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## NYSO DKG Virtual Executive Board Meeting and Seminar

The New York State Organization DKG Executive Committee warmly invites members to attend our Virtual Executive Board Meeting and Seminar on Friday, October 16 at 7PM and Saturday, October 17 at 10 AM. The schedule of events and topics can be found in this issue of *Pi Lights* and on our state website at [dkgnystate.org](http://dkgnystate.org)

Please open the link below and complete the brief registration form if you plan to attend. We kindly ask that you register by Wednesday, October 14th to allow us time to send an email confirmation with the Zoom meeting links in a timely fashion.

We hope to “see” you in October!

[NYSO DKG Fall Executive Board Meeting Registration Form](#)

*Jennifer Lee-Alden, NYSO DKG First Vice President*

## **NYSO Due Dates 2020-22**

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

**November 15** - Workshop Proposals due to EEC Co-Chair for NY State 2021 Convention

**November 15** – NY State Elected Officers 2021-2023 Nominations Forms & Support Letters due to State Nominations Chair

**December 1** - Submissions for Winter 2021 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 2021 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 2021-2022 due to State Treasurer

**June 1** – Submissions for Summer 2021 Issue of Pi Lights due

**September 1** - Submissions for Fall 2021 Issue of Pi Lights due



Sue Kenoyer  
NYSO President 2019 – 2021

*“Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge, and Growth”*

I am writing this in late August and many of us are about to start a new school year over the next couple of weeks. I just watched the news and several well-known universities have already sent students home for the semester. Our main concern is our health and how much can we do and still stay safe. With this in mind, we have decided to cancel the face-to-face Fall Executive Committee Meeting/Seminar. I have had two worries keeping me up at night these past weeks. First, I have had grave concerns about the safety of our members if they attended the meeting. Let's be honest here, even if the decision to attend is up to the person there are members that would have felt it was their job to attend the meeting. I would have been devastated if anyone became ill as a result of attending the meeting. My second concern is the financial repercussions of cancelling the meeting. Karen Crumley has once again worked her magic and the hotel is willing to reschedule our event for a future date. Once that happened, I was so relieved to be able to change our Fall meeting to a virtual one - sad but relieved.

There are some pieces of business that our State BYLAWS and Standing Rules will not allow us to do at a virtual meeting and have to be done via electronic mail. One of these is to hold a vote by the Executive Board for the three paid positions of Executive Secretary, FDF Sales Administrator, and Webmaster. You should have received a ballot in early September. Please be sure to follow the directions in that email so that your vote counts. We will have some virtual meetings announcing the Pi State Achievement Awardee, running the Benefit Drawing for the Area Council baskets, have the State Membership Committee make its presentation celebrating membership in DKG, and possibly zoom sessions of some of our workshops. At this moment planning has just started and you will receive emails keeping you abreast of what will take place and when as we know it.

At this time, planning is well under way for Convention in Lake Placid from April 30 to May 2, 2021. If anyone had told me 14 months ago, when I took office, that I would cancel two state meetings, have two Area Council meetings switch to being virtual, have many visitations cancel, and have chapters switching to virtual meetings I would have been at a loss for words. That is something that has never happened! International also has three events planned for next July. Meetings are scheduled for Tampere, Finland; San Antonio, Texas; and Portland, Oregon. Join me in hoping that situations are such that these meetings can all take place face-to-face.

Southeastern held a very successful Area Council Conference this summer and Eastern is about to do the same on October 3. The great thing about this is that we can attend with no travel costs from anywhere in the state. Attendees at the Southeastern meeting were from all over the state. Many that would have found it difficult to attend an in-person meeting were able to be there. Eastern Area's meeting is still being planned as I write this note but, I suspect the same will be true there. International's Virtual Convention this summer can still be attended for the next year! Links to all of the events can be found on the International website. Chapters all over are going to hold their fall meetings via Zoom. In fact, I have heard of several that have continued to hold Zoom meetings all summer just to keep in touch!

As I reflect on the last six-months I can be very happy that all of my family, and I, have stayed healthy and we all continued to be employed. What I miss the most is walking up to a friend and hugging them, going out to a meal with family or friends, and not being anxious going out to a store. It seems we are in this for the long haul so reach out to a DKG sister and have a conversation. Let the opportunities of DKG brighten your day.

### Tentative NYSO DKG Virtual Meeting Schedule

#### Friday, October 16 at 7 PM

**7 PM** Welcome and Announcements (Sue Kenoyer, NYSO DKG President)  
 Motivational Presentation Leadership Development (Lisa Meade, Chair)  
 Membership Committee Presentation (Deborah Bedard, Chair)  
 Benefit Drawing Area Council Baskets (Amy Zimmerman, Chair)  
 Awards Announcements (Amy Zimmerman, Chair )  
 Bea Small Award (Karen Crumley, Chair)  
 Scholarship (Susan Gruber, Chair)  
 Travel and Study Awards (Rosemary Van Wart, Chair)  
 Verna Mulholland Award (Emile Stris, Chair)  
 NYSO DKG Corporation Meeting

#### Saturday, October 17 at 10 AM

**10 AM** Welcome and announcements (Sue Kenoyer, NYSO DKG President)  
 Presentation of Pi State Achievement Award (Ellie Robinson, Chair)  
 Finance Committee Presentation/Report (Mona Lee Bogan, Chair)  
 Audit Committee Report (Brianna Tugaw, Chair)  
 Nominations Committee Report (Mary Kay Hickey, Chair)  
 Personnel Committee Report (Celia Bradford, Chair)  
 Presentation of Chapter Birthday Certificates (Sue Kenoyer, NYSO President)  
 Presentation of 25 & 50 year member Certificates (Jenn Lee-Alden, 1<sup>st</sup> VP)  
 Closing and Announcements  
 Pi State Educational Foundation Meeting (Ginny Dudko, President)

