October 2018



MICHAEL K. GINALSKI

Superintendent Michael K. Ginalski is a Southern Tier native, growing up in Elmira where he attended Southside High School. He attended Mansfield University for his undergraduate and graduate education and earned his CAS in Education Administration from SUNY Cortland. He is certified as a School District Administrator in New York State and certified in Special Education and Elementary Education in New York and Pennsylvania. He began his education career in 1987 as a Special Education teacher at Broad Street School in Horseheads. In June 1999, he joined the Corning-Painted Post Area School District as an Assistant Principal at West High School. In July 2001, he was appointed Principal at West High School. From June 2005 through December 2007 he served as the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

The highlight of Mike's career to date is being named the Superintendent of the Corning-Painted Post Area School District in December 2007. He

feels extremely lucky to work for such a great Board of Education and to have such a dedicated group of people working in the trenches with kids. Everyone in the entire organization is committed to their students and that is a source of great pride to Mike.

Pi State is honored to have Mike as our Keynote Speaker for the *Legislative Luncheon* on **Saturday**, **October 13** at the **Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar** at the Radisson Hotel, Corning.

Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar



October 12-13, 2018

Radisson Inn (Corning, NY)

125 Denison Pkwy E Corning, NY 14830 (607) 962-5000

Room check-in is 4:00pm and **check-out** is 1:00pm.

DKG Pi State Fall 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar Workshops, Presenters & Descriptions

"Donors Choose" (Presenter: Kim Gordon, Beta Omega)

Have you ever wished you had better teaching supplies for your classroom? Come learn how to obtain those much-needed supplies for free! Bring a laptop or device. Public school teachers can secure just about anything they may need for their classrooms! It's easy and fun but best of all it's free!

"Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents Part II"

(Presenters: Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau, and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Alpha Alpha)

Presidents ... Join us! We will continue to explore topics of the *Leadership Development Seminars* from July and August. There will be an opportunity to share concerns and success.

"How's Your Chapter Doing with the Three R's" (Presenter: Sue Kenoyer, Psi)

Take the opportunity to share your successes and not-so-successful attempts in recruiting, retaining and reinstating membership. Sharing ideas is where innovation comes from...so come and connect those wonderful ideas!

"Count your Blessings and Bring out the Best!"

(Presenters: Leah Exner, Tau, and Mary Ellyn Levy, Tau)

We are surrounded with blessings as well as talented sisters in our chapters. Join us as we count our blessings and discuss ways to encourage active, exciting, and engaging chapter meetings while finding the multiple talents of our Chapter sisters.

"Pi State Scholarship – Here for You!" (Presenter: Rosemary Van Wart, Alpha Pi)

This workshop will provide information on the availability of and eligibility for Pi State Scholarships as well as information on the application process. We will demonstrate how past recipients have put their scholarships to work and provide time for Q and A.

"Teaching and Schools in the mid-1800's" (Presenter: Joyce Thompson-Hovey, Gamma Gamma)

Come and hear what education was like in the north and south before, during and after the Civil War. You think demands are tough today? You will be amazed at what the expectations were for students and teachers back then!

"Mathematical Tidbits You Just Can't Live Without" (Presenter: Jane Tanner, Beta Gamma)

This session is perfect for those still teaching as well as those who appreciate mathematical curiosities. Enjoy a humorous approach to a much-maligned subject. Even those with Math Phobia are welcome!

"Is the UN Out-of-Date? What about Global Goals?" (Presenter: Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta)

How did the DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization) Conference of August 22-23 help to change our perceptions? NGO Relations facilitates the exchange of information and develops partnerships with civil society to enhance their interaction with and understanding of the work of the UN. Whether you are just curious or you would like to know more about the UN. ... Welcome!

"Equal Access for EL's in the Regular Classroom" (Presenter: Mary Celia Cummings)

Commissioners Report 154 states that all teacher candidates must now have a working knowledge of English Language acquisition. This can be addressed with Sheltered Content instruction as taught in teacher preparation programs.

Karen Jones, Lynda DeLuca & Lynne Eckert

NY State Visitations 2017-2019

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Spring 2017	March 15	Alpha Phi	Karen Crumley
	May 4	Alpha Nu	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	Alpha Theta	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	Chi	Deborah Bedard
	June 6	Omega	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2017	September 13	Beta Theta	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 18	Beta Chi	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 23	North Central Area Conference:	Deborah Bedard
		"Safe Passage to Oswego"	
	September 28	Beta Nu and Beta Gamma	Ellie Robinson
	October 5	Alpha Alpha	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 19	East Central Area Conference	Joan Slagle
		"Women's Night Out"	
	October 25	Tau and Zeta Chapters	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	Gamma Alpha	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	Alpha Psi	Jennifer Lee-Alden
Spring 2018	March 24	Eastern Area Conference	Deborah Bedard
	April 11	Beta Psi	Deborah Bedard
	April 18	Beta Omicron	Lisa Huyck
	May 2	Alpha Chi	Karen Crumley
	May 7	Beta Epsilon	Ellie Robinson
			Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 11	Rho	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 16	Beta Delta	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 17	Gamma Gamma	Ellie Robinson
			Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 21	Beta	Ellie Robinson
			Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 7	Alpha Lambda	Mary-Martha Harvey
Summer	July 17	Northern Area Conference	Lisa Huyck
2018		7 0	Suzanne Patrick
	August 21	Beta Omega	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2018	September 22	Eastern Area Conference	Suzanne Patrick
	September 24	Beta Tau	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 29	Northwest/Southwest Area Conference	Mary-Martha Harvey
Spring 2019	May 20	Chi	Mary-Martha Harvey

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



You're Invited

Join Pi State Sisters at the Pi State 2019 Convention/Seminar "Connecting with the Finger Lakes"

April 26-28, 2019 The Ramada Geneva Lakefront Resort 41 Lake Front Blvd., Geneva 14456 315-789-0400

In the mailed Winter 2019 Issue of *Pi Lights* and online www.dkgnystate.org look for:

- **❖** Registration Form
- ❖ Educational Excellence Committee's Workshops
- ❖ Schedule-at-a-Glance
- ❖ Schedule for the Executive Board Meeting
- ❖ Keynote Speaker and International Guest
- Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting

Hotel Information: Room Block for Ramada Geneva Lakefront is open. Call 315-789-0400. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma room block. The room block closes March 1.

Block Rate is \$129.00 (City View) (129 + 13.5% tax is \$146.42) (Lake View is \$139 + 13.5% is \$157.77)



The Ramada Geneva Lakefront

Refer to winter issue of *Pi Lights* and State Website for registration and information about the first NYS Pre-Convention Institute, "Next Gen Standards: Designing Learning Targets at Multiple Thinking Levels," for 3 hours of CTLE credit to be held on Friday, April 26, 9:00am- noon at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront in Geneva.

