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## **Spring Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar April 19-20, 2024**

**At the Delta Hotel by Marriott**

200 Genesee Street, Utica 13502



**Join your NYSO sisters at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar  
at the Delta Hotel in Utica on April 19-20, 2024.**

Please see the registration form on Home Page of State website  
and in winter issue of *Pi Lights*.

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.

***Room Block Available: \$149.00 per night plus tax***

*Use the link below or call 315-797-8010 to book your room now.*

*Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma APR2024.*

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1692300682130&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Cut-off date for reservations is March 19, 2024.

### **Candidates Needed for State Elected Personnel**

**Financial Development Fund Administrator (FDF), Treasurer, Webmaster and  
Executive Secretary**

**Nominations/Applications due November 15, 2023  
to Chair Personnel Committee Ellyn Levy.**

[https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_application\\_officers\\_21-23.pdf](https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_officers_21-23.pdf)

Dear NYSO Members,

**Happy Autumn!** The trees are beginning to show bursts of brilliant color as the days grow shorter and the evening air becomes a little more crisp. Soon we can go apple picking and leaf peeping!

I'm eagerly awaiting the opportunity to mingle with **key women educators** at one of our Fall Area Council Conferences. Registration is still open for the East Central and North Central events. The West Central Conference registration for October 14th has closed.. Please visit our State website - <https://www.dkgynystate.org/area-councils.html> - to find the registration forms for these events. The forms can be found at the bottom of the linked page on our website.

Please look for the link to reserve your hotel room for the **Executive Board Meeting and Seminar on April 19-20, 2024 at the Delta Hotel in Utica**. Please don't hesitate to make your reservation! If we learn early that we need more rooms, we may be able to get more at the Delta rather than send the overflow to another local hotel. Some members may not know. However, if we reserve too many rooms then don't use them, we encumber a charge from the Hotel as part of the contract. It is a delicate balance to meet members' needs while remaining fiscally responsible. Your help in reserving a room early helps us to do our best to plan same site accommodations for all. In addition to our business meetings, we will have workshops and enjoy networking with DKG members across the State.

In August our Committee Chairs started the biennium with virtual training presented by our **Leadership Development Committee**. Many State Committees have already held their initial team meetings - please look for an article from these Chairs to learn about the exciting plans for this biennium. Other Committees will be meeting later this month and in October.

Unlike many other professional educator organizations, DKG has many avenues of financial support as one of the many benefits of membership. At the State level we have many opportunities for members to support career goals (**Scholarships**), attendance at State and International DKG Conferences (**Travel and Study Stipends**), and Chapter projects (**Bea Small Awards**). The **Pi State Education Foundation** awards funding for literacy-based initiatives in classrooms and communities (**Project Grants**) and scholarships for members (**Literacy Scholarships**). The **Gladys L. Mersereau Scholarship** is intended for collegiate members. Our **Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid** is one example of how we extend our membership by giving to non-DKG members.

The New York State Organization also presents several awards for outstanding contributions to education or service in DKG. The **Verna Mulholland Award** acknowledges distinguished service of a non-DKG member. The **Pi State Achievement Award** recognizes a DKG member for her prominent contributions to our organization at the Chapter, State and possibly International levels. The **Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award** honors a member who exemplifies the best in our career field through her longitudinal service at the local, state and possibly national levels of education.

As State President, I know we have members who would benefit from our support and deserve recognition for their accomplishments. Please take some time to read through this issue and visit our State website to learn more. Please know that your State Officers, State Personnel and Committee Chairs are eager to assist with the application process. You can find information on the Pi State Educational Foundation and all of the NYSO Awards, Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid on the NYSO DKG website at [www.dkgynystate.org](http://www.dkgynystate.org) under *New York State* in the ribbon at the top of the page.

*Until we have the opportunity to see each other in person,  
I wish you all good health!*

Best, Jen



*Jennifer Lee-Alden*  
**NYSO DKG President 2021-2025**

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Manageable Leadership"***

## CALENDAR OF NYSO IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

### October 2023- June 2024

October 14, 2023	West Central Area Conference, Letchworth State Park, Humphrey Nature Center, 10am- 1pm
October 24, 2023	“Women's Night Out” with Vendors-Featuring Senator Pamela Helming 4:30pm to 8:30pm, Club 86, Avenue E, Geneva, NY 14456
October 28, 2023	North Central Area Council “The Future Is Now: Educational Opportunities to Prepare Students for Jobs of the Future” at Delta Lake Bible Conference Centre Rome, 9:00am – after lunch and speakers
November 1, 2023	Project Grant applications due to Pi State Educational Foundation
<b>November 15, 2023</b>	<b>Nominations for Elected Personnel positions due to Personnel Committee Chair, Ellyn Levy</b>
<b>November 1, 2023</b>	<b>Seminar Workshop Proposals due to EEC Chair Rosemary Van Wart</b>
Before November 15, 2023	IRS Form 990 Due
December 1, 2023	Deadline Winter <i>Pi Lights</i> - to NYSO Editor Mary-Martha Harvey- <a href="mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net">mharvey@frontiernet.net</a>
Before February 1, 2024	Annual Necrology Report due to NYSO Membership and Expansion Chair Anne L’Hommedieu
February 1, 2024	International Scholarships Due
February 15, 2024	Literacy Scholarship Applications due to Pi State Educational Foundation
February 15, 2024	NYSO Applications Due to NYSO Chairs for Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Pi State Scholarships</li> <li>* Travel and Study Stipends</li> <li>* Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</li> <li>* The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</li> <li>* Pi State Achievement Award</li> <li>* The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award</li> <li>* The Bea Small Award</li> </ul>
<b>April 19-20, 2024</b>	<b>NYSO DKG Spring Meeting and Seminar, Delta Hotel, Utica, NY</b>
May 1, 2024	Project Grant applications due to Pi State Educational Foundation
June 1, 2024	DEADLINE: Pi Lights Summer issue information to NYSO Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, <a href="mailto:mharvey@frontiernet.net">mharvey@frontiernet.net</a>
<b>SAVE THE DATE: April 25-27, 2025</b>	<b>NYSO DKG Convention, Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center Lake George, NY</b>
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee Chair Anne L’Hommedieu ASAP after a member passes

*Elisa Keating*  
*Executive Secretary*

## 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 that are willing to step up to a State Position!*

As Chapter Presidents, we encourage professional and personal growth within our Chapters. It is so important that our members recognize that all State Positions are **manageable**. There is **training**, **mentorship** and total support from our NYSO sisters. ***We all work as a team!***

Committee members are: **Mary Ellyn Levy**, Chair (*Tau- E*), **Dr. Kathleen Bishop** (*Nu-NC*), **Cornelia Johnson** (*Beta Delta-EC*), **Glenda Rowe** (*Psi-N*), **Joan Slagle** (*Beta Omega-C*), **Gloria Stone** (*Alpha Iota-NC*) and **Jennifer Lee Alden**, (*Beta Omega-C*) NYSO President *Ex-Officio*.