### References on NYSO DKG Website for Area Councils

*Refer to menu: NY STATE ... Area Councils ... Guidelines for Area Councils*

- \*Area Council Visitation Request Form
- \*Area Council Visitation Guidelines
- \*State Map Showing Area Councils & Chapters
- \*Area Councils & Conference Chart 2017-19 Area Councils Rotation Chart 2015-2024 \*
- \*Flyers & Registration Forms for Area Councils – listed by Area Councils
- \*Area Council Financial Report
- \*Sample Area Council Evaluation Form
- \*Nomination Forms Due November 15, 2020
- \*Area Council Chart for Nominations and Finance Committees Terms of Office
  - NY State Nominations Committee
  - NY State Finance Committee

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

## Southeastern Area Conference

On June 6, 2020, Gamma Alpha Chapter presented the first virtual New York State Area Conference. With chapter webmaster **Kirsten Grunberg**, *Gamma Alpha* sisters organized the Conference presentation with its theme, “MoMA: Women Looking at Women.”

We opened the Conference meeting acknowledging those individuals who succumbed to COVID-19 in the United States and around the world, and the pain felt throughout the Black community with the death of George Floyd. **Sue Kenoyer**, New York State President, welcomed members who represented chapters throughout New York State, Texas, Costa Rica and including a Gamma Alpha honorary member from South Sudan. Sue brought us up to date for the fall NYSO Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Utica, the spring Convention in Lake Placid and the Leadership Seminar with webinars for the summer. **Connie Rensink**, DKG International Member at Large, gave the Conference Inspiration with her reading of the lovely poem, “*Let Life Be Your Art*” by Alix Koloff.

We celebrated **Patricia Kelly**’s 50<sup>th</sup> year with DKG. Colleen Kelly, her sister, paid tribute to Patricia and her life’s work dedicated to education. Among her achievements as Principal of JHS45 in the Bronx, Patricia introduced a variety of innovations such as: the academy of writing, introduction of students to the culinary arts, and establishing the first NYC bi-lingual gifted program.

Patricia Kelly gave the Conference Welcome and introduced Kirsten Grunberg, MEd. MSLIS and her presentation, “MoMA: Women Looking at Women.” Kirsten identified the women artists that conference attendees submitted to her from MoMA’s online collection. She reflected on their lives and achievements. Kirsten explored the relationships between the elements of art, art materials and themes in women’s artwork. She showed the works of artists starting with Faith Ringgold, Carrie Mae Weems, Mary Cassatt, Dorothea Lange, Marisol Escobar, Helen Frankenthaler and many more. Kirsten’s in-depth study for each artist was significant.

**Deborah Bedard**, New York State Past President 2015-2017 and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee Chair spoke about the new DKG membership category, Collegiate Membership. She discussed the qualifications and the benefits of Collegiate Membership for an undergraduate or graduate student whose studies are concentrated in the field of education. An active member after two years is eligible to apply for a scholarship toward her studies.

**Colleen Kelly**, *Gamma Alpha* poet, concluded the Conference with a recitation of her engaging poem apropos to our ability to come together despite our challenging times.

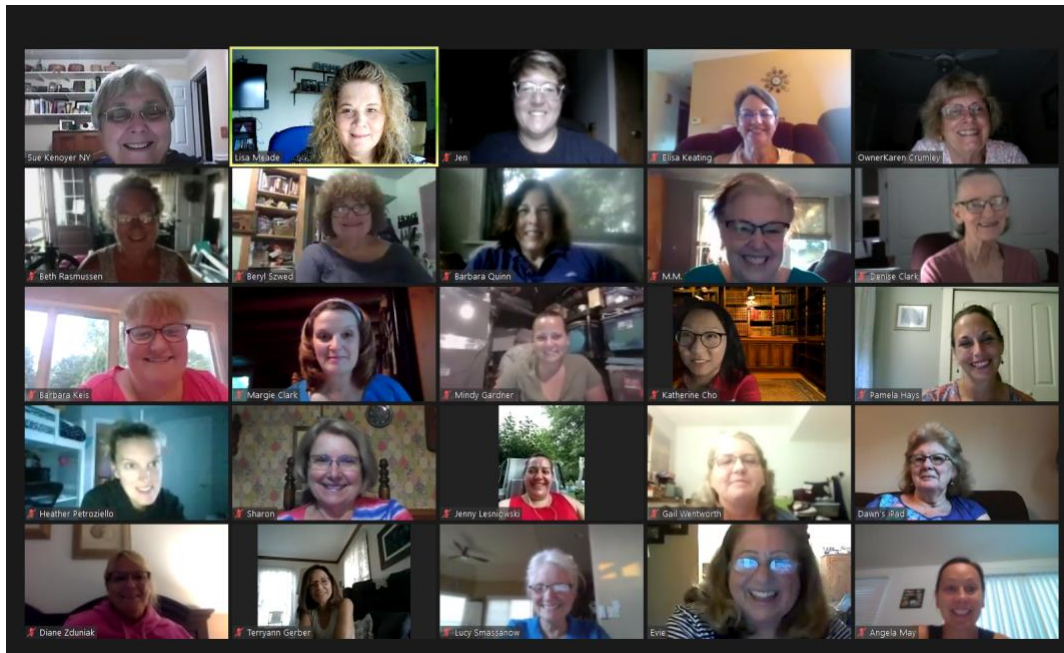
We were pleased with the positive results of our evaluation survey that **Mary Metzger**, Gamma Alpha sister, conducted online. To view the video of our Conference go to [www.gammaalphany.wixsite.com/mysite](http://www.gammaalphany.wixsite.com/mysite). It is presented under Projects.

