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Fall Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar
October 14 and 15, 2022

At the Delta Hotel by Marriott

200 Genesee Street, Utica

Join your NYSO sisters at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar at the Delta Hotel in Utica on October 14 and 15, 2022.

Please see the registration form on Home Page of State Website.
Registration fee includes Friday's dessert reception and luncheon on Saturday.
Late and on-site registration is available after September 23.

Patty Kilgore, LMSW, The Prevention Council of Saratoga County, will be our keynote speaker on Friday evening. See article on page 3 of this issue about her presentation: ***"You Can't Help if You Don't Know: Current Trends in Substance Use with Teens."***

The Executive Board Meeting/Seminar will include a variety of interesting break-out sessions on Friday and Saturday. Time is scheduled for the Pi State Educational Foundation and Area Councils to meet.

Please note: We will follow expectations of hotel and NYS guidelines- masking is optional.

Candidates Needed for State Officers 2023-2025

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary

Nominations/Applications/Letters of Recommendation
due November 15, 2022
to Chair Nominations Committee Dr. Dee Hushmendy

https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_officers_21-23.pdf

A Message from Our President

DKG
International Society for Key Women Educators

Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO
President 2021-2023

"Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion"

NYSO President, Jennifer Lee-Alden

Dear NYSO Members,

Last week it was exciting to hear from our Registrar and the Delta Hotel in Utica that many members have reserved their rooms and registered for our **Fall Executive Board meeting and Seminar on October 14-15.** *It's not too late to join us - members can still register to attend!* Please visit the Home Page of our State Website, www.dkgnystate.org, for the registration form. Please continue reading this issue for information about the schedule, workshops and Keynote Speaker. As mentioned in the August issue of ***Jen's Gems***, the Executive Committee is offering the **Chapter Attendance Challenge** and **First Time Attendees Challenge**, with winners earning free registration for the 2023 Convention.

Speaking of the Convention, I also hope that you have marked your calendars for our **NYSO Convention, April 28-30, 2023, at The Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel.** It is with great pleasure that I announce that **Karen Jones, *Beta Omega,*** will be our Convention Chair. Planning for this culminating event of the biennium is underway. *The recently renovated hotel is ready to welcome us!* The room block is now open and members may contact The Desmond at 518-869-8100 or visit their website at www.desmondhotelsalbany.com, using the Group Code: **DKG.** Please consider presenting a workshop at our Convention. Applications are due by November 1 to Educational Excellence Committee Chair **Rosemary Van Wart** and can be found on the State Website Home Page. More information on this event will be included in the Winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

Please keep in mind that there are many ways to enhance your membership through service in our organization. I commend those who have chosen to be more active as Committee Chairs and Officers in their Chapters and those members who share their talents by presenting workshops at Chapter and State meetings. Others answer the leadership call as State Committee members or Chairs, and a few of us are currently serving as State Officers and Elected Personnel. Now is the time to consider running for a State Officer position. We will also need to fill some vacancies on our Nominations and Finance Committees from Area Councils. Please see page 9 for more information from **Nominations Chair Dr. Dee Hushmendy, *Alpha Nu***, regarding the application process for these positions.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you soon - perhaps at the Southeastern Virtual Conference on September 17, the Eastern Area Conference on October 1, or at our State meeting October 14-15.

Wishing you all a fantastic fall season!

Best, Jen

***Congratulations* to Karen Crumley who has been selected Chair of the International Nominating Committee!**
NYSO DKG is so proud!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Friday night, October 14th, 7 pm

"You Can't Help if You Don't Know: Current Trends in Substance Use with Teens"

Patty Kilgore, LMSW, The Prevention Council of Saratoga County

Substance Abuse has been around for a long time. What has changed are the types of drugs, the methods of consumption, and the ways to hide the drugs "*right under your nose*." In this presentation on Friday, October 14th, Patty will inform participants about the current trends in substance use for teens, focusing on alcohol, cannabis and nicotine. It will include what teens are using, how they are using it and the impact on their developing brains. Participants will also learn about changes in drug use and possession laws, what d*elta 8 and 10* are, what *710 means*, what *a trap house is*, why *Imodium is trending* and how *kratom* is abused. The presentation includes multiple examples of drug related clothing, paraphernalia, stash containers and similar information.

Patty Kilgore

Patty Kilgore, LMSW, has worked in the human services field for nearly 40 years. For 34 years she has worked specifically in the field of substance abuse/violence prevention and early intervention. For more than 25 years she provided Social Work services in several Saratoga County Schools. In addition to providing direct services with youth, she supervised and coordinated the Student Assistance Program for the Prevention Council of Saratoga County. During her tenure at the Prevention Council, she has had the privilege of supervising and mentoring multiple counselors, educators and colleagues. In addition to supervising the Student Assistance Program, she has added the education department at the Prevention Council to her supervisory duties.

Advocating for youth is her passion. She has been a volunteer member of the CAPTAIN Youth Shelter Home committee for 30 years. During that time, the homeless and runaway shelter evolved from a wish to a fully licensed accredited shelter, providing a safe home to thousands of youth over the last 25 years. Patty also has expertise in sexual abuse and suicide prevention for children. In her free time, Patty enjoys spending time with her three dachshunds, running, cycling and reading.

Titles	Workshop Program Descriptions	Presenters
A New Path to Inclusion	Follow the journey undertaken in western New York to make outdoor recreation accessible to everyone in one of this country's favorite parks! The Autism Nature Trail (The ANT) at Letchworth State Park opened on Oct. 1, 2021 and demonstrates that when we provide opportunities for a group of underserved individuals, everybody wins.	**Loren Penman, former DKG member**
Celebrating Chapter Leadership – Part 2	This workshop will offer an in-person follow-up to the virtual Leadership Development Seminar for Chapter Presidents & Officers presented in June. Members of the Leadership Development Committee will facilitate a forum for sharing positive ideas about Chapter meetings. Chapter Presidents and Officers are encouraged to bring their questions. We are here to support your leadership!	**Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau*, and the Leadership Development Committee**
Connecting Music and Children's Literature	Please join us as participants explore fun ways to use music to reinforce and practice skills that encourage literacy development in children!	**Kayla Fraser, *Beta Omega***
Garden Smart - Tips for an Eco-Friendly Garden	Calling all current and prospective gardeners! In this workshop attendees will learn about proper plant choices, smart ways to garden and how to use resources wisely. Native plants will be discussed, including how to incorporate them into your home or classroom/school garden. Learn about composting in small spaces and how to reduce, reuse and recycle items around the home and turn them into garden treasure! Roseanne is with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County.	**Roseanne Loparco, Master Gardener**