We are currently accepting applications for terms that expire in 2024 (*Executive Secretary, FDF Administrator and Webmaster*) and an expired term for 2 years for *Treasurer*. The *Treasurer* position is a most important unfinished task for our Committee. Please consider applying if you are interested in these Elected Personnel positions of Executive Secretary, FDF Administrator, Treasurer and Webmaster.

There will be other positions coming up for next year. Our Committee will be reaching out to Area Council Presidents to assist us in this task. Please find the job responsibilities as well as the Application/Nomination Forms on NYSO website: [www.dkgnystate.org/new-york-state-officers-elected-personnel.html](http://www.dkgnystate.org/new-york-state-officers-elected-personnel.html).

**Application forms must be received by the Chair of Personnel Committee, Mary Ellyn Levy, [melevy@hvc.rr.com](mailto:melevy@hvc.rr.com), by NOVEMBER 15, 2023.**

The Personnel Committee is looking forward to receiving applications for these NYSO State positions.

Sincerely,

**Mary Ellyn Levy, Tau**

*NYSO Personnel Committee Chair*

## A Parliamentary Minute

### Meeting Minutes

While in Detroit at the International Conference, I attended a workshop “*The Magic of Minutes.*”

Writing minutes is a skill that we all need to be aware of ... including Chairs and Officers whether at the Chapter, State or International level of the Society.

#### Some Do's for all to be aware of:

- ❖ Prepare minutes promptly after a meeting.
- ❖ Always record kind of meeting, date, time and place.
- ❖ Record the presence of the President or Chair and Secretary.
- ❖ Record full name and title of Officers and Committee Chairs who present reports.
- ❖ Enter exact words of a motion as stated by the President.

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

### State Visitation Schedule

Date	Event	State Representative
October 27, 2023	<i>Alpha Alpha</i> Celebration	Karen Crumley
October 14, 2023	West Central Area Conference	Amy Zimmerman
October 21, 2023	<i>Gamma Alpha</i> Chapter Meeting via ZOOM	Jennifer Lee-Alden
October 24, 2023	East Central Area Conference	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
October 28, 2023	North Central Area Conference	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
November 14, 2023	<i>Beta Theta</i> Chapter Meeting	Jennifer Lee-Alden
November 16, 2023	<i>Beta Tau</i> Chapter Meeting	Amy Zimmerman
November 18, 2023	<i>Alpha Theta</i> Chapter Meeting	Elisa Keating

*Elisa Keating, Beta Delta  
NYSO Executive Secretary*

### Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

The Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid (NAG) is one of many ways that DKG New York State Organization supports women.

This grant 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:

**Pat Turner**, Chair (*Alpha Theta*- NW)

**Elizabeth Fleury** (*Alpha Iota*-NC)

**Rise Messmer** (*Nu*- NC)

**Patricia Thompson** (*Beta Omicron* -SC)

**Christina Unger** (*Alpha Theta* -NW)

**Jennifer Lee Alden**, NYSO President, Ex-Officio

*It is our HONOR to support these deserving Native American women!* Please contact Patricia Turner, Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair, at 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport, NY 14094, [tunes14@yahoo.com](mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

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

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## Latest News from the NYSO DKG BYLAWS & Rules Committee

I am pleased to return as your State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair. Since ALL Chapters are supposed to review their Standing Rules each biennium, it is time for that process to start again. There are some changes at the International level that Chapters need to know about. Our updated State BYLAWS & Standing Rules are now posted on the website.

All Chapter Presidents will be receiving a letter from me and my new Committee regarding the status of their Standing Rules. I will send this email out in September. Chapters that are several years out of date will be contacted by one of the Committee members to see how we can offer assistance in updating their Rules. You can expect to see this communication in October. To aid you in updating your Rules, go to the NYSO DKG website and look at the checklist of required items for Standing Rules. The link to this checklist is: [https://www.dkgstate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_chapter\\_standing\\_rules\\_checklist\\_9.28.18.pdf](https://www.dkgstate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_chapter_standing_rules_checklist_9.28.18.pdf).

**International has changed the dues schedule for new members.** It now reads: *"New members shall become members when dues are paid. New members who join between July 1 and December 31 shall pay the full international, state and chapter dues for the current fiscal year. New members who join between January 1 and March 31 shall pay half international and half state dues. New members joining between April 1 and June 30 shall pay full international, state and chapter dues for the ensuing year. Reinstated members shall pay full international and state annual dues whenever reinstated."*

I want to include a couple of links to help you quickly find the information mentioned:

\* The link to our Committee webpage -

[https://www.dkgstate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/2021-2023\\_nyso\\_dkg\\_bylaws\\_website\\_page.pdf](https://www.dkgstate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/2021-2023_nyso_dkg_bylaws_website_page.pdf).

\* The link to NYSO DKG's newly updated BYLAWS and Standing Rules -

<https://www.dkgstate.org/new-york-state-bylaws-and-standing-rules.html>.

Members for 2023-2025 are **Sue Kenoyer, Chair** (*Psi- N*), **Dr. Katherine Cho** (*Alpha Phi- SE*), **Melanie McDonald** (*Beta Omega- C*), **Annmarie Santorelly** (*Zeta- E*), **Jennifer Lee Alden**, NYSO President, *Ex-Officio*, **Karen Crumley**, NYSO Executive Parliamentarian, *Ex-Officio*, and **Elisa Keating**, (*Beta Tau-EC*) NYSO Executive Secretary *Ex- Officio*.