Workshop Proposals for 2019 Pi State Convention

Due November 15, 2018

to Lynda DeLuca, Ideluca@stny.rr.com Co-Chair Educational Excellence

Committee for 2019 Pi State Convention

The EEC Workshop Proposal and CTLE Supplement can be found online at the Pi State Website, www.dkgnystate.org.

UPDATE from State Ad Hoc Committee to Organize Headquarters in Saratoga Springs

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee to Organize Headquarters (HQ) in Saratoga Springs are NYS President Mary-Martha Harvey, Past NYS President & Leadership Development Co-Chair Jeanne Schenk, Past NYS President & State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley and State Second Vice-President Jennifer Lee-Alden. Past NYS President & State FDF Administrator Joan Slagle is the Chair.

On August 20-22, 2018, Mary-Martha, Jeanne, Karen and Joan met several hours each day to sort, file and store items that were sent by dissolved Chapters, Committees and former State Presidents and items that were in our storage unit but loosely stored.

We moved furniture to make an efficient workspace and consolidated enough to reduce 3 units to two. By purchasing more portable shelving, we can now store FDF inventory and membership paraphernalia on one side along with copies of our various publications. We also eliminated the need for the third storage unit.

Our work consisted of recording missing directories from 2014-2018 and tasking ourselves to find these to create a complete set. We are storing 7 years of copies of *The Redbook*, also known as the Biennial Report, and 4 years of the BYLAWS & Standing Rules booklets. We felt that since these documents change periodically, the archive would give enough historical background for the most updated editions. We sorted all paperwork and placed items in individual folders for all Chapters, pertinent information for each Past State President, each State Committee, and Convention booklets and other brochures.

All available binders for Past State Presidents, Convention binders and the Biennial Minutes were organized by date and stored. The records from years before 2000 are stored in file folders by year. We are missing minutes from 1990, 2011-13, 2015-17 and made calls to get those copies sent to HQ. All *Pi Lights* and International News were organized by Mary-Martha and put in binders and stored by dates as completed sets.

A large historic photo of a luncheon from the 1940s and one of women for whom we have named scholarships and awards needed frames and glass repairs which Karen Crumley has taken to a framer for estimates. Norm Slagle has disposed of the considerable amount of trash through recycling or burning or shredding sensitive information - names, addresses etc.

We have several pieces of AV equipment stored at HQ and need to add a sturdy easel to our inventory of 2 easels, 3 LCD projectors, 3 portable screens and 1 sound system. Our banner and Chapter flags are stored here as well in protective cases.

We believe that we have accomplished the major task of organizing the site and what was stored. Our future goal is to complete files for Committees and Past State Presidents. We will be contacting Committee Chairs and Presidents, when possible, to acquire more documents. We have already begun the process.

Our work is on-going as time permits. We are grateful for the opportunity to get a better understanding of our Society's history and operation, work as a team, and be of service to our NY State Organization and its individual Chapters.

Joan Slagle

The Pi State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was organized April 18, 1936 in New York City by our fourteen founders.

The Pi State Educational Foundation was incorporated on October 30, 2001. To date the Foundation has awarded 43 grants, totaling \$28,340.66. All funding comes from donations from NY State members, Chapters, friends and membership fees.

Society Business Committees

Audit

For those of us who love numbers, this is the perfect committee to be a member! NY State has hundreds of thousands of dollars that the Finance Committee oversees with the direction from the Executive Committee. There are many different accounts, including those funds endowed to NY State by members, some through their wills. The Finance and Executive Committees oversee these funds along with the State Treasurer.

By direction of the NY State Standing Rules, "The Audit Committee shall audit the Pi State Treasurer's books semiannually and submit a report to the NY State President, NY State Treasurer and the NY State Finance Committee Chair. The Audit Committee shall audit the financial records of all NY State fund-raising activities and all NY State events such as Area Conferences, Conventions and Leadership Development Seminars."

We are responsible for checking to see that your money is being spent properly, assigned from the right fund and going to the correct place/person. We are also checking to make sure that the incoming funds are placed in the proper accounts and that there is "paperwork" to verify all income and disbursements.

If you have any questions about your Chapter's financial history, please contact the *Audit Committee*. We will try to answer your questions.

We have conducted two Audits this biennium. I can assure you that the members on the Audit Committee are very qualified and are dedicated to seeing that your money is properly accounted for.

Jean Sekel

BYLAWS & Rules

Chapter Standing Rules need to be reviewed by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee each State Biennium. The current biennium is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Please send your updated Chapter Standing Rules during this period, at the latest by June 30, 2019. The Standing Rules Checklist details required information and can be found on the State website in menu New York State, NY State BYLAWS & Standing Rules at the following link:

http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg chapter standing rules checklist 10.15.pdf.

The NY State BYLAWS & Rules Committee needs to receive (<u>in writing</u>) any proposed amendments or revisions to the BYLAWS & Standing Rules by November 1st, 2018. These amendments are reviewed by the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Executive Committee before voting occurs by the Executive Board at the NY State 2019 Convention. Amendments that move forward for a vote are printed in the winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

Please send mailings to: **Donna Yerdon**

NY State BYLAWS & Rules Chair

141 Roscoe Jones Rd. Cooperstown, NY 13326

607-547-5404 Cell 607-437-4556

My email address is yerdondonna@gmail.com.

The BYLAWS & Rules Committee members are: **Risë Messmer** (*Nu*, NC), **Cindy Smith** (*Alpha Theta*, NW), **Donna Yerdon, Chair** (*Rho*, SC), NY State Parliamentarian **Ellie Robinson**, *ex officio* (*Gamma Delta*, NW) and NY State Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *ex officio* (*Tau*, E).

The Committee has adopted the following three goals.

- 1. The Committee will present workshops as needed at Executive Board/Seminar meetings.
- 2. The Committee will present a workshop at the 2019 Pi State Convention to discuss the proposed changes to the NY State BYLAWS & Rules.
- 3. The Committee will work with Chapters to help them in the revision of Chapter Standing Rules.

Donna Yerdon

Communications & Publicity

The *Communications & Publicity Committee*, having completed the creation of the New York State brochure during the 2017-18 year, is turning now to two other projects in 2018-19:

- * Developing a flyer and key card that could be used to promote DKG and local chapters as well as to recruit new members
 - * Developing a *Facebook* page for use by DKG NYS Chapter leaders where they could share ideas.

Judy Wadsworth

Finance

The Finance Committee of NY State is composed of a member elected by each Area, the current President, *two Ex Officio* members - the NY State Treasurer and the NY State Executive Secretary.

The work of the Committee is to review the finances of Pi State, develop the annual budget and examine any budget concerns or tasks assigned by the President. The Committee meets quarterly by Go-to-Meeting and one in-person Meeting in March.

