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# *Pi Lights*



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## **Join NYSO DKG Members**

April 29-30, 2022  
Spring Executive Board Meeting  
Delta Hotel by Marriott

200 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502



Room Block for the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Open until March 28, 2022- Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar through this link- [Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) Or Call (315) 797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$159 + 21.86 tax (\$180.86)- **includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille.**

- *We will follow expectations of hotel and NYS guidelines- masking is optional*

Reconvening our in-person April State Meetings has been a challenge: first Covid, then Covid, and then pipes bursting at our venue in Syracuse. All is well though! Our April 29-30 Executive Board meeting will be at the Delta Marriott Hotel in Utica, the same location for the Fall Executive Board in October.

We hope you will join us at this newly renovated hotel for our meeting, workshops and general session. Registration includes a dessert reception on Friday evening and the Scholarship/Awards Luncheon. If you decide to stay at the hotel, the room block rate includes a full breakfast buffet in the hotel grille.

For those joining us on Friday evening, there is also an optional dinner which can be ordered through the registration form.

See the registration form and other information in this Pi Lights edition. We hope to see you in April in Utica. Remember to make hotel reservations by March 28 and send your registration form in before March 31.

*Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Alpha Nu Chapter NYSO Executive Secretary*



**Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO**  
President 2021-2023

***“Moving Forward with  
Purpose and Passion”***

Much has changed since our last issue of *Pi Lights*! For many areas of our state, chapters are holding more in-person meetings as members feel more comfortable gathering together once again. **As announced a few weeks ago, the NYSO Executive Board Meeting and Seminar will be held on April 29-30, 2022 at the Delta Hotel in Utica.** Please see pages one and three for the registration form and hotel arrangements. I hope you will make plans to join us!

Our weekend schedule (see page five) includes **workshop opportunities** for personal and professional development, **Area Council meetings, the Executive Board and Corporation meetings, and the Pi State Educational Foundation meeting.** We will also be recognizing milestone **Chapter Birthdays, 25 and 50-year members as well as our Awards, Scholarships, and Grant-in-Aid winners!** Friday evening offers time to participate in focus groups regarding some important topics and an extended time for *Fellowship*, knowing that those in attendance will want to re-kindle friendships and network with other *key women educators*.

A few members have reached out to inquire if the April meeting will have virtual components. The Executive Committee is still discussing this option, and we are checking with the hotel to learn about audio-visual capabilities. If this is manageable, we will have to charge members a similar registration fee. Please look for future communications from me regarding this topic.

Although we have faced challenges in the recent past, the climate is primed and ready for “**moving forward with purpose and passion,**” as we reflect upon what constitutes the pillars of our organization (what we can’t live without) and brainstorm a vision for the future (new values or practices). This journey begins at the **nucleus of our organization - the Chapter level.** I hope your chapter has been discussing the slate of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium. A few Chapter Presidents have reached out to members of our Executive Committee and suggestions have been made to assist with filling their open positions. Please reach out if assistance is needed - help is only an email or phone call away. Training for new leaders will be provided this summer with a focus on “manageable leadership.”

## A Message from the Educational Excellence Committee

Greetings NYSO Sisters!

The Educational Excellence Committee looks forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Meeting in Utica. We are pleased to offer 5 workshops (**see chart on page five**), one of which will qualify for CTLE credits for those who need them. Our thanks to the presenters for their willingness to share their expertise with all of us. We hope it will inspire you to share your talents and experiences at a future meeting as well.

**Rosemary Van Wart, Alpha Pi, Educational Excellence Chair**

## REGISTRATION FORM

2022 NY State Executive Board/Seminar Meeting

April 29-30, 2022

Delta Hotel by Marriott, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) for Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration Fee (Due by March 31<sup>st</sup>)

\$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked between 4/1 and 4/8)

\$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, April 29

Optional Dinner 5:30-6:50pm- The Deli Board

(Includes soup du jour, garden salad with assorted dressings, pasta salad, turkey, lettuce and tomato, ham, lettuce and Swiss cheese, roast beef, lettuce, tomato & horseradish, grilled vegetable wrap, assorted breads (Ciabatta, marble rye), assorted condiments, potato chips, choice of whole fruit or cookie, Coffee, Decaf and Tea)

\$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, April 29

Dessert Reception 8:45-10:15pm

Cookies, brownies, chocolate mousse, Regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea

Included in Registration.