SCHEDULE*

FRIDAY (OCTOBER 14, 2022)

TIME	EVENT/ PRESENTER	ROOM*
Noon - 2:00 PM	**Set up for resistration - , *Beta Delta Chapter***	Lobby
1:00 - 3:00 PM	**Executive Committee Meeting**	Alleghany
2:00 – 4:00 PM	**Set up for FDF Sales –Joan Slagle** ***B*eta *Omega Chapter***	Conference Center
2:00 – 8:00 PM	**Registration-Elisa Keating** ***Beta Delta Chapter***	Lobby
4:00 – 5:30 PM	**Music Rehearsal-Karen Butters, Pi State Music Representative** ***Beta Mu Chapter***	Alleghany
4:00 – 7:00 PM	**FDF Sales-Joan Slagle** ***Beta Omega Chapter***	Conference Center
5:00 – 6:30 PM	**Optional Dinner**	Adirondack Room
6:00 – 6:45 PM	**Workshop Session #1**	
	A New Path to Inclusion, Loren Penman	Grande I
	Connecting Music to Children's Literature, Kayla Fraser , ***Beta Omega***	Grande II
7:00 – 8:15 PM	**General Session**	Junior Ballroom
	Welcome **Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO President 2021-2023** ***Beta Omega* Chapter**	
	Invitation to 2023 NYSO Convention **Karen Jones, Convention Chair**	
	Keynote Speaker: Patty Kilgore, The Prevention Council **"Right Under your Nose: Current Trends in Substance Use and Promotion in Teens"**	
8:30 - 9:30 PM	**Dessert Reception and Area Council Meeting**	Junior Lobby/Junior Ballroom
9:30	**Set up for Executive Board Meeting**	Grande Ballroom

SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15, 2022)

TIME	EVENT/PRESENTER	ROOM*
7:30 – 9:00 AM	**Registration-Elisa Keating** ***Beta Delta Chapter***	Lobby
7:30 – 8:45 AM	**Full Breakfast Buffet**	Shade Grill
8:45 – 9:00 AM	**Executive Board Sign-in**	Grande Ballroom
9:00 – 10:15 AM	**Executive Board Meeting**	Grande Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30 AM	**Pi State Educational Foundation Meeting**	Adirondack Room
10:30 - 11:30 AM	**FDF Sales**	Conference Center
11:30AM- **12:15 PM**	**Workshop Session #2**	
	Celebrating Leadership for Chapter Presidents and Officers **Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau,* and the Leadership Development Committee**	Grande I
	Garden-Smart Tips for an Eco-friendly Garden, Roseanne Loparco, **Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County**	Grande III
12:30 – 1:30 PM	**Luncheon**	Junior Ballroom
1:30 – 3:00 PM	**Pack up from Executive Board Meeting and Seminar**	

**** Subject to Change***

TENTATIVE AGENDA

NYSO EXECUTIVE BOARD & CORPORATION MEETINGS (9:00-10:15am)

	ITEM	PRESIDER / PRESENTER
1	Call to Order	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2	Pledge of Allegiance and "America"	Pamela Hays/Karen Butters
3	Introductions and Recognitions	Jennifer Lee-Alden
4	Quorum Call and Rules of Debate	Karen Crumley
5	Adoption of Agenda	Jennifer Lee-Alden
6	Action: Executive Board and Corporation Meetings Minutes 4.30.22	Jennifer Lee-Alden
7	Registrar's Report	Elisa Keating
8	Correspondence	Amy Zimmerman
9	Executive Committee Reports (TIME LIMIT: Up to 3 minutes per report)	
	9.1-President	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	9.2-First Vice-President	Barbara Bostwick-Quinn
	9.3-Second Vice-President	Lisa Meade
	9.5 - Immediate Past President	
	9.6-Executive Secretary	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
	9.7-Treasurer	Suzanne Patrick
	9.8-Recommendations	Amy Zimmerman
10	Committee Reports (TIME LIMIT: Up to 2 minutes per report EXCEPT 10.4)	
	10.1-Nominations	Dr. Dee Hushmendy
	10.2-Personnel	Ellyn Levy
	10.3-ByLaws and Standing Rules	Karen Crumley
	10.4-Finance	Joan Slagle
	10.5-Audit	Tracy Smith
	10.6-Educational Excellence	Rosemary VanWart
	10.7-Leadership Development	Jeanne Schenk
	10.8-Communications and Marketing	
	10.9- Pi State Acheivement Award	Dr. Andrea Morris
	10.10 Scholarship	Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott
	10.11 Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	Lisa Meade
	10.12 Bea Small Award	
	10.13 Bea Small Speakers	Lochie Musso
11	New Business	Jennifer Lee-Alden
12	Announcements & Reminders	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
	12.1- Chapter Presidents sign in and Committee Chair Reports Submissions	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
	12.2-Red Voting and White Tent Cards	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
	12.3-Evaluations	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
	12.4-Invitation to the 2023 NYSO Convention at The Crowne Plaza at the Desmond, Albany	Karen Jones
13	Adjourn	Jennifer Lee-Alden

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A Parliamentary Minute

Welcome to Chapter Presidents 2022-2024:
Congratulations on Your New Role in DKG!

I hope that you are settling into your Presidency. Soon you will be having a Chapter Meeting. Some feel it is a stressful position, but with the few pointers I give below, hopefully you will have a successful meeting as well as a success-filled biennium.

- Do prepare an Agenda that you can send to the membership ahead of time so they have it for the meeting.
- Do begin on time. I know many Chapters have meetings directly after school lets out. This allows active teachers to come to the meeting and then get home to their family.
- If a motion is made, make sure it is noted in the minutes with the full name of the person making the motion, the full name of the person seconding the motion, and how the membership voted. It needs to be recorded how many yes votes and how many no votes. If the vote is unanimous merely state **Motion Passed** in bold.
- Do attend the LDS Workshop in Utica with Jeanne Schenk, LDS Committee Chair. She is a valuable resource as you begin your biennium. The Workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 11:15am to noon.**
- Do review the **Flip Grid** periodically that is posted on the State Website in Chapters Menu. This resource was part of the LDS Training on June29th. It is a very valuable resource.

***Karen P. Crumley**, Tau, NYSO Parliamentarian*

Policy for Submissions for State Website

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

***Mary-Martha Harvey**, Omega, NYSO Webmaster*

All Singers out there, *take note*!

There will be a State Choir Rehearsal on Friday afternoon, October 14 at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Utica. The Rehearsal will be held in the Alleghany Room at 4:00pm. We will be rehearsing one song for the Luncheon on Saturday, October 15. *We'd love to have you*!