*Joan Goldstein*, President *Gamma Alpha Chapter*

## **IMPORTANT: Chapter Presidents & State Committee Chairs**

If you or your members ordered a printed copy of the 2020-2022 NYSO DKG DIRECTORY it will be mailed to you. If you did not order a printed Directory, you will receive a free PDF copy.





### **NYSO DKG Goes to Zoom!**

Your NYSO DKG Executive Committee has decided to make the switch from Go-to-meeting to Zoom as our provider for virtual meetings. State Committees, Area Councils and Chapters are able to contact Sue Kenoyer to schedule Zoom meetings. The Zoom level we purchased only allows one meeting to take place at a time. Please contact Sue as soon as you know when you want your meeting to occur and consider a second meeting time in case your first choice is already taken. The information to have on hand when you send your request is: who is the meeting for, date, time, duration, and a list of attendee's email addresses.

### ***Is your Chapter or Area Council Thinking of Holding Virtual Meetings?***

This is a great opportunity to invite a state guest- or several! The guest doesn't have to travel and there is no expense to our organization. What a great opportunity this is to meet one another! I highly recommend filling out a State Visitor form that can be found on our State Website and asking for an Executive Committee member to attend one of your meetings. It is a great way for all of us to get to know one another better. I hope to meet many of you soon safely! I do want you to remember that most of your Executive Committee are working teachers and are busy in the work time hours.

### ***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, Sue Kenoyer, [suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com](mailto:suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com). 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.

## THE NORTHERN AREA

### Would like to invite you to Lake Placid to visit the Adirondacks!

Next spring, NYSO DKG will hold its Convention in Lake Placid at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel overlooking Mirror Lake and the town of Lake Placid. April 30 to May 2, 2021 promises to be a wonderful time to experience northern New York at one of its premier locations. Reservations for the hotel can be made by calling 518-523-2556 and make sure to mention the Delta Kappa Gamma room block. For a two night or more stay the single night cost of a room is \$119 plus all applicable taxes and a single night stay is \$159 plus all applicable taxes. Our Convention theme is “Opportunities in the Adirondacks” and what an opportunity this is to see the many Olympic venues, north country scenery, and resort town shopping! Watch for a registration form and more information in the mailed Winter issue of Pi Lights!

## CHAPTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

The following Chapters are celebrating milestone Birthdays in 2020:

*Nu, 70 years*  
*Pi, 70 years*  
*Chi, 65 years*  
*Psi, 65 years*  
*Omega, 65 years*  
*Alpha Alpha, 65 years*  
*Alpha Beta, 65 years*  
*Alpha Pi, 60 years*  
*Alpha Rho, 60 years*  
*Beta Gamma, 55 years*  
*Beta Delta, 55 years*  
*Beta Mu, 50 years*  
*Beta Tau, 45 years*  
*Gamma Alpha, 40 years*  
*Gamma Gamma, 35 years*

*CONGRATULATIONS! The names will be announced at our Virtual Fall Meeting and all certificates will be mailed to the Chapter President.*

### **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](http://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 2020-2022), 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.

## Do You Like to Plan in Advance?

**I can't wait to feel safe to travel again!**

Next summer there are three opportunities to travel for DKG. The three International Meetings are being held in: Portland, Oregon on July 7-10, 2021; San Antonio, Texas on July 21-24, 2021; and Tampere, Finland on July 28-31, 2021. If you are like me, it is going to be a very hard decision to make as to which one to attend. Wait- why can't I go to **more** than one, after all each will have a different topic of emphasis. There may even be a *Go Ahead Tour* after the Finland meeting.

If you really like to plan ahead then think about New Orleans on July 12-16, 2022! It is on my calendar already.

### YOU CAN STILL ATTEND THE VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL DKG CONVENTION THAT WAS HELD ON JULY 7-10, 2020!

All of events that were held virtually on July 7-10 are available during the next year on the International Website! All you have to do to experience them is sign into the International Website and click on Events. Look for the links to the different events that were held. Below you will find a partial listing:

- \***Jane Golden** - Keynote Speaker
- \***Olympia LePoint**- Keynote Speaker
- \*International Achievement Award Recipient and International President Acceptance Speech
- \*DKG Core Value Talks: #1 Collegiality; #2 Global Emphasis; #3 Leadership; #4 Philanthropy; #5 Personal and Professional Growth
- \*Our History: Heritage Volume IV
- \*DKG and UNICEF
- \*Embracing Diversity
- \*15 Workshops on a Wide Range of Topics

**If you've never had the opportunity to go to an International Convention then this is the next best thing!**

## Pi State Achievement Award

It is exciting to think that at our virtual state meeting in October we will present our Pi State Achievement Award to a real-life, deserving sister! It will be the first virtual presentation of this distinguished award making it extra unique.

Now, chapters can begin to consider their own nomination for this award to be given in Lake Placid at our State Convention next April 30 – May 2, 2021! Check out the award information on the NYSO Website.

**Ellie Robinson**

### Native American Grant-in-Aid

Since 1967, New York State has offered Grants-in-Aid to Native American women who are attending a two or four-year college and are planning to work in the fields of education or another service field. In the spring semester we awarded grants to three women.

**Lori Lachowski** has completed her senior year at Niagara University. She finished her student teaching situation at the Lewiston Porter High School in Social Studies. Lori is a member of both the Pi Lambda Theta and the Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Societies. She is incredibly grateful for the support that New York State has given her and is looking forward to her teaching career.