Watch for future articles and workshops. Please contact us with your questions.

*Sue Kenoyer, Psi*

*BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committee Chair*

## ATTENTION ALL APPLICANTS

**NYSO Applications Due February 15, 2024**  
**To NYSO Chairs for Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid**

\* *Scholarships*

\* *Travel and Study Stipends*

\* *Bea Small Award*

\* *Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid*

\* *Pi State Achievement Award*

\* *The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award*

\* *The Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award*

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

**A Message from the Educational Excellence Committee:**  
**Share your talents and expertise**  
**with your NYSO Sisters!**

The members of DKG are known for their talented teaching, their eagerness to always learn something new and their generosity in giving of their time to guide and mentor others. **The Educational Excellence Committee (EEC)** wants to tap into all those positive attributes. So, we invite you to submit proposals for workshops that will offer professional and personal development to your NYSO Sisters.

Committee members are: **Rosemary Van Wart**, Chair (*Alpha Pi -E*), **Deborah Bedard** (*Alpha Epsilon- C*), **Karen Butters** (*Beta Mu-N*), **Joanne Carroll** (*Alpha Pi- E*), **Kayla (Fraser) Frumusas** (*Beta Omega-C*), **Karen Jones** (*Beta Omega-C*), **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn** (*Beta-NC*), **Lucy Smassanow** (*Alpha Alpha-WC*), **Eileen Venezia** (*Gamma Alpha-SE*) UN-NGO Representative and **Jennifer Lee Alden**, NYSO President, *Ex-Officio*.

Whether you are new to NYSO DKG or have been a member for a while, you likely know that historically the EEC has provided learning opportunities in topics that touch on DKG business, personal and professional development to members at our State meetings. More recently, we have been able to provide opportunities for professional development that qualified for CTLE credits which many of you need. With that in mind, the EEC and I encourage you to look at your skills, best classroom practices or programs, a professional book that inspired you or a special talent that you would be willing to share with your NYSO sisters. This year our focus going forward is to try offering more virtual workshops, especially those for credit, that can be done anytime, not just at State meetings. *That should be an advantage for both attendees and presenters!*

Please consider sharing your talents and expertise and submit a proposal for a workshop. The form may be found on the NYSO website...

[https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg\\_eec\\_workshop\\_proposal\\_form\\_2023-2025.pdf](https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_eec_workshop_proposal_form_2023-2025.pdf)

After you fill out the form, you can send it to me. My contact information is on the form and on the EEC webpage on our NYSO website.

**If you would like to offer your workshop at the Spring Meeting in Utica, the deadline for submissions is November 1, 2023.**

If you wish to offer a virtual workshop for another time of year, you can submit that anytime. Just note on the form that you would like to offer a virtual workshop and a time frame for when you would like to present it.

*We look forward to hearing from lots of you!*

Regards,

*Rosemary Van Wart, EEC Chair*

**ATTENTION: Chapter Presidents**  
**Website & Print Information Release Forms**

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

Please ensure that your Inductees are given the form.

Please make sure that non-members whose pictures and names that are included in your publicity, newsletters and website have also signed the form. These forms are also archived.

*Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega  
NYSO Webmaster*

## NYSO Nominating Committee

The *NYSO DKG* Nominating Committee screens and reviews all candidate nominations/applications, including credentials and letters of support, and recommends a slate of NYSO DKG Officers to the NYSO DKG Executive Board for action at the NYSO DKG Convention. The Committee is also responsible for recommending nominees for Area Council representatives to the NYSO DKG Nominations and Finance Committees to the NYSO DKG Executive Board for action, based on a rotation schedule.

### Committee Members

**Dee Hushmendi-Chair** (2023-2027) *Alpha Nu C*  
**Christine Bennett** (2021-2025) *Omega EC*  
**Karen Butters** (2023-2027) *(Beta Mu-N)*  
**Elaine Callow** (2021-2025) *Gamma Alpha SE*  
**Ruth Ann Fultz** (2021-2025) *Beta Gamma WC*  
**Noreen LeCann** (2023-2027) *Rho SC*  
**Sue Peters-Bush** (2023-2027) *Chi NC*  
**Cindy Reger** (2021-2025) *Beta Nu SW*  
**Annamarie Santorelly** (2023-2027) *Zeta E)*  
**Julia Schrader** (2021-2025) *Gamma Gamma NW*

New members were welcomed via email. We reviewed the webpage, our responsibilities, goals of the Committee, and shared information about the B YLAWS & Standing Rules electronically. *We are ready!*

*Dr. Dee Hushmendi, Alpha Nu  
Chair Nominating Committee*

## Finance Committee

The *Finance Committee* had several meetings last year.

In the fall we recommended an increase in meal reimbursement to \$60 average per day. We also recommended that additional expenses for the NYSO DKG President or her designee be reimbursed, such as registration for the International Convention and for some State and International Convention expenses. Costs have risen dramatically in recent years. These women do serve as Officers without pay. All our recommendations were approved in April.

In the spring we presented a balanced budget.

After taking the summer off, we will have our first official Committee meeting of this new biennium in early September. We will be having discussions about our investments and how they have been doing. We will also be discussing our goals for the new biennium.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new members on the Finance Committee and continuing to work well together as a team:

**Mona Lee Bogan, Chair** (2021-2025) *(Tau-E)*  
**Diane Dietrich** (2023-2027) *(Beta Epsilon-SW)*  
**Barbara Filipiak** (2023-2027) *(Alpha Theta-NW)*  
**Linda Flaherty** (2023-2027) *(Beta Gamma-WC)*  
**Grace Murphy** (2023-2027) *(Alpha Beta- SE)*  
**Marie Scoles** (2023-2027) *(Beta Delta-EC)*  
**Mary Francis Seymour** (2021-2025) *(Beta Chi-SC)*  
**Joan Slagle** (2021-2025) *(72-Beta Omega C)*  
**Beryl Szwed** (2021-2025) *(Beta Mu-N)*  
**Deborah Vibbard** (2021-2025) *(2-Beta NC)*  
**Jennifer Lee-Alden** (2023-2025) NYSO President *(Beta Omega-C)*  
**Elisa Keating**, NYSO Executive Secretary *Ex- Officio*  
**Suzanne Patrick**, NYSO Treasurer *Ex-Officio*

*Mona Lee Bogan, Tau  
Chair Finance Committee*



## Leadership Development Committee Has Busy Summer

The 2023-2025 Leadership Development Committee was busy during the summer developing training sessions and preparing for future programs. The purpose of the Committee, through the support of the Executive Committee, is to plan and implement leadership programs for State and Chapter Officers and State Committee Chairs.