***Karen Butters**, Beta Mu, Music Representative, EEC*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
KEYPIN

The KEYPIN is the emblem of membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Members proudly wear their keypins to DKG Chapter Meetings, Area Council Meetings, Regional Conferences, State Conferences and Conventions, and other International events. Members can wear their keypins at other times as well. The pictured laurel leaves symbolize the distinction that those who wear this pin have achieved. Below the Greek letters is a cup representing knowledge.

Calendar of Important Dates & Deadlines

October 2022 - October 2023

October 14-15, 2022	Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, Delta Hotel, Utica
October 14, 2022	NYSO DKG Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30am, Delta Hotel, Utica
October 31, 2022	Chapter Website Compliance Renewal Form due to International
November 1, 2022	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due
Before November 10, 2022	IRS Form 990 due by Chapters
November 15, 2022	**Nominations due for State Officers and Area Council Nominations and Finance Committees** to NYSO Chair Nominations Committee Dr. Dee Hushmendy
November 15, 2022	Convention Workshop Proposals due to Chair EEC Rosemary Van Wart
November 15, 2022	NYSO *Standing Rules* recommendations for changes due to NYSO BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair Sue Kenoyer
December 1, 2022	Deadline Winter *Pi Lights*- to NYSO *Pi Lights* Editor
January 16, 2023	NYSO DKG Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Zoom
Before February 1, 2023	Annual Necrology Report due to NYSO Membership and Expansion Chair Deb Bedard
February 1, 2023	International Scholarships Due
February 15, 2023	**NYSO Applications Due to NYSO Chairs for Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid:** * Pi State Scholarships * Travel and Study Stipends * Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid * The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award * Pi State Achievement Award * The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award * The Bea Small Award
March 1, 2023	Deadline Spring *Pi Lights*- to NYSO *Pi Lights* Editor
April 28-30, 2023	**Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany** Rooms: $130 +18.20 tax= $148.20. Call 518-869-8100. Group reservation ID- DKG. Reserve by April 13, 2023
May 1, 2023	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due
June 1, 2023	Deadline Summer *Pi Lights*- to NYSO *Pi Lights* Editor
October 2023	West Central Area Conference, tentative
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair Deb Bedard ASAP

ATTENTION ALL APPLICANTS

NYSO Applications Due to NYSO Chairs for Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

** Pi State Scholarships … * Travel and Study Stipends … * Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid …*
** The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award … * Pi State Achievement Award …*
** The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators … and the * The Bea Small Award*

https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html

BYLAWS Committee:
News From the International Convention

There were 118 amendments proposed for deliberation at the International Convention in July in New Orleans. Of the 118 amendments, 70 were discussed and voted on by the membership present. Of the 70 three were defeated. There were 48 that were never discussed so they were dropped to the floor. This means those amendments may be brought forth again, but the next Constitution Committee would have to do it as a completely new document and business of the next Convention.

Most of the amendments either were intended to "clean up" language or pertained to issues only at the International level. In terms of NYSO governing documents, there are automatic changes going to be made to the name of the Nominations Committee (becoming Nominating Committee), elimination of the Induction fee, and the definition of Reserve Membership. **At the Chapter level, each Chapter should review its Standing Rules and:**

- Change the name of the Nominations Committee to Nominating Committee,
- Remove any mention of an Induction fee, since there is no longer an Induction fee, and
- Make appropriate changes to reflect the new wording for Reserve Membership.

According to International Constitution change III.B.2, the new wording at the International level now says "Reserve Membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the Chapter because of medical disability, geographical location, and/or no technological connection/skill."

International intends to inform the states about amendments that pertain to them and to individual Chapters sometime this fall. The NYSO BYLAWS & Rules Committee in conjunction with the NYSO Parliamentarian have inspected the 67 amendments and believe we have a very good idea about the changes we need to make. The Committee will be working on these changes. You will see our NYSO revision information in the winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

If your Chapter hasn't updated your Standing Rules this biennium, then PLEASE do so. Send a copy of your updated Standing Rules to **Sue Kenoyer**, Chair of BYLAWS & Rules Committee as well as to **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, NYSO President. You can find the checklist for Chapter Standing Rules on our State website.

Please feel free to contact Sue Kenoyer with any questions that you may have about Chapter Standing Rules. (suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com).

***Sue Kenoyer**, Psi, Chair BYLAWS & Rules Committee*

ATTENTION: Chapter Webmasters

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

Applications for renewal of your Chapter's Website *Compliance Assurance Form* are due to International by 31 October 2022. Access the form by logging into https://www.dkg.org, signing in with your member number and password, and clicking on the Forms menu. Forms are submitted electronically. When you receive your seal, add it to your Chapter Website to replace the last biennium one. Please notify me asap by email, mharvey@frontiernet.net, that your new seal has been posted.

***Mary-Martha Harvey**, Omega, NYSO Webmaster*

NYSO Nominations Committee

Nominations/Applications Reminders

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 State Nominations Committee Chair Dee Hushmendy is November 15, 2022.
Links, regarding responsibilities and duties of each Officer's position and the Application and Nomination Forms may be found on the New York-State Organization Website: www.dkgnystate.org

* Click on **Officers.** Drag down to **New York State Officers and Elected Personnel.**
* Under the heading "Job Descriptions:" **Click here for Officers and Elected Personnel Jobs.**
* **New York State Officer Nomination/Application Form** under heading, "New York State Officers 2022-2023." **Due November 15th - Applications received after this date cannot be considered.**

State Officer Nomination/Application

Applications must include a photograph for use in Awards programs, *Pi Lights* and on the State website. The photograph may be sent electronically to Chair of the Nominations Committee, Dee Hushmendy, dhushmendy@rcscsd.org. You may also include a print with the application.

Nominations/Applications for President must include a Mission Statement, defining her biennium vision/goals, not to exceed 250 words.

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

Nominees for State Officers will have their photographs and biographies included in the winter issue of *Pi Lights*, on the State website and will be voted on by the Executive Board at the NYSO Convention. All sections of the application must be completed to be considered.

Finance Committee

Nominations to the Finance Committee (four-year terms) are needed from West Central, Southwestern, Northwestern, East Central and Southeastern Area Councils. Nominees must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the Area Council members present at the NYSO Executive Board Meeting.

Application Forms for Finance Committee may be found on the State website:

* Under New York State, drag down to Area Councils.
* Near the bottom of the page under "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 (four-year terms) are needed from Northern, Capital, South Central, North Central, Northwestern, and Eastern Area Councils. Nominees 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 State website:

* Under New York State, drag down to Area Councils.
* Near the bottom of the page under "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.