**Kelsey Lachowski** has graduated from Niagara Community College and will transfer to Niagara University in the fall of 2020 to pursue a degree in elementary education. At NCCC Kelsey played on the women's basketball team and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Kelsey volunteers for several projects for the Tuscarora Nation and feels that by being a scholar athlete, she is developing time management skills and a strong work ethic.



**KC Herne** is a junior at Norwich University in Vermont where she is majoring in biology and plays on the Norwich Women's Hockey team. KC has an ultimate goal of becoming a doctor and in 2019 she was selected to attend the Association of American Indian Physicians conference in Chicago. She hopes to help as many Native American communities as she can. She believes that providing quality healthcare is one of the greatest things she can do to help Native American members.



## The Bea Small Award

**Applications Due: February 15, 2021**

**Attention: All State Chapters!**

### The Top 5 Reasons Your Chapter Should Apply for The Bea Small Award:

1. Your Chapter has an ongoing project for the past two years.
2. It meets the needs of a specific population in your chapter's geographic area.
3. A chapter may receive this award twice for the same project.
4. Application forms are available on the NY State website.
5. **Apply! Apply! Apply!**

Karen P. Crumley



## Committee to Organize Headquarters

The *Ad Hoc Committee* to Organize Headquarters welcomes **all chapters** to add the following to our depository: minutes, items that would add to our files on state committees, state history. **Area Councils** are invited to share copies of past conferences, minutes. **State chairs** could share past records to store in our files for reference by our members and officers. **Past state presidents** are welcome to share any files, records or notes from the pertinent biennium.

We also store binders of minutes from past and present **state secretaries** and convention notebooks from past State Conventions passed onto us by **convention chairs**. These collections are not quite complete yet. We also store several years of the **state treasurers'** records and records of **audit committee**.

In addition, we collect all paraphernalia and minutes plus other historical items from **chapters that dissolve**. Please contact any committee member with questions. We want to be a resource for all of our members.

*Submitted by Joan Slagle*

## Awards Committee

Thanks to you NYSO DKG sisters, the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership available to members and non-members continues to thrive!! Since our Spring Executive Board Meeting and seminar of 2019 was cancelled by executive order of the governor's office we continued to have tickets available until September 15th, 2020. The benefit drawing will occur in person if possible in Utica on October 16 and 17th. At this time our committee was able to award \$6600 to members and non-members with the help of NYSO DKG members contributions. What an amazing commitment from all of you!

NYSO DKG President Sue Kenoyer had set the 2020 goal for \$5363. We are working toward meeting that goal and will inform you if we are able to surpass the goal after we meet in October.

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

Check out the NYSO DKG website ([www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)) for a list of awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership. 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 NYSO DKG Award.

Purchase NYSO DKG benefit tickets at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership fund.

**\*\*Feel free to share electronically with those who are unable to attend in person meetings\*\***

We can all take advantage of ""Opportunities to Connect"" by supporting the NYSO DKG Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

*Amy Zimmerman*, NYSO DKG Awards Committee Chair

DKG International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Pi State website: [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)

CTAUN website: [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org)

## NY State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grants-in-Aid

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2020**

Refer to the NY State website [www.dkgvstate.org](http://www.dkgvstate.org) for applications and further information.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Send Applications to</i>
<b>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</b>	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the <b>criteria</b> set forth in <i>NY 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 and the 15th NY State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning 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.	<b>Renee Funke</b> 9741 Gibson Hill Road Cattaraugus 14719 <a href="mailto:reneefunke@yahoo.com">reneefunke@yahoo.com</a>
<b>The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</b>	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.	<b>Emilie Stris</b> 41 Parkwold Drive East Valley Stream 11580 <a href="mailto:ejstris@hotmail.com">ejstris@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</b>	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.	<b>Jeanne Schenk</b> 7835 County Road 12 Naples 14512-9208 <a href="mailto:Jmos29@aol.com">Jmos29@aol.com</a>
<b>Pi State Achievement Award</b>	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.	<b>Ellie Robinson</b> 625 Championship Drive Victor 14564 <a href="mailto:ejb67r@gmail.com">ejb67r@gmail.com</a>
<b>Bea Small Award</b>	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.	<b>Karen Crumley</b> 50 Hidden Ridge Drive Monticello 12701 <a href="mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com">kcrumley@hvc.rr.com</a>
<b>Travel &amp; Study Stipend</b>	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>NY State Standing Rules</i> . Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>NY 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.	<b>Rosemary Van Wart</b> 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 <a href="mailto:rvw20@optonline.net">rvw20@optonline.net</a>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>NY State Scholarships</b> information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$3000 maximum. <b>International Scholarships</b> are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website <a href="http://www.dkg.org">www.dkg.org</a>	<b>Sue Gruber</b> 82 W. William Street Corning 14830-2245

The **Communications and Marketing Committee** met several times this year with recent meetings being held via Zoom- a first for many of us! Our goal this year is to encourage chapter communication throughout the state. We developed a survey which was sent to all NYSO Presidents to determine their needs in regards to accessing the materials on the NYSO site, the NYSO Facebook site and also developing their own websites or using other electronic forms of communication such as Go to Meeting, Envites, Facebook, Twitter and email communication. A total of 26 Chapter presidents participated in the survey and sent information to the Committee. After analyzing the survey, information was sent to chapter presidents to answer their questions and also provide additional support for communication and membership needs.

In addition, the Committee provided videos for the Leadership Training to assist new chapter leaders with questions about membership, leadership roles and communication needs.