The Committee includes **Dr. Anna Marie A. Bonafide**, Chair (*Alpha Nu-C*); **Roselind Bogner** (*Alpha Lambda-NW*); **Sue Butler** (*Alpha Chi-NC*); **Kim Goldhirsch** (*Alpha Zeta-E*); **Jeanne Schenk** (*Alpha Tau-EC*); **Jennifer Lee Alden**, NYSO President, *Ex-Officio* (*Beta Omega-C*) and **Amy Zimmerman**, NYSO Second Vice-President, *Ex-Officio* (*Alpha Tau, EC*).

Committee members held their first meeting in July to plan the August 4 Committee Chair Training via Zoom. In addition, the members adopted their goals for 2023-2025 and will add to them as needed:

- Develop and present an in-person Leadership Development Workshop for the NYSO Executive Committee.
- Develop and present a Leadership Development Seminar for State Committee Chairs and new Chapter Presidents, using virtual presentations and Flip Grid.
- Plan and hold workshops for new Chapter Presidents at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar and NYSO DKG State Convention, based on the needs and requests of the State Chairs, State Executive Committee and Chapter Presidents.
- Include leadership development for all NY State members through online opportunities.
- Promote the active participation of all Committee members.

A Flipbook was also prepared with important material for Committee Chairs along with digital Flip videos and supplemental information. Following the August 4 meeting, an evaluation was sent to the Committee Chairs. LDC will hold a follow-up meeting to address questions and concerns.

LDC also participated in the August 11 Executive Committee training and discussed ideas for 2024 Presidents' Training, and Leadership workshops at the April Executive Board meeting. The next meeting is planned for September 14.

*Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Chair  
Leadership Development Committee*

## BEA SMALL LEADERSHIP SPEAKERS FUND

The *Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* is part of the Committees Subject to Endowments.

It was established in 1996 from a bequest of **Bea Small** with additional funds from her daughter, Barbara Woodworth. Bea Small was a member of *Omega* Chapter. The interest from the \$8000 base may be used annually or biennially to provide speakers, facilitators or workshop presenters to assist in the leadership training of NYS members. This leadership development can occur during Leadership Development Seminars or workshops for NYS Officers, NYS Committee Chairs or during NYS Spring or Fall Seminars or the NYS Convention.

No NYS members may receive money from the Fund. The Committee strongly encourages NYS members to make contributions to this fund so that outstanding leadership development workshops may be provided in the future.

Committee Members are **Jennifer Lee-Alden** (*Beta Omega C*) Chair, **Jeanne Schenk** (*Alpha Tau EC*) and **Lynda John** (*Omega EC*).

*Jennifer Lee-Alden, Beta Omega  
Chair, Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund*

## **Opportunities for Members of DKG**

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

<b>If a member is looking for:</b>	<b>Consider these opportunities:</b>
Financial Support for Study beyond the Bachelor's degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– International Scholarships – 30 scholarships available each year: \$10,000 for doctoral study and \$6,000 for other graduate study</li> <li>– State organization and chapter scholarships</li> </ul>
Financial Support for onetime Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– DKG Educational Foundation Cornet Awards</li> <li>– One- time individual awards of up to \$2,000</li> <li>– State Organization Professional Development Awards</li> <li>– Chapter Grants</li> </ul>
Financial Support for Classroom/ School/Community Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– DKG Educational Foundation Project Awards</li> <li>– State Organization Foundation Grants</li> <li>– Chapter Mini-Grants and Scholarships</li> </ul>
Leadership Training for Professional Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– International Leadership/Management Seminar – graduate training valued at more than \$8,000. If selected to attend, recipients pay a registration fee</li> <li>– International Conventions/Conferences</li> <li>– State Organization Conventions/Conferences/Seminars</li> <li>– State Organization Leadership Seminars*</li> <li>– Society-sponsored Parliamentary Training</li> </ul>
Speaker or Presenter Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– International Speakers Fund - Speakers on topics of personal/professional</li> <li>– Chapter programs</li> <li>– Area, State Organization, International Workshops/Seminars</li> <li>– Keynote speakers at Society meetings</li> </ul>
Emergency Assistance for a major loss from floods, tornados, earthquakes or other catastrophic event of nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– International Emergency Fund, \$500 per event, per member</li> </ul>
Recognition for Earned Doctorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Listing in program and recognition at International Convention</li> </ul>
Leadership Opportunities in a Nurturing Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter Officer/Committee Chair/member positions</li> <li>– State Organization Committee member/Chair</li> <li>– State Organization Officer positions</li> <li>– International Committee member/Chair</li> <li>– International Administrative Board member/Officer</li> </ul>
Service to Community/State/the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Schools for Africa Project support</li> <li>– Support for local Early-Career Educators</li> <li>– State Organization Service Project support*</li> <li>– Chapter Service Project participation*</li> </ul>
Professional Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DKG Communities</li> <li>– International/State Organization Conventions/Conferences/Seminars</li> <li>– Chapter meetings</li> <li>– Service at State/International levels</li> </ul>
An Audience for Professional Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The DKG Bulletin – juried, professional journal</li> <li>– The Collegial Exchange magazine</li> <li>– Educators Book Award</li> <li>– State and Chapter newsletters/websites</li> <li>– DKG blogs</li> </ul>
An Audience for Visual & Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Arts &amp; Humanities Galleries</li> </ul>

*[\\*Guidelines for Chapter Leaders, 2019, pages 37-38.](#)*

**In New York State we have a wonderful opportunity this year:**

**\* The Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar will be held in Utica at the Delta Hotel, April 19-20, 2024.**

This Seminar/Meetings will feature workshop sessions, meetings to conduct the business of our State, keynote speakers and time for fellowship.

Look for online training sessions that will be announced on the State website and in member communications.