This is your chance to step forward in service to DKG and to promote your "personal and professional growth" or that of another member. Don't miss this opportunity!

***Dr. Dee Hushmendy**, Alpha Nu, Chair Nominations Committee*

Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee offered a Zoom workshop for Incoming and Returning Chapter Presidents and Officers on June 29th. Over thirty members attended and were shown how to use the State *Flip Grid* Program, **https://flip.com/meade4319.** These videos are available to all on the State website and offers information on many specific categories of interest for Chapter Officers and members.

LDC is also offering a workshop on Saturday, October 15th at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. The workshop will offer an opportunity for members to share projects and procedures that Chapters have found to be successful and offer support to each other while discussing problems.

These "*Glums and Glows*" sessions have proven to be very successful in the past.

We hope you can join us!!

***Jeanne Schenk**, Alpha Tau, Chair Leadership Development*

In Loving Memory of…

Irene Bowen, 12/7/21	*Chi*
Lucile McKay, 12/20/21	*Alpha Tau*
Mary Lu Walker, 4/29/21	*Beta Chi*
Jean Wright, 5/21/21	*Alpha Psi*
Fredia Mulheron, 7/17/21	*Alpha Tau*
Carol Case, 9/26/21	*Gamma Zeta*
June Walker, 11/14/21	*Chi*
Ruth Parker, 2/11/22	*Beta Gamma*
Mary Elizabeth Savage 3/7/22	*Alpha Beta*
Barbara McCormack, 3/8/22	*Alpha Iota*
Madeline Brennan, 4/7/22	*Alpha Beta*
Carol Dougherty, 4/11/22	*Alpha Beta*
Dr. Margarethe McCurry, 4/24/22 * Pi State President 1997-1999	*Alpha Epsilon*
Sandra Harber, 5/6/22	*Alpha Theta*
Dorothy Wiggins, 5/14/22	*Beta Theta*
Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, 5/23/22	*Psi*
Mary Lou Carpenter, 6/27/22	*Nu*
Carol Sutherland, 7/11/22	*Alpha Eta*

Upon the death of a member, please forward **NYSO Form 6** (*found on our NYSO Website under Membership Resources*) to **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon, Membership and Expansion Chair*, dmbedard29@yahoo.com.

World Fellowship Committee Update

Welcome back to the school year! Whether you are actively teaching or retired, we all share the traditional new beginnings urge to achieve new goals, to connect with students and colleagues, and to be immersed in our communities. Our local, State and International DKG Committees are looking ahead to 2022-2023 in a similar nature and need us to reach out as leaders in our respective fields of education to keep that spark of networking alive and well.

In this spirit, the World Fellowship Committee is eagerly awaiting the announcement of the 2022-2023 list of the international women who will be seeking advanced study in the US and Canada. Our Committee knows firsthand the power of how sharing perspectives on best practices in teaching can be mutually beneficial. This past year we had the opportunity to meet each of our four New York State World Fellowship Grant recipients either personally or virtually on two of our ZOOM meetings. The exchange between Committee members and students in these meetings resulted in a set of videos that we feel your Chapter would find most supportive and engaging in efforts to raise local funds to support DKG International World Fellowship Grants. Each year 30-32 international students receive a grant or an extension to their studies as funds that your continued generosity allows. The DKG International World Fellowship Committee works through the international branch of the Fulbright Program.

We encourage Chapters to send donations for World Fellowship grants to DKGIEF (*DKG International Educators Foundation*). Please contact me for further info. at susangenthner @gmail.com.

***Susan Genthner**, Alpha Alpha, World Fellowship Chair*

Opportunities for Members of DKG

Welcome to the many, varied opportunities available to you as member of our Society.

If a member is looking for:	Consider these opportunities:
Financial Support for Study beyond the Bachelor's degree	– International Scholarships – 30 scholarships available each year: $10,000 for doctoral study and $6,000 for other graduate study – State organization and chapter scholarships
Financial Support for onetime Professional Development	– DKG Educational Foundation Cornetet Awards – One- time individual awards of up to $2,000 – State Organization Professional Development Awards – Chapter Grants
Financial Support for Classroom/ School/Community Projects	– DKG Educational Foundation Project Awards – State Organization Foundation Grants – Chapter Mini-Grants and Scholarships
Leadership Training for Professional Growth	– International Leadership/Management Seminar – graduate training valued at more than $8,000. If selected to attend, recipients pay a registration fee – International Conventions/Conferences – State Organization Conventions/Conferences/Seminars – State Organization Leadership Seminars* – Society-sponsored Parliamentary Training
Speaker or Presenter Opportunities	– International Speakers Fund - Speakers on topics of personal/professional – Chapter programs – Area, State Organization, International Workshops/Seminars – Keynote speakers at Society meetings
Emergency Assistance for a major loss from floods, tornados, earthquakes or other catastrophic event of nature	– International Emergency Fund, $500 per event, per member
Recognition for Earned Doctorate	– Listing in program and recognition at International Convention
Leadership Opportunities in a Nurturing Environment	- Chapter Officer/Committee Chair/member positions – State Organization Committee member/Chair – State Organization Officer positions – International Committee member/Chair – International Administrative Board member/Officer
Service to Community/State/the World	- International Schools for Africa Project support – Support for local Early-Career Educators – State Organization Service Project support* – Chapter Service Project participation*
Professional Networking	- DKG Communities – International/State Organization Conventions/Conferences/Seminars – Chapter meetings – Service at State/International levels
An Audience for Professional Writing	– The DKG Bulletin – juried, professional journal – The Collegial Exchange magazine – Educators Book Award – State and Chapter newsletters/websites – DKG blogs
An Audience for Visual & Performing Arts	– Arts & Humanities Galleries

**Guidelines for Chapter Leaders, 2019, pages 37-38.*

In New York State we have two wonderful opportunities this year:

* The Fall Executive Board Meeting and Seminar will be held in Utica at the Delta Hotel, October 14-15.

* This spring, *for the first time in four years*, our NYSO Members will gather for NYSO DKG Convention to be held April 28-30, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Desmond in Albany.

Both of these meetings will feature workshop sessions, meetings to conduct the business of our State, keynote speakers and time for fellowship.

Take time this fall to explore the opportunities afforded to DKG members.