*Submitted by Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide*

The **Finance Committee** consists of ten elected members (one from each regional area), the current President, and two ex-officio members, the Treasurer and Executive Secretary. Only the elected members have a vote. There is one in-person meeting in March and at least one virtual meeting in late summer/ early fall. Each member serves a term of four years. Each biennium half of the elected members' terms expire. This year the following areas need representatives: Eastern, North Central, Capital, South Central and Northern. A person may serve two consecutive terms if she so chooses. If any members wish to continue, or if a new representative is needed, an application form needs to be filled out and sent to Mary Kay Hickey by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The application form is available on the NYSO DKG website.

For the past few years, it has been possible to propose a balanced budget for approval by making cuts or changing the way business is conducted. This past March it was decided that if additional cuts were made, it would negatively impact the operation of the society. Over the past several years membership has dropped dramatically. Over five hundred members have not continued their membership. This is a serious loss of income. Therefore, it was decided it would be necessary to have a modest increase in dues. Presently reserve dues are \$8.50 and active dues are \$16.50. Beginning in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, it is proposed that reserve dues will increase \$1.50 to become \$10.00 and active dues will increase \$3.50 to become \$20.00. This increase will allow the society to conduct its business at an appropriate level yet, should not be taxing on the membership.

Mona Lee Bogan

## Nominations/Applications Reminder

**The deadline for submitting Nominations/Applications for State Offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary and members of the Finance and Nominations Committees to NYSO/DKG Nominations Committee Chair Mary Kay Hickey is November 15, 2020.** Links, regarding responsibilities and duties of each Officer's position, and Application and Nomination Forms may be found on the Pi State Website: [www.dkgstate.org](http://www.dkgstate.org)

- Click on **Officers**.
- Drag down to **New York State Officers and Elected Personnel**.
  - Just under the heading "Job Descriptions" **Click here for Job Descriptions for Officers and Elected Personnel**.
  - The form is under the heading "New York State Officers 2019-2021" **New York State Officer Nomination/Application Form (due November 15)**.

## 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*, Mary Kay Hickey (mhickey5@juno.com). You may also include a print with the application.

Nominations/Applications for President 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 of the Nominations Committee*, Mary Kay Hickey, by November 15<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**Nominations Committee Continued...****Finance Committee**

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

Application Forms for Finance Committee may be found on the DKG/NYSO website:

- Under **New York State**, drag down to **Area Councils**.
- Near the bottom of the page under the heading “Nomination Forms Due November 15” are two links:
  - **Area Council Chart for Nominations and Finance Committee Terms of Office.**
  - **State Finance Committee.** This will take you to the application form.

**Nominations Committee**

Nominations to the Nominations Committee for four-year terms are needed from **Southeast, East Central, Northwest, Southwest, and West Central Area Councils**. Nominees for the DKG/NYSO Nominations Committee must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the DKG/NYSO Executive Board.

Application Forms for Nominations Committee may be found on the DKG/NYSO website:

- Under **New York State**, drag down to **Area Councils**.
- Near the bottom of the page under the heading “Nomination Forms Due November 15” are two links:
  - **Area Council Chart for Nominations and Finance Committee Terms of Office.**
  - **State Nomination Committee.** This will take you to the application form.

**All completed nominations/applications with supporting documents must be postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup> to the Chair of the Nominations Committee Mary Kay Hickey, 73 Greenbush Street, Cortland NY 13045, mhickey5@juno.com**

*This is your chance to step forward in service to DKG and to promote your “personal and professional growth” or that of a fellow sister.*

***Don't miss this opportunity!***

**Personnel Committee**

As DKG members, we are a diverse group of educators with many skills! The Personnel Committee is always on the lookout for energetic, talented, and organized women to serve as one of NY State's Elected Personnel.

Last Fall, we were pleased to receive applications for the positions of Executive Secretary, Webmaster, and FDF Administrator from some very experienced and involved members. Our slate of nominations was sent to the Executive Committee to be brought for a vote at the Executive Board Meeting. Due to the cancellation of both our Spring and Fall Executive Board Meetings because of the corona virus, an electronic vote was held in September.

We are happy to announce the following election results:

NYSO Executive Secretary 2020-2024 - **Karen Crumley**

NYSO Webmaster 2020-2024 – **Mary Martha Harvey**

NYSO Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator 2020-2024 – **Joan Slagle**

Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to our Delta Kappa Gamma New York State Organization!

**Celia Bradford** – Personnel Chair

### Travel & Study Stipend Committee

Over the years, members of our DKG New York State Organization who have been awarded a Travel and Study Stipend have been to wonderful and enriching DKG events here and abroad and have gained so much professionally and personally.

This past February the current Travel and Study Committee had just chosen two recipients for 2020, **Doreen McGrath and Mary Fran Seymour**, when the Coronavirus Pandemic gripped our world and our country and travel came to a grinding halt. Mary Fran was planning to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia. Unfortunately, due to concerns about the virus, the face-to-face convention was changed to a virtual one and thus changed Mary Fran's plans. Instead she will use her stipend to attend a future DKG sponsored event. Doreen is planning to attend CTAUN at the United Nations at its next conference in 2021. With a little luck, both women will not have to change their 2021 travel and study plans because of the virus. Rest assured, they will have an opportunity to use their stipend when they are ready to do so.

In the meantime, the Travel and Study Committee hopes that our New York State members will consider applying for the 2021 stipend. NYSO Standing Rules state that there can be two stipends awarded, no one award to exceed \$1,000. Effort will be made to award one stipend to a retired NYSO member and one to a member currently employed. The following criteria are taken into consideration:

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

The application is available on the NY State website and must be postmarked on or before the deadline of February 15, 2021. The application is also available in an easy interactive form. Please contact **Rosemary Van Wart** (*Alpha Pi Chapter*) at rvw20@optonline.net with any questions.