***Take time 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, 2024**

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Send Applications to</b>
<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>Amy Zimmerman</b> 1316 Bay Drive Middlesex 14507 <a href="mailto:azimmerman@mwcsd.org">azimmerman@mwcsd.org</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>Lisa Huyck</b> 69 Miller Road Treadwell 13846 <a href="mailto:farming@citlink.net">farming@citlink.net</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>Pat Turner</b> 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 <a href="mailto:tunes14@yahoo.com">tunes14@yahoo.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>Dr. Andréa Morris</b> 105 Ashland Place Apt. 4D Brooklyn 11201-3957 <a href="mailto:morrispianoforte@gmail.com">morrispianoforte@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>Joanne Carroll</b> PO Box 88 200 Mahopac Avenue Granite Springs 10527 <a href="mailto:joannecarroll1@hotmail.com">joannecarroll1@hotmail.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>Carol Lord</b> 39 Park Street Phelps 14532-1127 <a href="mailto:clord@rochester.rr.com">clord@rochester.rr.com</a>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>NYSO DKG Scholarships</b> information, criteria and applications are available on NYSO website and have a \$3000 maximum. Applications are available on State website <a href="http://www.dkgstate.org">www.dkgstate.org</a> . <b>International Scholarships</b> are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on International website <a href="http://www.dkg.org">www.dkg.org</a> .	<b>Mary Ann Baldari</b> 26 Joel Place Staten Island 10306 <a href="mailto:mbald2626@yahoo.com">mbald2626@yahoo.com</a>

## Pi State Achievement Award



### Pi State Achievement Award Committee (2023-2025)

**Dr. Andréa H. Morris**, Chair (*Alpha Beta SE*)

**Agnes Becker** (*Alpha Lambda NE*)

**Dr. Beverly A. Burnell** (*Psi N*)

**Anne-Marie Carlson** (*Phi E*)

**Jacinda Ann Lisanto** (*Beta Theta EC*)

**Catherine Olinger** (*Alpha Phi SE*)

**Jean B. Sekel** (*Pi C*)

**Jennifer Lee-Alden** (*Beta Omega C*) NYSO President *Ex-Officio*

The *Pi State Achievement Award* Committee look forward to encouraging Chapter Presidents and members to nominate a deserving NYSO active member of five years who has made outstanding contributions to education and to the NYSO Society. The nominee should have attended and actively participated in Executive Board Meetings, Conventions and Area Council Conferences. In addition, the nominee should have attended International Conferences and Conventions.

This is a most prestigious award, which is kept secret to the nominee. It is an exciting event when this award is announced at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar or Convention.

To become more familiar with the description and criteria for the Award, please refer to the State website, [www.dkgynystate.org](http://www.dkgynystate.org), for the *Pi State Achievement Award* Nomination Form and webpage.

More information about the Committee may be found on the State website:

\* In NEW YORK STATE menu, *Applications for New York State Awards, Scholarships & Grants-in-Aid ... Pi State Achievement Award*

\* In COMMITTEES menu, *Society Mission and Purpose Committees ... Pi State Achievement Award Committee (Criteria and Goals)*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance, [morrispianoforte@gmail.com](mailto:morrispianoforte@gmail.com).

***Please consider nominating a deserving NYSO leader for  
the 2024 Pi State Achievement Award!***

*Dr. Andréa H. Morris (Alpha Beta, SE), Chair*

## 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](mailto:nysdkgpres2123@gmail.com). and

Webmaster **Mary-Martha Harvey**, [mharvey@frontiernet.net](mailto: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*

## World Fellowship Committee Update

*Join us in World Fellowship!*

As our WF Committee begins a new biennium, we invite you to reimagine what the possibilities for mentoring DKG International World Fellowship Grant recipients will provide for you and your Chapter. Though the world may appear to be far reaching and the opportunities while teaching or retired may seem distant, I would say not so! When you communicate with these vital, up and coming, passionate young women who have been given that boost through DKG to study in the USA, Canada and even right here in New York State, the shared interest and networking is palatable.

I am pleased to be working with **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**, *Alpha Nu*, State 1<sup>st</sup> VP as our Executive Liaison. As Chair, I welcome the return of **Cathy Patterson** (*Gamma Zeta SC*) and **Joyce Tang** (*Alpha Phi SE*).

*We welcome new Committee members.* Do consider joining our World Fellowship Committee. We meet every other month on ZOOM for an hour. We welcome participation in person or through updates. Please let me know if you are interested joining the World Fellowship Committee.

Currently, we are anticipating the 2023-2024 list of grants and extensions for NYS from DKG International. **Belen Alejandra Aguinaga Aguinaga** from Ecuador has been studying at the New York University School of Law this past year with every possibility of an extension to her study.

Members can access more detailed information through signing in to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

The funds that your Chapters donate to support the World Fellowship Fund collectively go beyond NY State to ensure our strong global connection in education. For further information, please contact World Fellowship Chair, **Sue Genthner**, [susangenthner@gmail.com](mailto:susangenthner@gmail.com).

*Reminder:* Treasurers, please send donations to International DKGIEF earmarked for the WF Fund.

*Sue Genthner, Alpha Alpha, Chair  
World Fellowship Committee*

## EDUCATION NEWS UPDATES

The *Education News Updates* is now discontinued This feature was compiled by **Judy Wadsworth**, *Alpha Alpha*, for the Monroe County School Boards Association and shared by permission with our NYSO.

*We are forever indebted to Judy for her tireless efforts over the years in keeping us apprised of EDUCATION news, concerns and events on the state and national levels.* Send comments to [judithw@frontiernet.net](mailto:judithw@frontiernet.net).

Judy has provided several links to assist us in staying informed. These links and final issue may be found on the State website, Chapter/Chapter Resources menu ... <https://www.dkgnystate.org/chapter-resources.html>.

*Thank you, Judy!*

## 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](mailto: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*



### ***Travel & Study Stipend Committee*** ***Opportunities for ACTIVE AND RETIRED EDUCATORS***

The *Travel & Study Stipend* Committee wishes to encourage all NYSO members to think about attending any upcoming DKG Conference, Meeting or Society Seminar. For assistance with much of your expenses, consider applying for the *Travel & Study Stipend*. Past recipients have expressed much appreciation to the Committee for giving them these wonderful opportunities

NYSO Standing Rules state that there can be two *Travel & Study Stipends* awarded not to exceed \$1000.00 each. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired NYSO member and one to a member currently employed.

Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

- \* Number of years of membership
- \* Type of service to DKG
- \* Major reasons for applying for the Stipend
- \* Outcome or achievements to be obtained in attending the Seminar or event
- \* Ways that the achievements will be used in the future of DKG and in one's professional and/or personal growth.

Our Committee hopes to be overwhelmed with many applications this year. The deadline for applications is **February 15**. The application can be found on the NYSO website in NYS menu/Applications, or you can contact me at [clord@rochester.rr.com](mailto:clord@rochester.rr.com). There is also a fillable application form in addition to a printable one.

Committee members include **Carol Lord, Chair** (*Beta Delta-EC*), **Joan Goldstein** (*Gamma Alpha-SE*), **Victoria Mazzuca** (*Alpha-E*), **Sharon Patrick** (*Alpha Kappa-C*), **Cindy Zhe** (*Beta Tau-WC*), and **Jennifer Lee Alden**, NYSO President *Ex-Officio*.

We want to stress to members that these awards are given only for attendance to Conferences, Conventions and Society Seminars promoted by Delta Kappa Gamma. Recipients are expected to share their experiences and knowledge, when possible, with Chapter members and NYSO members through presentations. They will also be asked to submit an article for publication in *Pi Lights* as well as to the Travel & Study Committee.

***Carol Lord. Chair***  
***Travel & Study Stipend Committee***

### **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***

### **NYSO DKG HONORARY MEMBERS**

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

## 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 Board of Trustees administering this Award consists of four Trustees:

**Chair Joanne Carroll** (*Alpha Pi E*), *Educational Excellence Committee Rep*;

**Amber Gladle** (*Gamma Epsilon N*) *Communications & Marketing Committee Rep*;

**Susan Norris** (*Beta Mu N*), *Executive Committee Rep*.

**Mary-Martha Harvey** (*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 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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) shall be presented to the Chapter during a Spring Executive Board Meeting or NYSO Convention.

There is a *Post-Project Report Form* that is to be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The Award will be publicized in the Fall, Winter or Spring issues 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 Joanne Carroll, [joannecarroll1@hotmail.com](mailto:joannecarroll1@hotmail.com).

*Joanne Carroll, Alpha Pi, Chair  
Bea Small Award Board of Trustees*

## NYSO DKG Awards Benefit Tickets

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

### 2024 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar  
Utica, April 19-20, 2024

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

### 2024 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar  
Utica, April 18-20, 2024

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

## Scholarship Committee

The *NYSO Scholarship Committee* is here for **you**.

This Committee promotes interest in and support for scholarships both at the State and International levels in keeping with one of the seven purposes of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society: to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators to pursue graduate study. We have expanded that to include other educational goals.

Through the generosity of past NYSO members' bequests and the interest accrued from them, as well as Chapter and member contributions, there is money available each year so that the NYSO DKG can offer several scholarships. These scholarships are available for graduate study, research, enrichment study, continuing education, master's degree study, doctoral degree study, Road Scholar (*created by Elderhostel*) travel and National Board Certification.

Committee Members

**Mary Ann Baldari, Chair** (*Alpha Beta- SE*)

**Evie Bottorf** (*Omega- EC*)

**Deborah Hutchinson** (*Beta Omega -C*)

**Kate Inhelder** (*Psi-N*)

**Allison Kovacs** (*Nu- NC*)

**Joyce Luby** (*Alpha-E*)

**Jennifer Lee Alden** (*Beta Omega- C*) NYSO President *Ex-Officio*

To learn more about the NYSO Scholarships, visit our Committee's webpage on the State website.

Applications can be found on the State website. Applicants must be active members in good standing for at least 2 years. **Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2024.**

*Please refer to the chart on the following page for information on the following named scholarships.*

### LIST OF NYSO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Georgia I. Hartman Scholarship

The Jeannie Snapp Scholarship

The Jeanette Johnson Scholarship

The Phoebe Mersereau Eldridge Scholarship

The Edna B. Mack Scholarship

The Ruth Williams Scholarship

The A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship

The Iona M. Keeler Scholarship

The Gladys L. Mersereau Scholarship

For further information or questions, please contact Mary Ann Baldari, [mbald2626@yahoo.com](mailto:mbald2626@yahoo.com).

**Mary Ann Baldari**, *Alpha Beta-SE*  
Chair, Scholarship Committee

## DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
**New York State Chart of Named Scholarships**

<b>Scholarship named for</b>	<b>Who should apply</b>	<b>To whom awarded in past few years</b>
<b>A. Evadna Crawford</b>	Preference given to educators working with elementary age children	To an elementary teacher for courses to gain certification in ESL
<b>Phoebe Mersereau Eldredge</b> (Offered whenever interest accumulates to \$500)	Current teachers and retirees	Continuing education - Road Scholar program
<b>Georgia I. Hartmann</b>	An active teacher	
<b>Jeanette Johnson</b> (Offered whenever interest accumulates to \$500)	Current teachers and retirees	Continuing education to update skills; maintain certification; training in a new level in field of specialty
<b>Edna B. Mack</b>	For members who seek advanced education or specialized development to improve or expand her ability to perform distinctive service in the education field. Does not require the recipient to be in a degree program, meant to provide broad and innovative opportunities for professional advancement.	PhD candidate; courses in a new field of study
<b>Jennie F. Snapp</b> (Offered whenever interest accumulates to \$500)	Current teachers and retirees	Research in preparation for writing a book
<b>Ruth E. Williams</b>	Active teacher for professional development (i.e. developing a history of the local community, pursuing national Board Certification, or a higher degree)	PhD candidate
<b>Iona M. Keeler</b>	Early Career Educators	
<b>Pi State Scholarship</b>	Current teachers and retirees	PhD candidate; member finishing Educational Leadership program; to attend a conference on the Suzuki Method of string instruction; National Migrant Education Conference; research and write a Dance History Text and present research to National Dance Ed. Organization Conference
<b>Gladys L. Mersereau</b>	Graduate students	

## ***The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award***

### ***Nominations due by February 15, 2023***

In 1983, the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* was established in honor of **Verna Mulholland**, elected *Pi* State President in 1981, and serving until her untimely death in 1982. The Award was in response to her interest in recognizing non-educators' influence on education.