NYSO DKG Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2022

Refer to the NY 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 *NY State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)*: "...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." *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.	**Lisa Meade** **10H Deer Run Drive** **Hudson Falls 12839** *lisamsynergy23@gmail.com*
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.	**Lisa Huyck** **69 Miller Road** **Treadwell 13846** *farming@citlink.net*
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.	**Pat Turner** **7200 Brookside Drive** **Lockport 14094** *tunes14@yahoo.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 *Delta Kappa Gamma* at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.	**Dr. Andréa Morris** **105 Ashland Place** **Apt. 4D** **Brooklyn 11201-3957** *morrispianoforte@gmail.com*
Bea Small Award	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of *Omega*, 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.	**Mary-Martha Harvey** **185 Park Street** **Canandaigua 14424** *mharvey@frontiernet.net*
Travel & Study Stipend	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed $1000.00 each in accordance with the *NY State Standing Rules*. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the *NY State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* 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.	**Kate Elder** **144 Settles Mountain Road** **Cobleskill 12043** *katelynnelder@yahoo.com*
Scholarship	**NYSO DKG Scholarships** information, criteria and applications are available on NYSO website and have a $3000 maximum. Applications are available on State website www.dkgnystate.org. **International Scholarships** are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on International website www.dkg.org.	**Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott** **157 Lake Bluff Road** **Rochester 14622-1363** *mlovetts@brockport.edu*

Bea Small Speakers' Fund Committee Sponsors Keynotes

The Bea Small Speakers' Fund Committee is pleased to announce that two speakers have been approved for the NYSO Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar and the NYSO Convention: **Patty Kilgore and Bruce Coville.**

Ms. Kilgore, Director of Counseling Services at the Prevention Council, Ballston Spa, is a licensed Master of Social Work and Credentialed Alcohol Substances Abuse Counselor. She will be the keynote speaker at the October 14-15 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Utica. Her talk will be about teen trends in substance abuse.

Bruce Coville is a well-known author of more than 100 children and young adult books for over 40 years (*Aliens Ate My Homework, My Techer is an Alien.)* A popular speaker and guest in classrooms and libraries, he has his own website, www.brucecoville.com. Mr. Coville will be the key presenter at the April 2023 NYSO Convention in Albany.

Leadership training is a major benefit of DKG Membership. Bea Small, *Omega Chapter*, recognized this by establishing the Bea Small Speakers Fund in 1996 and with additional contributions by her daughter, Barbara Woodworth, it remains a financial legacy, providing outstanding leaders to inspire us. Over the years, this has been a wonderful resource but as our decreasing membership and financial resources have diminished, so has this fund.

Please consider making a gift to The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund.

Members may offer contributions in honor of or in memory of someone who recognized your leadership potential and recommended you for membership. Send your donations, payable to NYSO DKG, by mail to: NYSO Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, 11189 County Highway23, Unadilla, NY 13849. Be sure to write *Bea Small Speakers Fund* on the memo line.

***Lochie Musso**, Alpha Eta, Bea Small Speaker's Fund Chair*

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid (NAG) is one of many ways that DKG New York State Organization supports women. This was established in 1967 by Past New York 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. Preparation for a teaching related degree is preferred but the scope of related service fields has been broadened over the years to encourage more applicants.

We encourage New York State members to recommend Native American women who may be eligible for this award so we can make a personal connection. We want these future leaders to be connected to our Chapters and we encourage the recipients to reapply each year.

The Committee members are:
Patricia Turner-Chair-*Alpha Theta*
Bridget Bishop-*Alpha Alpha*
Kathleen Bishop-*NU*
Rise Messmer-*NU*
Patricia Thompson-*Beta Omicron*
Christina Unger-*Alpha Theta*
It is our HONOR to support these deserving women!

Please contact **Patricia Turner,** Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair, at 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport, NY 14094, tunes14@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

***Patricia Turner,** Alpha Theta, Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair*

"Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion"

Update on NYSO 2021-2022 World Fellowship Grant Recipients

- Beryl, along with her husband and son, spent the summer with family whom they had not seen for 2 years. She returned to further her Doctoral studies at Rutgers University. She would like to stay in touch but also connect with a local DKG Chapter in New Jersey.
- Monika will continue working at the International Student office at Syracuse University. She hopes to volunteer at the Montessori School that she was involved with last year. She was the Key Presenter at our World Fellowship workshop at the DKG NYSO Spring 2022 Conference. She is accomplishing great work with inclusion in her native Macedonia.
- Angèlica has spent the summer interning at the National Museum of African American History in Washington, DC. We are awaiting news that she will be returning to the New School in NYC to continue her studies in Anthropology.
- Francesca, having received her Masters of Law Degree, returns to NYC to work in Environmental Law.

***Sue Genthner**, NYSO World Fellowship Chair*

Scholarship Recipient Thanks NYSO DKG

Christine Bennett, *Omega*, Coordinator of Employee Engagement, an administrator on the Human Resources Team at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, was honored to receive a 2022 NYSO-DKG Scholarship to further her career and study of research-based HR practices.

In 2021, NYSO DKG awarded Christine a scholarship to complete Cornell University's Negotiation Mastery Course which led to negotiation certification. During those studies, Christine worked with various industry leaders, business managers, and private organization leaders to develop strong negotiation strategies which she plans to implement during future school district contract negotiations.

In 2022, Christine applied NYSO DKG scholarship funds to complete a 3-month SUNY Stony Brook Course in best Human Resource Management practices concluding with SHRM, Society for Human Resource Management Examination and Certification. After much studying and preparation, Christine obtained the certification in May 2022, earning the title SHRM-CP.

Christine shares that NYSO DKG scholarship funds "have accelerated the trajectory of my career, professional development, leadership practices and confidence. More than any other organization, Delta Kappa Gamma continues to pave my path as a leading woman educator. It is hard to fully measure the impact of DKG's support on my professional pursuits but most importantly, each of these opportunities to grow directly impact hiring practices and retention strategies I now implement as we provide the best educational staff for our students. Above all, that is what matters most: the educational opportunities we provide our students."

*Submitted by **Christine Bennett,** Omega Chapter*

CHAPTER INDUCTEE PHOTOS Sought for NYSO Website

Chapters are encouraged to send individual photos of their Inductees as email attachments to Webmaster Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net, for the NYSO Website's HOME PAGE Inductee Slideshow.

Individual photos should be of good quality so that a portrait could be cropped for the website size. Individual photos are preferable to group ones. The Inductee's name and Chapter should be included.

***Mary-Martha Harvey**, Omega, NYSO Webmaster*

ARE YOU READY DKG/NYSO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ?

TO HONOR A MEMBER WHO HAS MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY ON THE STATE LEVEL ?