Linda Flaherty

Membership & Expansion

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO SEARCH FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Why not make increasing your Chapter membership one of your Chapter's goals for this year? Now is a good time to start. The school year is fresh and everyone is enthused about change, seeing new faces, and starting the year off with a bang. Think about inviting a working teacher to a meeting NOW. It might be a regular business meeting or one where you have a speaker on a topic relevant to working teachers. Let the visitors know about your projects.

Most Chapters have local community projects, events to raise money to give out scholarships, or an event to fund International's World Fellowship Fund. Let them know that DKG's Seven Purposes are there to aid in the betterment of self, the profession and of women and education world-wide.

Delta Kappa Gamma has many resources to help your Chapter's efforts to recruit new members. The latest information on Pi State's Membership and Expansion Committee, including people to contact, will be available on the State website (www.dkgnystate.org). There will be someone, who lives in your area on the Committee, whom you can contact with your questions. International also has exceptional resources available to you on their website under the Resources section. You'll find links to the Membership Recruitment Plan, "Pride in The Big Picture" video, Prospect card sample and Prospect Letter, a much shorter Chapter Member Application, an Initiation Letter sample, new member kits, brochures, and information on Ceremonies and Chapter Strengthening.

If you click on the **About Us** section on the International website www.dkg.org, you'll find information about all the benefits of membership that you'll want to share with prospective members, especially the many scholarships available to even the newest members of the Society. If you click on **Forms**, you'll find the necessary ones for transferring membership, change of address and Initiates. You'll be asked to sign in with a temporary password. Contact your Chapter President or me for the password. Once you are in, you can create your own password for future use of the website. You'll be amazed at the resources you'll find to help you all along the way from initial contact with potential new members to initiating them to revitalizing your Chapter.

Your **Pi State Membership & Expansion Committee** is busy revising our Pi State webpage and setting our own goals for this Biennium. You can be sure that the Committee is here to help you in any way we can. We have Committee members from every one of the ten Areas around the State. We can come to your Chapter to do a workshop or you can attend a workshop at upcoming Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminars in April 2018. It's time to make **CONNECTIONS** with women teachers from ALL the schools in your area. If you are retired and attend some of the NYSUT Retiree meetings, then talk to teachers that retired from schools that are not represented in your Chapter membership. They will probably remember a woman there who might just be interested in membership if it is offered. It only takes a few new working members who will in turn bring in more working members to bring your Chapter back to the vibrancy it once had.

The resources are there; the potential new members are there; it just takes US to CONNECT the pieces and add new, active members to our Chapters!! Good Luck!

Sue Kenoyer

Educational Excellence Committee

One of the tasks of the *Educational Excellence Committee* is to select and schedule workshops for the spring and fall Executive Board Meetings/Seminars/Conventions. We would like to provide meaningful professional development opportunities to our membership and are now offering CTLE professional development credits. See article in this issue, "*DKG NYS Organization to Offer CTLE Credits in Fall 2018*," for further information.

You will note that the revised **EEC Workshop Proposal** now includes information that is necessary for CTLE as well as opportunities to offer other workshops.

To fulfill our President's aim to provide "*Opportunities to Connect*," we are asking our membership throughout NY State to share the **EEC Workshop Proposal** with members who would consider doing a workshop for 2019 NY State Convention which will be held April 26-28, 2019 at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront Resort in Geneva 14456.

The proposal may be found on Pi State Website, menu MORE ... Pi State Meeting Resources ... EEC Workshop Proposal link. The proposal may also be accessed through the button on the home page.

We are committed to developing a wide variety of workshops, including those with CTLE credits, for our members planning to attend the Seminars. On the International Educational Excellence Committee link at www.dkg.org, there are ideas for programs that "advance excellence in education, empower women and increase global awareness." Please feel free to share the proposal with your members. We would like to see state-wide representation. Completed proposal forms are due by November 15, 2018.

Proposals should be sent to:

Lynda DeLuca 7 Denver Court West Endicott, NY 13760 Email: ldeluca@stny.rr.com

nail: <u>ldeluca@stny.rr.com</u> Phone: 607-727-0930

Karen Jones, Lynda DeLuca and Lynne Eckert

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."

Time to Renew Website Compliance Assurance with International – due by October 31

At the start of each new International Biennium (currently 2018-2020), all State Organization and Chapter websites need to apply for renewal of their Compliance Assurance from International. **Form 72**, which must be completed by Chapter Webmasters **by October 31**, may be found on the State website under CHAPTERS menu, Webmasters. You will note that this Form has two pages – information, signatures and a checklist. All areas must be completed and may be submitted electronically as an attachment. There is no fee.

If your Chapter is currently developing your website, this form does not apply. It is for Chapters who already have their Chapter Website Compliance Seal. New websites must complete Form 72, check appropriate box and may apply at any time for their review and Compliance Seal.



Leadership Development Toolkit Available

Go to www.dkgnystate.org.
Click Committees.
Scroll down to Leadership
Development Resources.

IMPORTANT Chapter Presidents & State Committee Chairs

If you or your members ordered a printed copy of the **2018-2020 NY STATE DIRECTORY**, please see State Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley** at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Corning.

No State Directories will be mailed. People will sign for Directories from your area if you are not in attendance.

If you did not order a printed Directory, you will receive a free copy

Society Mission & Purpose Committees

A Letter from State Awards Chair Erin Merrill

Dear NY State Sisters,

With your help, NY State raised \$6,001 in Awards, Scholarship and Grant(s)-in-Aid Benefit Tickets, with drawings held at the NY State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Latham in April 2018! 73% of our Chapters participated in the Benefit Drawing. *Congratulations* to the recipients and *THANKS* to our participants!

NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey's Biennium theme is "*Opportunities to Connect*." One important opportunity to connect for DKG membership is our own NY State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid. There are many opportunities available to members and friends of education.

"How can I help achieve the goal?" you ask? Here are two ways...

- 1. **Check out the NY State website** www.dkgnystate.org for webpages describing each available award, scholarship 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 NY State Award.
- 2. **Purchase NY State Benefit Tickets** at your Chapter meetings and Area Council Meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid funds.

201 NY State Awards Benefit Ticket for Awards, Scholarships, Grants-in-Aid			
Name			
Chapter			
Phone			
Drawing at NY State 2019 Convention			
Geneva, April 26-28, 2019			
Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10			

Look for tickets at your Chapter and Area Council meetings this year.

**A note to members who spend the winter away, please purchase your tickets this fall at your Chapter meeting. **

The power and pride of NY State members is what makes "Opportunities to Connect" easy!

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid (NAG) was established in 1967 by Past NY State President **Frederica Hollister**, originally called the Indian Affairs Committee. The purpose was to help Native American women in New York State who hoped to enter education related professions. NAG continues to support young Native American women who are progressing through higher education. Current awards give as much as \$1000 per academic year (*awarded by semester*, *up to \$500*) to recipients who may also re-apply in future years. Their applications are considered along with new ones by the **NAG Committee**. Preparation for a teaching related degree is preferred but the scope of the related service fields has been broadened over the years to encourage more applicants. Social and health services support education and Native American women entering these fields may apply.