## ***NYSO DKG State Committee Chairs for the 2019-2021 Biennium***

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**Personnel:** **Celia Bradford** ([celiabradford01@gmail.com](mailto:celiabradford01@gmail.com))

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**Travel and Study Stipend:** **Rosemary Van Wart** ([rvw20@optonline.net](mailto:rvw20@optonline.net))

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***NYSO DKG State Committee Chairs continued...***

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**Membership Spotlight: The Membership Newsletter**

Your NYSO Membership Committee, under the exceptional leadership of Deborah Bedard, has created a newsletter containing all current membership information that is available on the NYSO website as well and DKG International website. Its purpose is to provide our members with a document to assist in accessing the multitude of resources referencing membership.

This newsletter brings together the three important areas of membership: Recruiting, Retaining, and Reinstating. It provides in one location links to the resources available on both websites. No more searching for hours to find what you need. Just point and click! In addition, the newsletter lists ideas and suggestion to assist chapters in all aspects relating to membership.

Your State Membership Committee understands that it is our members past, present and future who are the core of our organization. Membership recruitment, retention and reinstatement must continue to be a focus for our chapters. We are striving to provide you with the tools you need to make this task easier. The newsletter is indexed so you can easily maneuver and find what you are searching for.

More detailed information about the newsletter will be part of Memberships presentations at future State meetings and will be available for your use soon. We will keep you informed about when and where to access this amazing document.

Respectfully submitted, **Annamarie Santorelly**

### New York State Honorary Membership

The recipient of a State Honorary Membership is a woman not eligible for active membership and who has made contributions of statewide or national significance. Any member, Chapter or State Organization of the Society may submit a name for Honorary Membership if she is currently giving distinguished service to education or women. Nomination(s) must be submitted to the Chair of the NYSO Membership & Expansion Committee by **October 15**. The NYSO Honorary Member Nomination Form is available on the NYSO website under Chapter Resources, Membership Services. If you know of a deserving candidate, consider nominating them this fall.



**Deborah Bedard,**  
NYSO Membership  
and Expansion Chair

### Membership Stories

In the fall of 2018, *Chi Chapter* implemented the new member recruitment program recommended by International and found it fit their needs and was very successful. *Chi Chapter* inducted twelve new members in May 2019 and have reinstated 2 other members since then. In 2020, Chi invited nine prospective members to an orientation meeting and after the presentation extended an invitation to those who were interested in joining the chapter.

**Sue Pennock, *Chi Chapter***

Sue inquired of Chi's newest members, "Why did you accept the invitation to join DKG?"

In response to why I chose to join DKG, I was impressed by the many groups that benefit from the generosity of this organization. I believe in supporting those who work hard to better education for all - locally, nationally, and internationally. The support of communities, new educators, and individuals within DKG Chi also affected my decision to join.

Thank you for all that you do, **Mary Lee O'Brien, *Chi Chapter***



**Elaine Place, *Chi Chapter*,** inducted in  
May 2019

In response to what caused me to join the *Chi Chapter*, I would have to say several things.

First, would be the opportunity I had to attend some of your meetings and activities. The day trip to Oswego was fascinating. I am still telling the story of the POWs who came to Ft. Ontario. The whole day was interesting, educational and very well organized. That was really a turning point that influenced my decision to join. I was also invited to the annual auction and that let me meet many of the members in a fun setting. Everyone was so pleasant and welcoming that it made me want to be part of the group. Lastly, I have always enjoyed service projects, and I especially like that element of our Chapter, seeing a need and providing a solution.

I joined DKG because I was asked by Dorrie, a friend who I considered to be one of the best educators at BRCS. Then I discovered another friend was a member, and knew that it must be a worthwhile organization if two of our best educator role models were involved. I'm enjoying working with, and providing support for, other educators, especially now that I'm retired. I especially love that we are able to directly impact young educators' lives (futures) with scholarships. And, of course, the dinner presentations are always fascinating. As educators, we do tend to be addicted to personal growth, as well! Donating to the Malawi MELT program was also wonderful.

Thank you! **Kathy Wooschlager,** inducted in May 2018

### NYSO Necrology Updates

#### **NYSO FORM 6:**

When a beloved sister in your Chapter passes away it is vital that we receive this information in a timely manner. To report a death, NYSO Chapter Presidents should complete the new **NYSO Form 6** and send it to the Membership and Expansion Chair, Deborah Bedard. ([dmbedard@yahoo.com](mailto:dmbedard@yahoo.com)) Our NYSO Form 6 can be located on our NYSO website (<https://www.dkgnystate.org/>) under the tab entitled, Chapter Resources, Membership Page. (<https://www.dkgnystate.org/membership-resources.html>) **Please do not use the International Form 6.** As Membership Chair I will share the information with International and our NYSO Treasurer, Suzanne Patrick.

#### **NYSO FORM 2:**

By February 1 of 2021, each NYSO Chapter is asked to submit their Annual Necrology Report (NYSO FORM 2). To ease the burden for state leaders, we have developed our own state form and **will no longer be using the International Form.** This new form can be located again on our website under the tab entitled, Chapter Resources, Membership Page. During our NYSO Convention in the spring of 2021 we will be honoring and celebrating the lives of members we have lost during 2019-2021. Your completion of this form will ensure that all our departed sisters are included and remembered.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or have any questions using these new forms.