Please check the NYSO Website to obtain the Criteria for the
PI STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
www.dkg/nyso.org/Committees/Society
in the Mission and Purpose Committees
and the Application Form
https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html

AND THEN

Complete the Pi State Achievement Award Nomination Form and email to:

Dr. Andréa H. Morris, DKG/NYSO Pi State Achievement Award Committee Chair
Morrispianoforte@gmail.com

BEFORE

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES

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

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

***Mary-Martha Harvey**, Omega, NYSO Webmaster*

SHORTCUT to Finding Your Item on the NYSO Website

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

***Mary-Martha Harvey**, Omega, NYSO Webmaster*

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting projects developed by NYSO members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by donations and memberships. *Please consider a donation to the Educational Foundation* in memory of or in honor of a notable member or person so that we may continue to grant funds to applicants who are doing wonderful projects.

It was great to see so many Foundation members at the 2022 Spring Executive Board Meeting and Seminar! We hope to see you again at our next meeting on Saturday, October 15. Please check the weekend schedule for the meeting time and location.

Wow, did the summer go by fast! The Board of Directors met and are looking forward to another great year! As a reminder, **November 1 is the deadline for the fall project grant applications**.

If you are a member of the Educational Foundation and have either an individual or Chapter literacy and learning project in mind, PLEASE apply for a project grant.

Chapter Presidents are encouraged to invite your Chapter members to join the Educational Foundation. **A lifetime membership is only $25**…yes, less than the cost of a half tank of gas these days. Once you are a member of the Foundation, funding opportunities are available and members may receive grants multiple times.

Project grant applications are due November 1 and May 1.

Another opportunity for funding is the **Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship. The application for the Literacy Scholarship is due February 15, 2023**. Monies can be used to attend conferences or workshops that promote literacy and learning.

Please visit the NYSO DKG website (www.dkgnystate.org) for more information about membership and applications.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Educational Foundation!
Without all of your support the Foundation would not exist.

***Sue Summerfield**, Pi, Pi State Educational Foundation President*

UPDATE from NYSO Personnel Committee

A Letter to Chapter Presidents

Dear Chapter Presidents of NYSO DKG,

The task of the NYSO Personnel Committee is to screen candidate applications and letters of recommendation for **Elected Personnel**.

Our Committee recognizes that all Chapters have many members with exceptional and varied talents!

As Chapter Presidents, we encourage professional and personal growth within our Chapters. We recognize the knowledge and talents within our Chapters and members who are willing to step up to a State position!

Kim Goldhirsch had willingly agreed to continue as our **NYSO Editor** for a short period of time. We are so appreciative of her willingness to serve and *thank her so very much*. We are pleased to announce that **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*, is willing to step into the NYSO Editor position 2022-2026.

Do you have a member in mind to share their expertise and knowledge for **NYSO Treasurer**? **Suzanne Patrick** has graciously accepted an extension of her position as NYSO Treasurer for a short time. We need one of your members to fill this position 2022-2026.

Please find the job responsibilities of NYSO Treasurer as well as the Application Form on the NYSO website ... https://www.dkgnystate.org/new-york-state-officers--elected-personnel.html. Please share this information with your members. The Application Form needs to be returned to melevy@hvc.rr.com., Personnel Committee Chair by November 15, 2022.

The Personnel Committee is looking forward to receiving applications for NYSO Treasurer.

Sincerely,
***Mary Ellyn Levy**, Tau*
NYSO Personnel Committee Chair

Funding Chapter Projects: The Bea Small Award

The *Bea Small Award* was established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, a member of the *Omega* Chapter. The sole purpose of this Award is to recognize State Chapter(s) having an existing program/project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographical area.

The four Board of Trustees administering this Award are: Chair **Mary-Martha Harvey** (*Omega EC) Executive Committee Rep;* **Joanne Carroll** (*Alpha Pi* E) *Educational Excellence Committee Rep;* **Marie Scoles** (*Beta Delta* EC) *Communications & Marketing Committee Rep;* **Evelyne Bottorf** (*Omega* EC) *Omega Chapter Rep.*

The submitted project must have been originated by the Chapter and be ongoing for a minimum of two years. The project must respond to the needs of a particular population within the Chapter's geographical area.

The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees is February 15th. The application form may be found on the NYSO Website: https://www.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html. The application must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.

Electronic submission of the application is preferred. If a project is funded, an article with a photograph should be written for an issue of *Pi Lights*, the NYSO website and the local media.

The Award consists of a certificate and a monetary amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees. The Award(s) will be presented to the Chapter during the NYSO Convention. There is a *Post-Project Report Form* that is to be submitted by March 15th of the following year. The Award will be publicized in summer issue of *Pi Lights* and on the NYSO Website.

Chapters are encouraged to apply for the Award as early as possible. For further information, contact the Chair of the Bea Small Award Board of Trustees **Mary-Martha Harvey**, mharvey@frontienet.net.

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

Join Us for the Spring 2023 NYSO Convention at the Crowne Plaza, Desmond Hotel, Albany April 28 -30,2023

Completely transformed and renovated, the Crowne Plaza® Albany – The Desmond Hotel has been reimagined for a new era of hospitality.

Conveniently located off the Northway I-87 Exit 3, half a mile from the Albany International Airport and next door to the busy Wolf Road business district, the Hotel is minutes from major attractions like Colonie Center Mall, MVP Arena and downtown Albany, New York State government offices.

Room block available: April 27-30- $130.00 + 18.20 tax= $148.20

Group Reservation ID is DKG - call 518-869-8100; cut-off date for reservations is April 13, 2023.

More details in the Winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

NYSO DKG Awards Benefit Tickets

Please visit the NYSO Website to find a full sheet of tickets to print.

2023 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket

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

Name_____

Chapter_____

Phone_____

Drawing at NYSO DKG Convention
Albany, April 28-30, 2023

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

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Capital Area Council Hosts Conference

Tour of the Grounds

Shaker Heritage Society in Colonie

The Morning Tour of the Grounds was led by Lorraine Weiss of the Shaker Heritage Society who discussed the Shaker's rich history.

Discussion Groups at the Shaker Heritage Society

Linda Seymour, Arlene Ida and Janet Atchinson touring Shaker Heritage Society site.

Capital Area Council hosted its Conference at the Shaker Heritage Society in Colonie on August 18th with 42 in attendance from 10 Chapters.

The day began with an introduction and morning walking tour of the grounds under the direction of **Lorraine Weiss of the Shaker Heritage Society**. Ms. Weiss presented an overview of the history of the Shakers and their importance in the region. After the presentation, many enjoyed a walking tou **Dee Hushmendy** r of the barn and Shaker Cemetery where founder Mother Ann Lee is buried.