How can you help? NY State members can recommend Native American women who may be eligible to the NAG Committee so we can make a personal connection and answer questions. Chapters are also encouraged to invite awardees to attend a meeting and share their stories, or you may simply send one a card from your Chapter. We want these future leaders to be connected to NY State through our Chapters. And, encourage eligible recipients to re-apply.

If you have questions, wish additional information or have suggestions for reaching out to the Native American population, please contact: **Arlene Ida**, *Chair Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee*, 3 Sherwood Park Drive, Burnt Hills, 12027, aiddski@gmail.com. The application form is available on the Pi State website.

Completed applications must be *postmarked* by the deadline Feb. 15, 2019.

Pi State Achievement Award

The *Pi State Achievement Award* was established in 1957 to recognize a member who has made outstanding contributions at the State level. The Award is presented at the Spring Executive Board Meeting or Convention.

If you have been at a presentation of the Achievement Award, you may have wondered how the recipient was chosen. First, that recipient was nominated by her Chapter President with letters of support from others who are familiar with her work. The Achievement Award Committee received that nomination and letters of support and probably other nominations. Members of the Committee reviewed the nominations, considering which nominee has made the greatest impact on Pi State DKG. Each of the Committee members reported back to the Chair of the Committee with her choice to receive the Award. The nominee with the most votes became the recipient.

If a nominee is not selected the first year, her nomination is considered a second year. Additional letters of support may be submitted. A State President is not eligible to receive the award during her time as President. No member may receive the award more than once.

The Nomination Form is on the website <u>www.dkgnystate.org</u>. A quick review of it will give you an idea of the kind of information you will need to make a nomination. Nominations should be made by Chapter Presidents and supported by letters of recommendation from members who are familiar with the nominee's work. **Nomination Form and letters are due by February 15, 2019.**

NY State has many members who qualify for the Achievement Award. The Committee looks forward to receiving nominations for those very eligible members.

A member should *not* know about her nomination as it is a surprise.

Agnes Becker

NY State Scholarships

NY State women are lifelong learners. Whether you are an active teacher or retired, NY State has scholarship opportunities for you! Scholarships are available for:

Master's Study
Doctoral Study
Post-doctoral Study
Enrichment Study
Research
Educational Publication
Road Scholar Programs Created by Elderhostel
Continuing Education
National Board Certification

Applications are available on the NY State website, www.dkgnystate.org.

For further information, you may contact **Rosemary Van Wart**, *NY State Scholarship Chair*, 105 Tomahawk Street, Yorktown Heights 10598, 914.248.5397, rvw20@optonline.net.

Applicants must be NY State members in good standing for at least three years.

All applications must be in the Scholarship Chair's email inbox or postmarked by February 15, 2019.

See the Scholarship Committee webpage on the NY State Website for further information. DKG International also offers scholarships so check www.dkg.org for those opportunities.

The NY State Scholarship Committee is here to help.

Rosemary Van Wart

NY State Named Scholarships

A. Evadna Crawford

Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge

Georgia A. Hartmann

Jeanette Johnson

Pi State Scholarship

Jennie F. Snapp

Ruth E. Williams

Iona M. Keeler

Edna B. Mack

NY State Committee Reports

Travel and Study Stipend

February 15, 2019 is the new application deadline!!

Members of the *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* chaired by **Patricia Turner** (*Alpha Theta*) wish to encourage all NY State members to think about attending the International Convention, International Conference (formerly Regional), CTAUN or other DKG trainings or seminars.

Be sure to read the article written by this year's recipient, Sheila Brady-Root, beginning on page 27.

The NY State Standing Rules note that there can be two Travel and Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00. Efforts will be made to award one Stipend to a retired NY State member and one to a member currently employed. Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

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

We hope to be overwhelmed with many applications this year. The deadline for applications is *February15*, *2019*. The application can be found on the NY State website or you can contact Pat Turner (*Alpha Theta*) at tunes14@yahoo.com.

Pat Turner

World Fellowship

The goals of increasing Chapter awareness and participation in the World Fellowship fundraising as well as support for the global connection opportunities were discussed and made part of the focus for the next two years. Plans are underway to assign regions to each committee member to contact Chapters in those regions to learn about the World Fellowship activities currently in place as well as ways the Committee can support each Chapter's World Fellowship activities and the students in schools in the region of each Chapter.

The Committee agreed that there was a need for increased global connections, communication, and understanding through our NY DKG sister Chapters, DKG World Fellowship students, and our National/International Sisterhood.

We hope that each Chapter will complete the upcoming survey from the World Fellowship Committee to help us understand what you do already and how we can be of further support.

Kathleen M. Bishop, Ph.D.

Policy for Submissions for State Website

All submissions for the new NY State Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to:

NY State President, Mary-Martha W. Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net.

Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to NY State will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

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."

Educational Excellence Workshop Proposals
For 2019 NYS Convention
Due November 15, 2018
Refer to NYS Website for Proposal & CTLE Forms

NY State Committee Reports

Committees Subject to Endowments

The Bea Small Award Nominations due February 15, 2019

One way you can participate in our State Biennium theme, "*Opportunities to Connect*," is by nominating a Chapter whose current project deserves to be supported and recognized. Many of our State Chapters have projects that qualify. Established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, *Omega*, the Bea Small Award recognizes a project that was originated

by the Chapter and is on-going for a minimum of two (2) years. The project must respond to the needs of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. An application form for the Award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair and must include the signature of the Chapter President. A Chapter may receive this award a maximum of two times for the same project.

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 2019.

Application forms are available on Pi State's website. The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon on April 27 at the NY State 2019 Convention in Geneva.

Ellie Robinson

The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund

In 1996 *The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* was established from a bequest of **Bea Small**, *Omega*, with additional contributions by **Barbara Woodworth**, Bea's daughter.

The interest made from the base money, which is not to fall below \$8000, is to be used annually or biennially for leadership development. This leadership development can take place at any of the following: a workshop for NY State Officers, Committee Chairs, the Fall or Spring Seminar, or the NY State Convention.

We strongly encourage NY State members to contribute to this fund to continue to provide outstanding leadership development workshops in the future. Perhaps you might consider contributing in memory of a sister whom you felt exhibited strong leadership qualities.

Gail Rumsey

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

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

During your fall Chapter meetings, please take some time and survey your membership to see if you know of such a woman. All Chapters are invited to nominate worthy applicants.

Serving on the Board of Trustees are: NY State President **Mary-Martha W. Harvey**, Chair, *Omega*; First Vice President **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; Immediate Past President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*; Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*; **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa* (2015-2020); and **Judy Parker**, *Nu* (2017-2022).