#### In Memory Of.....

<b>Dr. Rita Swedlow</b>	<b>12/12/2019</b>
<b>Joan Nellis</b>	<b>4/15/2020</b>
<b>Patricia Younglove</b>	<b>6/28/2020</b>
<b>Dr. Rita Swedlow</b>	<b>12/12/2019</b>
<b>Janet Burt</b>	<b>7/5/2020</b>
<b>Gay Norgren</b>	<b>7/17/2020</b>
<b>Marcia Swiatek</b>	<b>7/19/20</b>



## THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Pi State Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and chapters. Thank you to all of you who have joined the 20-in-20 Challenge . . . the holiday season is coming! Consider a \$20 gift—or more—to the Foundation in honor of a friend or family member. Donation forms may be found on our section of the New York State Delta Kappa Gamma website.

The Board of Directors of the Pi State Educational Foundation, with heavy hearts, reports the death of **Pauline Levin** at 93 years of age in August. Pauline served along with **Agnes Becker, Jerry Fletcher and Anne Price**, as one of the founders and original directors of the Pi State Educational Foundation. Pauline had been living in Maine with her family for many years, but served in the New York State DKG prior to that in a number of capacities. Agnes shared the following memories about Pauline: *“Pauline was a very special person . . . dignified, kind, most capable and reliable. Pauline joined Anne Price, Jerry Fletcher and me as a committee to develop the necessary documents to establish a Foundation. Because of her background as State Treasurer, Pauline had the foresight to offer suggestions others did not recognize. She was wonderful to work with because she offered valuable opinions in a respectful, never confrontational manner. When the PSEF was established in 2004, Pauline became the first Treasurer. She did the leg work necessary to open a bank account, she developed a bookkeeping system and designed the response cards still used today. Pauline served as Treasurer until 2006. During her tenure reports were always on time, complete and accurate. She was always available to answer questions. Pauline was the first of four Treasurers and surely made it easier for those who followed.”* Pauline’s impact is still being felt today, as our current Foundation treasurer, Jean Sekel recalls how Pauline trained her in “all things financial” years ago while working with her on the State Finance Committee! She will be missed.

**As our schools and communities are beginning to “open up” again from the pandemic, we encourage you to be thinking about new projects for grants. As we have been less able to interact personally with books and children and adults, perhaps there are other ways that we can be involved with literacy and people. It’s been interesting to see how the educational system has been adapting! Deadlines for grant applications are December 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Remember that if you are a current grant recipient and the corona virus pandemic has interfered with the progress of your grant, we understand these difficulties. Just send a letter with your updated timeline to Ginny Dudko, [gdudko50@gmail.com](mailto:gdudko50@gmail.com).**

## THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

August 29, 2020

Dear Members of Pi State Educational Foundation:

Due to the cancellation of an in person Fall Executive Board/Seminar meeting, the Pi State Educational Foundation will not be able to meet in person. It is necessary to elect three directors. The following women have indicated their willingness to serve. They are **Ellen Hughes, Jean Sekel, and Susan Summerfield**. If any other members wish to serve on the board please let Ginny Dudko know by September 5, 2020. If no one else comes forward, the three directors shall be the ladies listed above. If someone else wishes to put their name forward, there will be an election of Directors with the top three votes receiving the nomination to the Board of Directors.

You may notify me of your intent to seek this position at the address above or by emailing [gdudko50@gmail.com](mailto:gdudko50@gmail.com) in writing. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Dudko, President  
Pi State Educational Foundation

## CTAUN's Plans – Looking Ahead

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) has been actively looking ahead at our next endeavors. We've been doing so since mid-March when it became clear that large-scale conferences could not occur this year nor likely for a good part of 2021.

CTAUN's plans continue to focus on current issues that impact us all in our communities and schools along with our role as global citizens. Our focus is on two major issues – those of misinformation and the indigenous. To examine these issues, we'll provide additional background and resources through our network of speakers at the UN along with other experts and local leaders.

Webinars for both are being developed and plans call for their being offered by the end of the year and into early 2021.

For those who'd like to revisit or see for the first time CTAUN's February 28, 2020 at the UN, go to -- <http://webtv.un.org/> -- and enter CTAUN in the Search Box at the top. That will lead you to both Parts I and II of our conference "War No More" with its renowned speakers. And, of course, go to CTAUN's website – [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org) .

More info on our upcoming plans will be shared soon.

**Anne-Marie Carlson, Chair – August 2020**

## Nominations for Woman of Distinction Awards

Each biennium every Chapter can recognize one woman from their Chapter as a **Woman of Distinction**. At our April 30-May 2, 2021, DKG New York State President's Convention in Lake Placid, the Educational Excellence Committee will be recognizing these distinguished women.

A woman of distinction is a DKG member who has contributed to her Chapter in a significant way. She supports and promotes DKG. Perhaps she is an Officer or a quiet person working behind the scenes. It is up to each Chapter to set their criteria. Please join us in nominating one member from your Chapter who will be recognized. Chapter Presidents, or their designee, are asked to submit the following information by **January 27, 2021**:

Chapter Name and Chapter Number

Name of Nominee – (Please check spelling)

Name and Email of Person submitting the nomination

Submit the above information to Educational Excellence Committee member:

**Sue Norris**

**[sknorris@frontiernet.net](mailto:sknorris@frontiernet.net) by January 27, 2021**

I know it is only September, but time travels fast! This Award takes some thoughtfulness, and discussion as a chapter, to choose your Woman of Distinction. So even though January seems a long way away, we ask that you start this process now.

FDF Sales has "Woman of Distinction" pins. They will also be for sale at the April Convention in case your Chapter or your nominee would like to purchase one. If you have any questions, please contact **Sue Norris**, EEC Chair.

## 50 Years – A Celebration Well Deserved

On a beautiful August afternoon, **Judy Hoover**, *Alpha Kappa Chapter* member and previous long time *Delta* member, proudly received the DKG 50-year pin and certificate at her home in Schaghticoke. **Sharon Patrick**, *Alpha Kappa* President and **Diane Davison** were presenters. Judy is devoted to DKG and is a retired Hoosic Valley Elementary School Principal."