Afternoon sessions included table-top loom weaving and lavender sachet making.

NYSO President **Jennifer Lee Alden**, *Beta Omega*, spoke to the group about the importance of leadership and the various opportunities available to serve the Organization at the State level through Committees and Officer positions. Chair of the Membership and Expansion Committee and past NYSO President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*, also spoke to the group about membership and maintaining healthy Chapters. **Jean Sekel**, *Pi*, reiterated the importance of membership and spoke about the *Pi State Achievement Award.* **Sue Summerfield**, *Pi*, provided the group with additional information about the *Pi State Educational Foundation.*

Chairs of the Conference included **Kristine Mackowski**, *Alpha Nu*, and **Sharon Patrick**, *Alpha Kappa*. **Sharon Patrick** served as the Conference Registrar.

Article Submitted by Kristine Mackowski

Photos Submitted by Sharon Patrick and Kristine Mackowski

NYSO DKG President Jen Lee Alden's presentation of leadership opportunities in DKG

NYSO DKG Delegation Headed to NY Dines Out in New Orleans

Front Row left to right: **Lenora McCabe, Eileen Venezia,** Chair CTAUN and NYSO Past President **Anne-Marie Carlson,** Past NYSO President and Northeast Regional Director **Jane Tanner, Mary Brassard,** NYSO Chair Bea Small Speakers Fund **Lochie Musso, Marguerite Niforos,** NYSO Executive Secretary **Anna Marie Bonafide** *Back row left to right:* NYSO Immediate Past President **Sue Kenoyer,** NYSO Parliamentarian**,** NYSO Past President and Member (now Chair) of the International Nominations Committee **Karen Crumley,** NYSO First Vice President **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn,** DKG NGO UN Representative **Grace Murphy, Diane Zduniak.**

Photo by Don Carlson and Submitted by Anne-Marie Carlson

Thirteen NYSO Officers, Chapter Presidents and members attended the DKG 2022 International Convention in New Orleans —often called the "*Big Easy*" – July 12-16 at the Marriot International Sheraton New Orleans.

Attendees were involved at the General Session meetings debating proposed amendments and other business affecting the DKG organization. Members also participated in various sessions and seminars in which some of our NYSO members were featured speakers.

The Convention Agenda was packed with speakers and sessions, providing a variety of opportunities. Electing new International Officers and voting on proposed amendments to the governing documents are Society business matters that will take place at the Convention. Attendees enjoyed networking with women from across the globe while enjoying the sights and sounds of an exciting city! This was the first International Convention in-person since 2018.

Every DKG member has a voice at the Convention.

Many activities were available throughout New Orleans, such as the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, the National World War II Museum, a steamboat ride on the Mississippi, and the Sazerac House. A walk around Jackson Square was a must. Tours of Mardi Gras World gave visitors an up-close and personal experience of the floats and costumes. Members spent the evening at the **DKG International Educator's Foundation (DKGIEF)** event, held at the Mardi Gras World in New Orleans. DKGIEF hosted the event to raise funds for educational projects that it supports. Only four hundred (400) tickets were available for this up-close, behind-the-scenes look at what goes into creating the famed Mardi Gras annual parades. Throughout the evening guests heard live sounds of a regional jazz band and enjoyed catered food stations.

DKG members had an opportunity to contribute a filled purse to *Dress for Success New Orleans*. Their mission is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help them thrive in work and in life.

One Keynote Speaker was **Ingvi Ómarsson**, an Educator, Entrepreneur and Speaker. He is an acclaimed Icelandic

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NYSO members at General Session II International Convention Meeting

Left to right seated: **Mary Brassard**, NYSO Immediate Past President **Sue Kenoyer**
Left to right standing:
DKG NGO UN Representative **Grace Murphy**, Chair CTAUN and NYSO Past President **Anne-Marie Carlson**

Article by ***Mary-Martha Harvey*** *and* ***Anna Marie Bonafide*** *... Photos by* ***Anna Marie Bonafide***

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educator who was voted *Teacher of the Year* in Iceland in 2018 and received the *Icelandic Educational Award* in 2020 for his outstanding contribution to education in Iceland. He is a Stanford Graduate who currently works at Iceland's Ministry of Education as a Senior Adviser on Educational issues and leads the implementation of Iceland's national Educational Policy.

A second Keynote Speaker was **Courtney Clark**, a Motivational Speaker and Author. She is the luckiest unlucky person in the world. After a series of major struggles beginning in her mid-20s, she has built two successful businesses and is the author of two books, including her most recent book, T*he Successful Struggle: Powerful Techniques to Achieve Accelerated Resilience*. She works with people who want to adapt faster and achieve more and has spoken worldwide to organizations like Procter & Gamble, Dell, S&P, Humana, Cisco, and Cardinal Health.

Courtney's resilience work has been called "*practical*," "*powerful*," and "*empowering*" by industry leaders. She's been featured in Forbes, Psychology Today, USA Today, and The Chicago Tribune. If she wasn't writing and speaking about resilience, Courtney would have wanted to be a tap dancer. Thankfully for her audiences, she wasn't very good at tap dancing.

Susan Kenoyer and **Anna Marie Bonafide** represented NYSO DKG at the International Executive Board meetings with a vote. **Karen Crumley** participated as a member of the International Nominations Committee. **Eileen Venezia**, a representative of the International Educational Excellence Committee, presented at sessions as did **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn** as the US Forum Representative. **Jane Tanner**, a member of International Non-Dues Revenue Committee, was also honored at the Northeast Regional breakfast for her work as Northeast Regional Director.

<u>*Seated left to right*</u>: **Diane Zduniak**, **Mary Brassard**, NYSO Past President **Sue Kenoyer**, NYSO Parliamentarian and NYSO Past President **Karen Crumley** <u>*Standing left to right*</u>: **Lenora McCabe**, Chair Bea Small Speaker's Fund **Lochie Musso**, Past NYSO President **Jane Tanner**, NYSO First Vice President and US Forum Representative **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, DKG NGO UN Representative **Grace Murphy**, and DKG Primary NGO UN Representative/Director At Large of CTAUN/Chair of Excellence in Education Award **Eileen Venezia**

Alpha Tau
Chapter Officers 2022-24

Left to right:

Beth Rasmusson, recent Past President
Ellie Robinson, 2nd Vice President
Stacy Liberati, First Vice President
Jane Crosby, Corresponding Secretary
Amy Zimmerman, President and
Andrea Windus, Recording Secretary

Photo by Elaine Anderson

Alpha Theta
Chapter Officers 2022-24

Pictured left to right: **Laura Moore,** Secretary; **Heather Petroziello,** 2nd Vice President; **Pam Hays**, President; NYSO President **Sue Kenoyer**; **Jennifer Lesniowski**, Past 1st Vice President; **Laurel Pitzrick**, 1st Vice President; **Nelda Callard**, Treasurer; and **Katherine Weber**, Ceremonies Chair. Our Installation took place at the White Birch Golf Course, Lyndonville, NY.