Questions may be sent to Chair **Mary-Martha W. Harvey**, <u>mharvey@frontiernet.net</u>, <u>585-394-3409</u>. The application form is due February 15, 2019 and is available on NY State's website:

http://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg application glm.pdf.

Mary-Martha W. Harvey

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International VISION STATEMENT:

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

NY State Committee Reports

Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

Due February 15, 2019

Do you know an uncommon educator?

Do you know a woman who has been a member of Pi State for at least five years and has made significant and recognizable contributions to education in New York or nationally?

Nominate her to receive the *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award*! The Board of Trustees of the Award is looking for strong candidates. On the new website go to New York State, click on NY State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid and then click on Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award. You will find the list of criteria and the application form. The application form for the *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* may be printed from the website.

If you know a woman who qualifies, then help us give her the honor by sending in a completed application by February 15, 2019 to Chair Jennifer Lee-Alden, 227 Fayville Road, Galway 12074, teachmusic@nycap.rr.com.

Let's CELEBRATE the fantastic educators in Delta Kappa Gamma!

Jennifer Lee-Alden

Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Due February 15, 2019

Verna Mulholland was President of *Alpha Phi* and *Pi State President*. She and **Gladys Mersereau** were planning the State Convention to be held in Lake Placid at a future date when they were both killed in a car accident. Verna had always envisioned giving an award to someone who made an outstanding contribution to education but wasn't eligible for membership.

This Award is given annually to a woman who is not a member of *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* nor eligible for membership in the Society but rather someone outside the profession who has worked toward improving the educational opportunities of others. The Award consists of a plaque and a \$300 stipend to cover the cost of attending the *Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* to receive the award.

Members of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committee are: 2017-2021 - Chair **Emily Stris**, *Alpha Phi*; **Gail McKinnon**, *Alpha Iota*; **Toni Pomerantz**, *Alpha Phi*; and 2018-2023 - **Dr. Kathy Lavoie**, *Psi*; and **Annmarie Santorelly**, *Zeta*.

Chapter members and Chapters are requested to submit nominations for this award. The application form is available on the Pi State website. Complete applications are due February 15, 2019 to Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees* Emilie Stris, 41 Parkwold Drive East, Valley Stream 11580-2152, ejstris@hotmail.com.

Emilie Stris

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS due FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Remember that there are up to 30 awards available -

\$6,000 toward a Masters, second Masters or graduate level Special Area degree and **\$10,000** toward a PhD or an EdD in an accredited program. For applications and information refer to www.dkg.org.

The 2018-2020 DKG International President, elected at 2018 Convention, is Cathy Daugherty.

Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid

NY State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grants-in-Aid DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2019

Refer to the Pi State website www.dkgnystate.org 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 Statehad considerable visibilityand 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." Frederica Hollister was a Beta Rho Chapter member and the 15th NY State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The Award was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	Jennifer Lee-Alden 227 Fayville Road Galway 12074 teachmusic@nycap.rr.com
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in- Aid	Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past NY 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.	Mary-Martha Harvey 185 Park Street Canandaigua 14424 mharvey@frontiernet.net
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.	Emilie Stris 41 Parkwold Drive East Valley Stream 11580 ejstris@hotmail.com
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 aiddski@gmail.com
Pi State Achievement Award	The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.	Agnes Becker 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 ambecker13@gmail.com
Bea Small Award	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i> , the Award is presented to a NY State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.	Ellie Robinson 625 Championship Drive Victor 14564 ejb67r@gmail.com
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 NY State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at DKG International and NY State Events, Meetings, Conventions, Regionals and CTAUN.	Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 tunes14@yahoo.com
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	Rosemary Van Wart 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 rvw20@optonline.net

DKG NY State "On the Road to Chapter Leadership" Summer 2018

The NY State Leadership Development Committee (LDC) hosted its Seminars for Chapter Presidents and leaders, using a new format, "Opportunities to Connect: On the Road to Chapter Leadership." This format emerged from NY State's Strategic Plan. The Seminars were offered in three different regions of the state: Victor, Baldwinsville and New City. This allowed Presidents leaving and entering office as well as members interested in leadership to travel to the area most convenient. This format eliminated the need for distant travel and overnight hotel accommodations. The Seminar topics and discussions included "Opportunities to Connect" by engaging in seven informational sessions on a number of important topics including, leadership, levels of Society business, membership and navigating through the State and International websites to search for important information.

NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey, LDC Co-Chairs, and other key Committee members traveled every other day to these seminar sites: The Legacy in Victor on June 28, Baldwinsville Library on June 30, and New City Library on July 2. Chapter Presidents were asked to encourage members interested in leadership to attend the Seminar with them. The Chapter with the largest percent of members attending would receive a registration for the fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar for their President. The LDC adopted an attendance-boosting slogan: "Bring a car full of members, spend a day out with friends, and lunch is on us!"

The total number of participants attending was 92, 79.9% of whom returned evaluations. The overwhelming majority (81%) strongly agreed or agreed that the sessions were informative, organized and effective. The most highly rated sessions were: "Benefits of DKG Membership," "Chapter Membership," "Where to Find What You Need," "Important Dates," "Chapter Minutes," "Communication," and "Levels of the Society." The venues and food were also highly rated. Most attendees thanked the Committee for offering "Leadership on the Road" and many indicated a preference for this format.

Committee members expressed a desire to give special recognition to registrants in an effort to encourage attendance. State First Vice President and Registrar Sue Kenoyer determined that the fairest method of doing this would be to determine the highest percentage of members attending from total Chapter membership. The Chapter with the highest percent of members attending was *Alpha Epsilon* with 4 of 13 (30.8%) attending; followed by *Alpha Alpha* with 11 of 69 (15.9%), and *Gamma Alpha* with 4 of 27 (14.8%).

Congratulations to Alpha Epsilon and all those who encouraged members to attend.

Special *thanks* to all attendees, our NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey for her leadership and support, and the fantastic support received from members of the Leadership Development Committee. *Thank you* all for a well-executed, very successful series of Leadership Development Seminars. Special *kudos* to Norm Slagle for lending extra assistance.

Leadership Development Co-Chairs Margie Lovett-Scott, Alpha Alpha Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau



Past NY State President Wanda Ward, Alpha Alpha, received the Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award from NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey in Victor LDS



Participants in Baldwinsville LDS from Alpha Psi, Alpha Tau, Beta, Beta Chi, Beta Mu, Chi, Gamma Zeta, Nu, Sigma and Alpha Chi

Joan Slagle, Karen Crumley and Wanda Ward







Wanda Ward, State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson and Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Alpha



LDC Co-Chair & Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk presented Seminar Agenda



NY State Audit Chair Jean Sekel assisted FDF Administrator & Past NY State President Joan Slagle with FDF Sales





LDC Co-Chair Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott introduced the LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE.