A stipulation of the Award is to honor a New York State woman, ineligible for membership in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, who has been a positive influence on education. The recipient must be a woman outside the profession who has worked significantly toward improving the educational opportunities of others and who has given outstanding service to promote quality education.

Chapters are encouraged to nominate deserving women for this Award. The nomination application should be sent to the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* Chair by February 15, 2023. The nomination application form is on the State Website, [www.dkgynystate.org](http://www.dkgynystate.org). At this point it is not a fillable PDF. The form needs to be printed, filled out, necessary signatures obtained, mailed to the Chair and postmarked by February 15.

Members of the *Board of Trustees* are **Lisa Huyck**, Chair (*Rho SC*), **Karen Jones** (*Beta Omega-C*), **Mary Kula** (*Beta Epsilon-C*), **Lochie Musso** (*Alpha Eta-E*), **Eileen Venezia** (*Gamma Alpha-SE*) and **Jennifer Lee Alden** (*Beta Omega -C*) NYSO President *Ex-Officio*.

For further information, contact the Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* Board of Trustees, **Lisa Huyck**, [farming@citlink.net](mailto:farming@citlink.net).

*Please note:* The funds for this Award are dependent on voluntary contributions. To make it possible to continue presenting the Award for many more years, donations are encouraged, payable to the NYSO DKG Fund. Contribution forms are on the State Website.

*Lisa Huyck, Rho, Chair*  
*Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees*

## ***Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award***

The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* is given to an active (*not reserve*) member of the NYS Organization who has held membership for a minimum of five years. She can be an active or former member of the teaching profession who has exemplified the best in education. Her contributions to education and other related fields in New York, and possibly at the national level, should be varied, widely known and well-documented over a period of five years. It should demonstrate the nominee's commitment to education locally, statewide and/or nationally.

The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* was established in 1988 from a bequest of Past NYSO President **Frederica Hollister**. She was a member of the *Beta Rho* Chapter. Along with honoring the recipient of this award, it also honors the memory of Frederica Hollister's exceptional contributions to education and women educators.

**All sections** of the completed application must be submitted by no later than February 15 to be considered. The nominator must include her **letters of support and all requested documentation**.

Members of the *Frederica Hollister Board of Trustees* are **Amy Zimmerman** Chair, *Alpha Tau EC*; Dr. **Anna Marie Bonafide**, *Alpha Nu C*; **Karen Crumley**, *Tau E*; and **Erin Eckert**, *Beta Rho SC*.

For further information, please contact the Chair **Amy Zimmerman**, [azimmerman@mwcsd.org](mailto:azimmerman@mwcsd.org).

*Amy Zimmerman, Alpha Tau*  
*Chair Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Committee*



## Communications and Marketing Committee

The *NYSO Communications and Marketing Committee* met and began making goals for this biennium which includes making local Chapters more visible online.

\* Due to a small number of local Chapters linked to our State website and thus International website, we will be hosting some **webinar workshops** introducing steps and tips to create a Chapter website. These webinars will be ideal for those Chapters who want to create websites but are unsure where or how to begin.

\* We will also be looking at how our State *Facebook* page is being utilized in hopes that we can highlight more local events and accomplishments.

***Our Committee is energized and ready to support local Chapters.***

*Stacy Liberati, Alpha Tau  
Chair, Communications and Marketing Committee*

## NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee

The members of the *State Membership and Expansion Committee* are here to assist members and Chapters throughout the State. We hope our efforts will assist NYSO members as we work together to re-commit and re-energize our efforts in DKG “*Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership.*”

Committee members are **Anne L’Hommedieu** (*Beta Theta EC*) **Chair**, **Michelle “Mikki” Cole** (*Beta Epsilon SW*), **Kayla Fraser Frumusa** (*Beta Omega C*), **Pamela Hays** (*Alpha Theta NW*), **Kristine Mackowski** (*Alpha Nu C*), **Lisa Smithers** (*Gamma Epsilon N*), **Elisa Keating** (*Beta Delta EC*) NYSO Executive Secretary *Ex-Officio*, and **Jennifer Lee-Alden** (*Beta Omega C*) NYSO President *Ex-Officio*.

There are many ways we can help and support your local Chapter:

\* We are available to answer questions involving membership classifications, nomination and induction, transfer, reinstatement and termination.

\* We honor deceased members at the *Hour of Remembrance* that occurs every other year at the State Convention. Please be sure to send the **NYSO Form 6** to me ([amlhommedieu@gmail.com](mailto:amlhommedieu@gmail.com)) as soon as possible so that we can send a letter of condolence to the Chapter and family.

Form 6 can be found on the state website under Membership Resources. Here is the link:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/134zqnvqeeJ0tAaka3muX3r59XTJWRwpsUaD9hn624/edit?pli=1>  
Please note: Do not send the International Form 6.

\* We strive to support your Chapter’s efforts to attract new members using the International Plan.

\* We provide resources and support to Chapters who wish to **re-energize, strengthen and retain** members.

\* We meet with Area Council Chairs to support the membership needs of their Councils.

\* We meet with Chapter Membership and Necrology Chairs to provide a forum to share membership concerns.

Our *Membership and Expansion Committee* looks forward to working  
with our NYSO members and Chapters!

*Anne L’Hommedieu, Beta Theta  
Chair, Membership and Expansion Committee*

## 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 NYSO members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by donations and memberships.

Please consider donating to the *Educational Foundation* so that we may continue to grant funds to applicants who are doing wonderful projects. Donation forms can be found on the State website.

At the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, members of the *Educational Foundation* elected **Beryl Szwed**, *Beta Mu*, a Director for a four-year term. *Welcome Beryl!* Beryl is taking the place of longtime Director **Amy Zimmerman**. *The Board would like to sincerely thank Amy for her dedication and support of the Educational Foundation and all her work on behalf of the Foundation.*

The Board of Directors met this summer and began to review the BYLAWS of the *Educational Foundation*. Our goal is to have the revisions completed by December and then notify the membership of the changes. The revised BYLAWS will be voted on at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in April 2024.