Photo Submitted by Pam Hays

Alpha Iota
Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Left to right : Co-Presidents **Terry Gerber** and **Shelly Lee**; First Vice President **Laurel Pfund-Byron**; Co-Second Vice Presidents **Mary Bennett** and **Jaime Blakes**; Recording Secretary **Jennifer Buddie**; Corresponding Secretary **Penny Brizzi-Stark**; Nominations Committee Chair **Gail Wentworth**; and Chapter members **Peggy Lautier-Donnelly**, **Liz Fleury**, **Nora Ostrander**, **Rosemary Tropia**, and **Lori Stone**.

Photo by Karen Marzynski

Omega
Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Photo by Gail Burr

Left to right:
Jan Astles, 1st Co-Vice President
Karen Busby, 2nd Co-Vice President
Evie Bottorf, 2nd Co-Vice President
Linda Upchurch, Secretary
Denise Clark, Co-Webmaster
Beverly Lanoue, Parliamentarian
Phyllis Frantel, Treasurer
Dawn Scales, President
Missing from Photo:
Helene Goodberlet, 1st Co-Vice-President
Mary-Martha Harvey, Co-Webmaster

Alpha Lambda
Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Left to right in front:
Co-Presidents **Roselind Bogner**
and **Michele Pagliaroli**
Vice-President **Bonnie Hogan**

The Induction Ceremony was led by Membership Chairs **Marlene Solly** (*L*) and **Fran Romo** (*R*) and outgoing President **Hettie Domino** (*center back*) on June 4, 2022 at the Orchard Park Country Club.

Photo by Michele Pagliaroli and submitted by Fran Romeo

Alpha Zeta
Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Pictured L to R:
Diane Zduniak (Past President)
Eileen Kerins
Jen Melitski (Vice President)
Kim Goldhirsch (President)
and
Amy McCann (Secretary)

Photo Submitted by Kim Goldhirsch

Pi
Chapter Officers 2022-2024

Left to right: **Jean Sekel**; **Sue Summerfield**, President; **Deborah Conte**, 1st Vice President; **April Erkson**, 2nd Vice President; **Claudia Rockwell**, Immediate Past Secretary; **Teresa Hayes**, Secretary; **Linda Casler**, Immediate Past Treasurer; **Celia Bradford**, Treasurer

Photo Submitted by Sue Summerfield

Zeta Inductees

Amanda McDonald and **Jaidin Kilner**

Photo Submitted by Doreen Croyle

Omega Inductees

Pictured left to right:
Heather Kerr
Cheryl Fisher
Lisa Carey
Erica Hasselstrom

Photo Submitted by Gail Burr

Pi Inductee

Debra Eckler

Photo Sent by Sue Summerfield

Beta Mu Inductee

Dr. Amanda Szwed

Photo Sent by Beryl Szwed

Pi Chapter Meeting
"Painting Silk Scarves"

Pi Chapter's April meeting was a huge success. Members met at the *Paul Nigra Center* in Gloversville. They enjoyed an evening of "*Painting Silk Scarves.*" Lots of fun and laughter was had by many members. ***Who would think our finished product started with shaking dye on a silk scarf in a zip lock bag and then putting it in the microwave!***

Photo and Article Submitted by Sue Summerfield

Beta Mu Highlights
Installation of Officers 2022-2024

Left to right: NYSO Past President and Membership Chair **Deborah Bedard**, NYSO Past President and FDF Administrator **Joan Slagle**, NYSO Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, NYSO First Vice President **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, *Beta Mu* President **Beryl Szwed**, *Beta Mu* Secretary **Dr. Judith Steinburg**, *Beta Mu* Treasurer **Carol Lamb**, and *Beta Mu* Vice President **Susan Norris.** Missing is *Beta Mu* Parliamentarian **Karen Butters.**

Photos and Text submitted by Beryl Szwed

Prospective member **Courtney Carey**, Vice President **Sue Norris**, Treasurer **Carol Lamb**, **Sara Kelly Johns**, President **Beryl Szwed** at Adirondack Family Book Festival at the John Brown Historical Site in Lake Placid

Vice President **Sue Norris** with Transfer **Laurie Rosborough**

Three *Beta Mu* Szwed members *left to right:* *M*ember **Carolyn (Carrie) Szwed,** Inductee **Dr. Amanda Szwed** and *Beta Mu* President **Beryl Szwed**

Alpha Zeta Backpack Chapter Project

Loaded backpacks ready for distribution

In 2022 with donations, a grant, and Clynk monies from Red Hook Rotary and DKG, *Alpha Zeta*, **over 120 backpacks were filled to the brim with school supplies (plus a box of tissues, a large tube of toothpaste, and a bamboo recyclable toothbrush!) needed by students to start the 2022-23 academic year.**

It should be noted that a donated book has also been placed in each backpack Pre-K-5.

Submitted by Linda Greenblatt
Photos submitted with text by Kim Goldhirsch
A Bea Small 2022Awarded Project

Pictured is **Diane Zduniak** of *Alpha Zeta* loading backpacks.

Beta Mu Honors Pi State Achievement Award Recipient

Karen Butters (*far right*) was recently honored by her Chapter for her honor of being named the **2022 Pi State Achievement Award** recipient. Pictured *left to right* with Karen are NYSO Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Beta Mu* Vice President **Sue Norris**, NYSO Past President and FDF Administrator **Joan Slagle**, *Beta Mu* President **Beryl Swed**, and NYSO Vice President **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**.

Photo submitted by Beryl Szwed

"Leadership Observed" … A Poem by Dr. Colleen Kelly

The good leader is the one who listens
Learns
Forms her proposals, to suit, to lead
What is her style? Does she offer a smile?
Go the extra mile to implement a plan
Best suited to the need? Is she transformational or a pacesetter perhaps?
Perchance more democratic, innovative,
Or possibly, acts as a coach, motivational?
Yes, she is a visionary, setting goals inspirational.
Humility and humor never hurt a leader either
She is firm, but not autocratic
Supportive, not demagogic, never ever
derogatory
Not so bureaucratic that she losses those who follow.
Inclusive, not exclusive
She acts with authority and she knows when to delegate
Forthright and true to her word
A woman of honor, a leader inspired.

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