LDC Co-Chairs Jeanne Schenk and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott



Find important DKG information, forms, reports, registrations, Committees and more:

DKG International website: www.dkg.org
Pi State website: www.dkgnystate.org
CTAUN website: www.teachun.org
US FORUM website: www.usforum.dkg.org



US Forum Update

National Legislative Seminar Washington, DC

The National Legislative Seminar is held in Washington D.C in spring of even years as a function of the US Forum. This year a total of 77 members from 23 states, including 7 New Yorkers gathered to learn more about issues of concern in education and issues pertinent to women. Northeast Regional Representative Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Chair Carmella DeMarco and the 3 other Regional Rrepresentatives planned a program that highlight issues and demonstrated lobbying techniques.

Prior to the Seminar, Barbara arranged for a meeting with Senator Chuck Schumer's Legislative Aide in his office for herself, Jane Tanner, Connie Rensink. I made an appointment with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik for Mary-Martha Harvey, Karen Crumley and myself. Ms. Stefanik is the youngest woman to run for Congress at age 29 and is now up for reelection to her third term. We sped down the Cannon Office Building for the House of Representatives with her Legislative Assistant to attend her committee meeting. She heard that we were on the way and met us in the hall for a question and answer session. We expressed our concern about the school safety issue in light of current events and funding for security officers in schools; the need to address student loan relief; concerns about teachers leaving the profession after a few years; and concern that high ability students need to receive much more attention, funding and opportunities to meet their needs. She listened intently, took notes and thanked us for sharing.

Karen, Joan, Mary-Martha and Norman Slagle then did a wrap-up back at her office and had lunch in the restored Union Station, then dinner at the W. Hotel top floor outdoor patio which overlooks the White House Truman Balcony. That evening the three of us saw a play at Ford's Theater which completed a busy schedule. Please contact any of the NY delegates for more information.

Joan C. Slagle



Congresswoman Elise Stefanik of the 21st District New York



In Elise Stefanik's Office at the Cannon Building – Pi State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley, FDF Administrator & Pi State Past President Joan Slagle, Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey and Senior Legislative Assistant Patrick Hester



Leading discussion at NLS - Northeast Regional Representative Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta

United States Forum Mission Statement

The mission of the United States Forum is to engage its members to take an active role in fulfilling Purposes Four and Seven of the Society in a non-partisan manner.

Area Council Update

Autumn Greetings, NY State Sisters!

I hope that Chapter Presidents have forwarded invitations to the Fall slate of Area Conferences happening in September and October. Three of our Area Councils have planned a nice variety of programs and workshops offering opportunities for personal and professional growth. It may not be too late to register for some of these events. You will find more information and conference registration forms on the State website, www.dkgnystate.org, under the NY State button, Area Councils. Please direct your questions to the Area Conference Chair listed in the chart below.

If your Area Council is still in the planning stages for your next Conference, please reference the website to find guidelines, directions and forms to assist with preparations. A NY State Executive Committee member has also been assigned as a resource for each Area Council (see listing on *Area Councils & Conference Schedule* chart on website). Please reach out if we can help in any way!

Jennifer Lee-Alden

References on NY State Website for Area Councils

Refer to menu NY STATE ... Area Councils ...

- **4** Guidelines for Area Councils
- **♣** Area Council Visitation Request Form
- **Area Council Visitation Guidelines**
- State Map Showing Area Councils & Chapters
 - o Vertical Format
 - o Horizontal Format
- Area Councils & Conference Chart 2017-19
- **♣** Area Councils Rotation Chart 2015-2024
- *Flyers & Registration Forms for Area Councils listed by Area Councils
- **4** Area Council Financial Report
- **♣** Sample Area Council Evaluation Form
- **♣** Nomination Forms Due November 15, 2018
 - Area Council Chart for Nominations and Finance Committees Terms of Office
 - **ONY State Nominations Committee**
 - NY State Finance Committee

Note: Area Councils vote on their nominations to both Nominations & Finance Committees.

Congratulations to our Fall 2018 Area Council Conferences

The following is a listing of our Fall Area Council Conferences. All registration forms and further information may be found on the NY State Website, www.dkgnystate.org.

September 22 EASTERN AREA CONFERENCE "Leadership, Literacy and Leading Trends in Education"

Mount Saint Mary College, Hudson Hall, 300 Powell Street, Newburgh 12550

September 29 NORTHWEST/SOUTHWEST AREA CONFERENCE

"Connecting with Women's History" Michael's Catering & Banquets, 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg 14075

Look for **Registration Forms for Area Conferences** on the Pi State
Website, *Pi State* menu ... *Area Councils*.

Biennium Area Conferences will be announced as scheduled in *Pi Lights* and on the NY State Website.

Reminder to Area Council Chairs

Please send a request for the date of your Area Council Conference six months in advance to State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** and Second Vice President **Jennifer Lee-Alden**. The date needs to be approved in advance of your planning. In accordance with State governing documents, there should not be more than two conferences on any given date.

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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

Congratulations to all new and returning NY State Chapter Presidents! We wish you a successful biennium. Please continue to encourage your Chapter members to join and donate to the Foundation. If you would like one of the Directors to visit your Chapter to speak about the Foundation, we are happy to do so.

The 18-by-18 Challenge

The Foundation Directors are thrilled to recognize fourteen Chapters in NY State that have already met "The 18-by-18 Challenge." All Foundation members in these Chapters will be receiving the special Anniversary gift presented to the Celebration attendees. Those Chapters are: Tau, Omega, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Tau, Gamma Zeta, Gamma Delta, Beta Mu, Alpha Chi, Alpha Kappa, Pi, Beta Psi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Pi and Beta Kappa.

Remember that this challenge continues until the end of the year, so you still have time to add more members and meet the Challenge!

Ginny Dudko

PI STATE FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

2014-18
Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, Tau, Chair
2018-19
Jean Sekel, Pi, Treasurer
2016-20
Jean Sekel, Pi, Secretary
Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Alpha
Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta

After many years, **Jane Tanner** has stepped down as the Foundation Treasurer. Since Jane's term as Director ends in 2019, Director Jean Sekel has taken over the Treasurer's position. **Please note that membership and donation forms and checks should be sent to: Jean Sekel, 128 Inghams Mills Rd., Little Falls 13365.**

Thank you to both Jane and Jean for your service to the Foundation.

Donation and membership forms can be downloaded from the NY State website under the Foundation section. Please always include a form when you send in any checks for memberships or donations so funds be properly credited.

Foundation Project Grant Applications due November 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019

Thank You Wanda Ward!

We received word of a very generous donation from Wanda Ward. Wanda was announced as the Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award at the Spring Executive Board Meeting and was awarded at "LDS on the Road" in Victor. The recipient of this award receives a plaque and \$500 for her own use and then another \$500 check to award to the project of her choice. She chose the Pi State Educational Foundation as the recipient for her project--thank you so much, Wanda! We assure you that your gift will be put to good use for literacy and learning.