The Board would like to remind members of the **November 1 deadline for fall project grant applications**. If you are a member of the *Educational Foundation* and have either an individual or Chapter project in mind that will support literacy and learning, PLEASE apply for a project grant.

Members of the Board of Directors of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* are:

**Sue Summerfield** (Pi-C), President

**Ellen Hughes** (*Beta Delta-EC*) Vice President

**Jean Sekel** (Pi-C) Treasurer

**Deborah Bedard** (*Alpha Epsilon-C*) Secretary

**Beryl Szwed** (*Beta Mu-N*)

**Karen Crumley** (*Tau-E*) Parliamentarian

### *Not sure what the Educational Foundation is all about?*

We encourage you to visit the *Pi State Educational Foundation* on the State website for more information about the Foundation, membership, grant and scholarship opportunities. You will also find the grant and scholarship applications.

**As a reminder...a lifetime membership is only \$25.**

***Thank you to everyone who continue to support the Educational Foundation. Without all of your support, the Foundation would not exist.***

*Sue Summerfield, Pi  
President Board of Directors  
Pi State Educational Foundation*



### *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 and State events. Members can wear their keypins at other non-DKG 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.

**Pi State Educational Foundation****Donors List***(May 2023 to June 30, 2023)***NEW MEMBER****CHAPTER***(May 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

Courtney Carey

Beta Mu

**DONATIONS MADE BY****CHAPTER****NO DESIGNATION***(May 2021 to June 30, 2023)*

Omega

2021 Annual Donation

Joan Slagle

Beta Omega

Lois Gibson

Tau

Linda Mahoney

Chi

Jean Wagner

Alpha Chi

Mary Brassard

Psi

South Central Area Council

Omega

2022 Annual Donation

Ginny Dudko

Tau

Mary Ellen Levy

Tau

Omega

2023 Annual Donation

Sue Kenoyer

Psi

**DONATIONS****CHAPTER****IN HONOR OF***(May 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

Members

Rho

NYSO DKG Executive Committee

Barbara Boswick-Quinn

NYSO DKG Executive Committee

Karen Jones

Judith Matthews

**DONATIONS****CHAPTER****IN MEMORY OF***(May 2023 to June 30, 2023)*

Members

Beta Theta

Elizabeth Dunton

Members

Alpha Alpha

Wanda Ward

Members

Alpha Tau

Deborah Frankish

Carol Zaleski

Alpha Chi

Terri Palmiero

*Jean Sekel, Pi**Treasurer, Board of Directors**Pi State Educational Foundation****“Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership”***

### ***Congratulations to Dr. Murphy***

International Executive Director **Nita Scott** notified us that **Dr. Audrey Figueroa Murphy's** (*Alpha Phi-SE*) article, "Supporting the Progress of English Learners Through the Four Language Domains," has been selected for inclusion in the 2023, Volume 89-5 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

The Bulletin is an international journal for professional educators, accepting research-based articles and promoting the professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings.

### ***Omega Chapter Inductees 2023***



*Pictured left to right:* **Dr. Marla Iverson**, Director of Leadership and Organizational Development Center for Professional Development & Education Reform, University of Rochester Warner School of Education; **Michelle Hodgeman**, retired Honeoye & Geneseo CSDs; **Kristen Lamson Magnanti**, Waterloo CSD; and **Jill Ann Fogel**, retired Music Educator Canandaigua CSD and Music Instructor Canandaigua Montessori School.

*Photo by Janice Wright*

### ***Alpha Tau Chapter Inductees 2023***



*Pictured left to right:* **Jennifer Motherwell**, **Jodie Schwartz**, **Ryanne Hughes**, **Erin Bodine** and **Erin Johnson**.

*Photo & Text by Elaine Anderson*



### **Rho Chapter Packing Backpacks**



*Rho Chapter members left to right: **Marge Banks, Lori Taggart, Lisa Huyck and Suzanne Patrick.** The Chapter received funds from NYSO Bea Small Award Board of Trustees.*

### **Alpha Kappa Chapter Painted Quilt Square Project**



*Alpha Kappa Chapter was inspired to paint quilt squares after reading and discussing **Hidden in Plain View, The Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad.** **Donna Langley-Peck** was hostess and instructor of this wonderful event.*

*Text and Photo Submitted by **Sharon Patrick***



### ***Rho Chapter New Teacher Bags Project***



*Rho Chapter met on August 7th to put together **New Teacher Bags**. The need was less this year as we completed 150 bags. The bags included chapstick, post it notes, candy, motivational stickers, hand sanitizer, a badge reel, and a welcome note from our Chapter President Lisa Huyck. Seven of our fourteen members assisted in putting the bags together. Pictured are:*

*First row: **Fran Bliven, Betsy Furgerson**  
Second row: **Lori Taggart, Michelle Hasselbarth,**  
**Leanne (Nydham) Whitney, Lisa Huyck***

*Photo and text by **Suzanne Patrick***

### **DKG MISSION STATEMENT**

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

### **DKG VISION STATEMENT**

*Leading women educators impacting education worldwide*

### **Beta Delta Chapter Care Baskets Project**

On October 20, 2022, *Beta Delta* Chapter members met to make **Care Baskets for every Faculty/Staff room in our four Seneca County School Districts**. Members filled decorated boxes with snacks and wrote positive notes of support to our local educators. DKG pens, pencils and sticky notes along with a *Beta Delta* brochure were included in each box to promote our organization.

Pictured are **Beta Delta** members **Liz Logan, Theresa Clark, Diane Cappellino, Elisa Keating, Marie Scoles, Carol Lord, Janet Driscoll, Denise Capozzi, BJ Garnsey, Cornelia Johnson**, and guests Amylyn Marley and Nicole Spitzer. Our Chapter appreciates the time and dedication of these members who were able to participate in the project.

When we finished the **Care Baskets**, we enjoyed a meal together.



*Photo and Text Submitted by Beta Delta President Marie Scoles*

### **Members Update Your Contact Information**

Members should send address & email changes as soon as possible to Membership at DKG International and update your member profile, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), including email. Changes should also be reported to NYSO Executive Secretary Elisa Keating, [elisakeating1@gmail.com](mailto:elisakeating1@gmail.com).

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

#### **DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

**July 9-13, 2024 ... National Harbor, MD**

**June 30-July 4, 2026 ... Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)**



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