**Congratulations!**

*Alpha Pi Chapter* is proud to announce that we have yet another published author in our chapter! **Jan Antonucci** is a retired Sixth Grade Social Studies teacher from the Somers Central School District. She and Gail Simpson, another Somers School District colleague and friend, co-authored the book *The Power of Sticks in a Bundle-The Secret of Nadia's Stone*. Jan and Gail are also Board members of the Somers Land Trust and drew upon their love of the outdoors and the history of Angle Fly Preserve, a property the Somers Land Trust stewards, to write the book.



*Jan Antonucci,  
shown on the left*

The story is set in the current time of COVID-19 and the main character, 11-year old Violet, is sent to live in safety from the virus at the Reynold's house, a real structure, at Angle Fly Preserve. While her mother is working as an emergency room physician, Violet is cared for by Ms. LeVoy who teaches her about the birds, animals, plants and trees at Angle Fly. This instills in Violet a love of nature and of the environment and the need to preserve and protect it. Added to this is an imaginative journey that Violet embarks upon through the use of a magic stone which takes her back in time. She develops a friendship with a girl of the time period, also connected to Angle Fly in its history, and comes to appreciate the value of kindness and caring for one another. By working together, she learns that we are all "sticks in a bundle" which gives strength that can't be broken.

Jan and Gail are also publishing a study guide to accompany the book which will be available soon on Amazon. They are hoping it could be useful to teachers and parents as we approach a different kind of school year. More information about this and the authors is available on their website [www.10-10teachers.com](http://www.10-10teachers.com).



## An Inspirational Guest Speaker Becomes Alpha Kappa's Newest Member

**Annu Subramanian** is an educator, writer of conscience, and human-rights advocate, from Albany, NY. She discussed *Another Heaven*, her second book, about human trafficking with Chapter members to collectively raise awareness about this global epidemic. She is so devoted to this cause; she continues to write, speaks to groups around the country, and donates the profits of her book to domestic violence organizations and women's shelters.

Also, she is the founder of "Annu's Purses;" an ongoing project that encourages women to collect used purses filled with daily essentials for victims of domestic violence. Annu inspired *Alpha Kappa* members to enthusiastically adopt this mission and are contributing well filled purses to Wellspring in Saratoga as their social advocacy project.

Annu's latest creative endeavor was to provide the concept and write the script for an traditional Indian music and dance performance, *Shakthi- "A Celebration of Women,"* held at the Hindu Cultural Center in Albany. This project was funded by the NYS Council on the Arts. *Alpha Kappa* members proudly attended this extraordinary program.



*Annu Subramanian*

Annu shares her reasons for joining Alpha Kappa Chapter, DKG. *"I am a writer of conscience and a human-rights advocate. As a former teacher, I was excited to share my writing project with the members and felt deeply connected to their cause and to the organization. I realized during our meeting that my human-rights goals aligned with the mission of DKG and its members, and I was honored to accept their invitation to join the organization."*

Submitted by **Sharon Patrick**, *Alpha Kappa* Chapter President



**Olivia Gauthier**, Kindergarten teacher was inducted into *Gamma Alpha Chapter* on July 1, 2020. Olivia teaches at Dream Charter School, Manhattan, NY.

## Gamma Alpha Inducts New Members



**Gabrielle Gauthier** was recently inducted into our *Gamma Alpha Chapter*. Gabrielle is a teacher of Special Education (Elementary) for the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Submitted by **Joan Goldstein**, *President of Gamma Alpha Chapter*

*Chi Chapter* of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has awarded three \$1500 grants-in-aid to three young women planning a career in education. This year's recipients are **Renzi Youngs**, a 2020 graduate of Thousand Islands CS, **Natalie Monnat**, a 2020 graduate of Beaver River CS, and **Sierra Neddo**, a 2018 graduate of Beaver River CS who is currently enrolled at Houghton College. *Chi Chapter's* members include over 75 active and retired key women educators from Jefferson and Lewis Counties. Our chapter has been awarding grants to future educators for over 25 years. DKG "promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."



**Renzi Youngs**



**Natalie Monnat**



**Sierra Neddo**

### Alpha Zeta Chapter Thanks the Newest Members for Leading the Chapter Programs During the Pandemic



**Suzanne Ellis,**  
Art teacher at Red Hook  
CSD

Alpha Zeta members have been entertained and educated by the three newest members of the chapter. When the pandemic forced the chapter to change the programs being offered, the lifelong learning experiences continued. **Julie Meier** offered a program in mindfulness, stressing the importance of self-care in an anxious world. **Suzanne Ellis** led a program on calligraphy during the spring and is preparing for another session on painting with watercolors. In September, **Jen Melitski** prepared a wonderful presentation on using Zoom. This was in advance of the Eastern Area Council's virtual conference as well as the state's upcoming Zoom conference and meeting.



**Jen Melitski,**  
Technology teacher at  
Red Hook CSD

*Photos submitted by Kim Goldhirsch*

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### *Does DKG International have your updated information?*

If you haven't looked at your "My DKG" account at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) recently, then do so to check that your address, phone number, email and other important information are up to date. Your username is your 6-digit member number. If you haven't yet set up your own password, then contact your Chapter President or State Officer to get the original password needed. Once you log on initially, you can set your own personal password to access the International website.

### *Information for the Winter Issue of Pi Lights*

**Due December 1, 2020**

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

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**subject line – DKG Pi Lights**

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

### ***Pi Lights Deadlines for 2021***

March 1, 2021...June 1, 2021...September 1, 2021