ATTENTION: FOUNDATION DIRECTORS NEEDED

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

Pi State Educational Foundation Policy Changes

The Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors need to make all members aware of some policy changes we have recently instituted on the advice of our tax advisor.

In the past, the Foundation has issued checks for grants to individuals. To do so would now require that we then issue these people W-9 and 1099 forms. If checks are written to our Chapters for these projects, the Foundation would not have to issue tax forms. So, when a grant is approved, whether it is a Chapter or individual project, we will write the check to the Project Director's Chapter, who can then release the funds to the member.

The second item involves the financial report that is part of the Post-Project Report. Some Project Directors have been very specific in their reporting of funds spent. Others have been very general. In an effort to be good stewards of the Foundation's funds and to satisfy tax requirements in case of audit, we will now require that this be an itemized report and include copies of receipts for the items purchased. In addition, if all funds are not used, any unused funds MUST be returned to the Foundation.

Thank you for your understanding in making our Foundation more fiscally-responsible.

The Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors



Left to Right: Tau Members Mona Lee Bogan, Virginia Dudko, Kimberly Wright, Guest Speaker John Conway, President Leah Exner, 1st Vice President, Mary Ellyn Levy Photo by Leah Exner

Tau Chapter

Sullivan County Historian, **John Conway**, gave a fascinating presentation to the members of the DKG *Tau* Chapter entitled "**How Our Past Predicts Our Future.**"

Mr. Conway used a timeline to explain a 25-year pattern revolving around the evolution of tourism in the county. He also described two great periods of prosperity as depicted through the hotel and business industries.

The presentation was well received and the question / answer period following the presentation was very insightful.



Tau Chapter celebrates 50-year member Mary Etta Hornicek, a retired teacher from Delaware Valley Central School in Callicoon, NY, with over 40 years dedicated to teaching elementary education.

Photo by Patricia Segar



Tau members Mona Lee Bogan and Robin Pantel

Photo by Larry Schafman

In July 2018, the Fallsburg Alumni Association recognized *Tau* Chapter member **Robin Pantel** for her dedication and commitment to the community through her work with the *Born to Read* outreach at the local WIC office. Robin organizes and works with volunteers to visit the local WIC office to share the love of reading with the children and

model reading techniques for the parents. Robin is a retired elementary reading teacher from the Fallsburg Central School.

20th CTAUN Conference at the United Nations, NYC Friday, 5 April 2019

Sponsored by Committee on Teaching about the United Nations



"Our Planet - Our Crisis - What Now?"

Please mark **5** April on your calendar and let your colleagues know as well.

Teaching projects based on a past CTAUN Conference are encouraged. Submit applications for the CTAUN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION Award

given out during the Conference; deadline for submission 1 February 2019.

College students interested in participating in the CTAUN Poster Contest must submit designs by deadline of 28 February 2019 to intlcoll@bridgeport.edu. Must address the theme of the 2019 CTAUN Conference: "OUR PLANET - OUR CRISIS - WHAT NOW?" Details under "Awards" on website.

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



A Hot Time in Austin 2018

On a hot July afternoon, the plane touched down in the capitol, Austin Texas. With phone in hand, I secured the shuttle to JW Marriott in the middle of the city of Austin. In minutes, I was on the shuttle with other gals going to the DKG International Convention. A smooth registration and check on my DKG app on phone brought up the Tour 7 from 2:30-4:30 of the Headquarters and bus was boarding in minutes. I sat with a sister from Michigan with whom I met at times during the Convention.

After a brief introduction of the Headquarters building since its construction in 1956 and restoration, we were off to see the rooms of memorabilia of Dr. Annie Blanton, offices of Membership Director, International HQ Business Director, wall of maps of the continents representing membership, room where all materials are shipped, the living room which is open to all members for meetings, and to the "Wall of Roses" which leads to lower level. Wire roses with green acrylic leaves scattered throughout with major donors' names inscribed and black acrylic leaves indicating donors to come presented an "object d'art" with a purpose.

Back to the hotel and room, I met my roommate from Maryland. Then, we were off to the opening meeting and Texas Night held in the JW Grand Ballroom. **Carolyn Pittman**, our 2016-18 International President, opened the meeting with **Dr. Jo Murphy** and **JoAnn Brooks**, Chair of Steering Committee for Convention, welcoming us all. This was followed by short, yet complete reports from Headquarters Staff with updates. The total number attending the Convention was over 2,000 by July 20th. A spectacular parade of 17 countries' leaders and their flags with an introduction to all ended the meeting with a call to action to educators about how we can impact education worldwide with a true global awareness of education today, advancing women leaders and encouraging them to **Simplify! Simplify!**. "Texas Night" ended the evening with time to socialize.

This was truly the most technological Convention that I have attended with a DKG app that listed agenda, my schedule as chosen with maps of just where events were located, and speakers, luncheons and meetings. It was one of those meetings that allowed me both professional and personal opportunities that were meaningful. You were a click away from maps, speakers, breakouts and takeaways with links to all. Voting at general meetings was done with clickers with results given in moments - both percent and number (*yeah and nays*) for each item voted. This process allowed us to have ample time for discussion in between proposed amendments. What was so positive about this process was that we were in agreement on most of the proposed amendments and allowed us to work together as a very large audience more easily.

The 2018 Convention spiral-bound book was part of registration packet with each day's agenda, speaker, reports and charts for proposed amendments all laid out in "grouping chart" so that we could record results and recommendations. The clicker was assigned to each attendee at the beginning of voting and you returned it by signing-out at end of Convention. Simple tool of technology that worked for all. Results from the voting on proposed amendments can be found on the DKG International website, NY State Website and through your Chapter President by way of our State President Mary-Martha W. Harvey's President's News & Notes.

Between the General Meetings, there were breakouts, breakfasts and luncheons that I attended: "Power-Up: Professional Engagement and Growth in a Changing Society;" "The Young Artist: Leonardo Da Vince and What We Can Learn from Him;" "Impacting Education Worldwide with DKGEF;" and a great "Impacting Education Worldwide Luncheon." Thursday was the Northeast Regional Breakfast before the fourth General Meeting. Our President Mary-Martha W. Harvey attended with other NY State attendees and all other Northeastern State Presidents. After the State Northeastern Presidents were introduced, **Jane Tanner** was introduced as soon-to-be Northeastern Regional Director for DKG. **The Northeast Regional Conference is July 30-August 1, 2019 at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT.** An enjoyable social evening for New York members and a few guests was held in Past President's rooms. Pictures taken of each State or Country were electronically booked and all knew with a reminder of the time listed on the DKG app.

A few special breakouts or events that I attended were: "The UN and DKG: Consider and Possibilities;" "Power-UP: Professional Engagement & Growth in a Changing Society," and "An evening in the Lone Star Ballroom with Texas foods and International dances." At this, **Jane Tanner** introduced the International Educational Foundation Board of Directors.

On Wednesday, the Marketplace opened with all kinds of tables with DKG clothes, handmade articles of all sorts. I myself purchased a red Texas hat with a yellow rose, books signed by keynotes for my daughter and myself, DKG reusable and attached to phone screen cleaner and items for friends. DKG Headquarters table was one I purchased my 30th year pin and a DKG compact portfolio.

2018 International Convention

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Some of the highlights for me were meeting members from other States, visiting with those I knew from DKG 2012 International Convention in NYC from DKG Headquarters, other states and an acquaintance from Central America, finding New York State section and members for voting, and listening to and being part of excellent speakers: **Benjamin Zander**, known world-wide by thousands as teacher and educator of musicians and the Conductor/Director of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra and Boston Youth Orchestra. He was our Keynote Speaker at the Wednesday general meeting and introduced by International Chair Temple Holden Fund **Karen Crumley**, NYS Executive Secretary. His book, "Art of Possibility," was co-authored with Rosamunde. This is a must read by all. He was personable, dynamic and through his music demonstrated his leadership. He combined the art of possibility and leadership showing us how optimism is brought into our lives through music. He truly combined his experience as a conductor with his expertise as a dynamic teacher. As Teacher/Conductor, he had us all singing the Ninth Symphony "Ode to Joy."

Our other inspiring Keynote Speaker was **Nadia Lopez** at the Fourth General Meeting. This young, dedicated, inspirational and stimulating woman from Brooklyn gave a powerful speech about her motivating life as a Principal, Teacher and Founder of the Mott Bridges Academy in Brownsville, Brooklyn. A woman with compassion, powerful commitment to inspire and change lives in a community of poverty showed how students can learn, change their lives and break the school-to-prison pipeline, with an mind-boggling 98% graduating rate among her first three classes at Mott Hall Bridges. This was accomplished with determination, self-giving and knowing the great need to change and touch this environmental community step-by-step. Involving the community and its youth to learn "they can," she demonstrated there are no "we cannot" succeed thinking and that everyone can join the world of today by changing. Nadia put the belief in her students that she had in herself to change and succeed in an educational revolution. Her book, *The Bridge to Brilliance*, brings to light the brilliant work teachers are doing in today's global society. She brought us back to how each of us in our own techniques and talents can "*Impact Education Worldwide!*"

Friday morning, *A Celebration of Life* was held to thank and honor our sisters, followed by the fifth General Meeting and the flag recessional ending the 2018 DKG Convention with an evening Banquet in the Grand Ballroom that was well attended.

On Saturday, it was time to take the shuttle or other means to plane, train or cars bringing us all back to our communities, classrooms and Chapters with the culture, learning and understanding the 2018 Convention in Austin, Texas provided for change, personal and professional growth in a changing world and knowledge of how each of us can grow as an educator. I extend a personal *thank you* to NY State Travel Study Stipend Committee for this once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a DKG International Convention.

Sheila Brady-Root



The New
York State
Delegation to
the 2018
International
Convention
Austin,
Texas
July 16-20

Photos by Dr. Andréa Morris



"Impacting Education Worldwide" Luncheon



NY State Members at Celebration Reception (l to r): Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa; Phyllis Voegeli, Beta Psi; Karen Crumley, Tau; Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta; Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta; Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi



Downtown Austin in front of J.W.Marriott

NY State President Mary-Martha Harvey and State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley at the Celebration Banquet





International
Constitution Chair
Cathy
Daugherty presented
Proposed Amendments.

Photo by Mary-Martha Harvey

Jane Tanner, front row second from left, taking oath of office at 2018

Convention.

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NY State Executive
Secretary &
International Chair
of Eunah Temple
Holden Fund
Karen Crumley
introduced the
Keynote Speaker,
Benjamin Zander
(Visionary, Teacher,
Conductor and
Author)



2018 Convention Choir Photo by Mary-Martha Harvey



Barbara Bostwick Quinn addressing members during the US Forum in Austin, TX.



General Meeting, International Administrative Board Photo by Sheila Brady-Root



Northeast Regional Director-Elect 2018-2020 Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa

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Northeast Regional Presidents 2017-2019

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Dr. Paula Barbal Receives 2018 Chancellor's Award

The College at Brockport in May recognized *Alpha Alpha* member **Paula Barbal**, Ph.D. as a recipient of the 2018 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes consistently superior teaching at the graduate, undergraduate or professional level in keeping with the State University's commitment to providing its students with instruction of the highest quality. The primary criterion is skill in teaching. Consideration is also given to sound scholarship and outstanding service to students as well as service to the State University and to the campus.

Dr. Barbal is Associate Professor, Department of Nursing, at The College at Brockport.



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott

Beta Omega Inductees



(L to r) Janis Palsgraf, retired Special Education Teacher from Galway CSD; Linda Goewey, Superintendent of Schools at Hudson Falls CSD; Juliann DellaRocco, retired Social Worker from Burnt Hills CSD; Barbara Oberdieck, retired Health Teacher/ District Health Coordinator from Burnt Hills CSD; Kayla Fraser, Elementary Band Teacher at Shenendehowa CSD

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A DKG Key Woman Educator is ...

A potential leader
Responsive to feedback
Able to bring out the best
in others
Results oriented
Authentic
Adaptable
A conceptual thinker
Motivated to make a
difference

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NY State Due Dates 2018-19

November 1 – NY State BYLAWS & Standing Rules Recommendations for Changes due to BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair

November 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Grant application due

November 10 – All Chapter dues/forms to Pi State Treasurer

November 15 – IRS Form 990 due to IRS by all Chapters

November 15 - Workshop Proposals due to EEC Co-Chair for *NY State* 2019 Convention

November 15 – NY State Elected Officers 2019-2021Nominations Forms & Support Letters due to State Nominations Chair

December 1 - Submissions for Winter 2019 Issue of Pi Lights due

February 1 – International Scholarship applications due

February 1 – Chapter Annual Necrology due to State Membership Chair

February 15 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms due to Committee Chairs (See Summary on NY State Website & Pi Lights.)

March 1 - Submissions for Spring 2019 Issue of Pi Lights due

March 15 – Committee Chair Reports for Convention Redbook due to State Executive Secretary

May 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant application due

June 1 – Dues for 2019-2020 due to State Treasurer

June 1 – Submissions for Summer 2019 Issue of *Pi Lights* due

September 1 - Submissions for Fall 2019 Issue of Pi Lights due

Information for Winter Issue of Pi Lights (mailed) Due December 1, 2018

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

Kim Goldhirsch <u>teachingmom1988@gmail.com</u> ... subject line – DKG Pi Lights

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2018-2019

December 1, 2018 ... March 1, 2019 ... June 1, 2019 ... September 1, 2019