Guest Charge \$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, April 30

Scholarship &amp; Awards Luncheon 12:15-1:30pm (Please Check your Luncheon Choice)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Milanese:** Served with Provencal sauce, Lemon Slices, roasted sweet potatoes and seasonal roasted vegetables

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetable Lasagna:** Served with creamy cheese sauce, sweet bell peppers, broccoli, carrots, and breadcrumbs

\_\_\_\_\_ **Haddock Florentine:** Served with champagne cream sauce and sauteed spinach

(All luncheons served with house salad, butter and fresh rolls, apple crisp dessert, Coffee, Decaf and Tea)

List any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_ Included in Registration

Guest Charge \$33.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check/money order payable to **NYSO Delta Kappa Gamma**Mail to: Elisa Keating, 118 Eastwood Avenue, Auburn, NY 13021 [elisakeating1@gmail.com](mailto:elisakeating1@gmail.com) 315-246-1643

**Refunds and Cancellation Policies:** Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 31, 2022. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 31, 2022 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 31, 2022. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can NY State issue refunds for no shows.

**Photo Release:** By your attendance at this event, you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped, or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Remember to make your **ROOM RESERVATIONS** directly with **Delta Marriott Hotel, Utica, NY**, through this link- [Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) or call (315) 797-8010. Mention **Delta Kappa Gamma** to receive room block rate. Room reservation includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille.

<b><u>Titles</u></b>	<b><u>Workshop Program Descriptions</u></b> <b><u>Spring, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter(s)</u></b>
<b>Join Us in making a Wrap Bracelet</b> <i>(Requires 2 workshop sessions)</i>	We will use a decorative button clasp and beads to make a bracelet that wraps around your wrist 3 or 4 times. Pre-registration will be required for this workshop, and participants will be responsible for paying the cost of materials. To register, please email Sue Kenoyer ( <a href="mailto:suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com">suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com</a> ). She will respond to confirm your registration and discuss color choices. <i>Maximum 10-12 people.</i>	<b>Sue Kenoyer, Psi</b>
<b>Glums and Glows for Chapter Presidents and Officers</b>	This workshop will offer an interactive opportunity for Chapter Presidents and officers to share positive ideas about their chapter meetings and discuss what may have gone wrong. The Leadership Development Committee will offer additional help if needed. There will also be an opportunity to give the LDC feedback on past Chapter Presidents' training and make suggestions for the Leadership Development Seminar that will be held in Summer 2022.	<b>Jeanne Schenk and the Leadership Development Committee</b>
<b>Re-engaging Members with Purpose and Passion</b>	As the world navigates the constantly changing challenges of COVID, NYSO chapters are finding ways to keep members connected and engaged. Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our chapters and learn some strategies for re-engaging your Chapter!	<b>Deborah Bedard and NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee</b>
<b>Connecting with NY State World Fellowship Grant Recipients</b>	Join World Fellowship Committee members and International World Fellowship Grant Recipient Monika Mihaljlovskas as she discusses both her work with Special Education in her home country and her experiences in the US.	<b>Sue Genthner , Alpha Alpha &amp; Cathy Patterson, Gamma Zeta</b>
<b>A Pandemic of Misinformation, Part 2</b>	In today's world of social media, students struggle to distinguish between true information sources and hearsay. Learn how to help students learn to manage information to support their education. Explore the problems of misinformation that becomes rampant on social media.	<b>Eileen Venezia, Gamma Alpha</b>

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
New York State Organization Spring 2022 Executive Board Meeting and  
Seminar  
Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica New York**

***Moving Forward With Purpose and Passion – Building Resilience Through  
Reflection and Re-engagement***

**FRIDAY (APRIL 29, 2022)**

TIME	EVENT /PRESENTER	ROOM *
11:30AM - 2:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting-Working lunch	Alleghany
Noon – 2:00 PM	Set up for Registration – Elisa Keating <i>Beta Delta Chapter</i>	Lobby
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Set up for FDF Sales –Joan Slagle <i>Beta Omega Chapter</i>	Conference Center
2:00 – 8:00 PM	Registration-Elisa Keating <i>Beta Delta Chapter</i>	Lobby
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Music Rehearsal-Karen Butters, Pi State Music Representative <i>Beta Mu Chapter</i>	Alleghany
4:00 – 7:00 PM	FDF Sales-Joan Slagle <i>Beta Omega Chapter</i>	Conference Center
4:30 – 6:00 PM	Workshop Session 1A (Double Session) Making a Wrap Bracelet (materials fee applies)	Grande III
5:15 – 6:00 PM	Workshop Session #1	
	Re-engaging Members with Purpose and Passion Deborah M. Bedard, Membership and Expansion Chair <i>Alpha Epsilon Chapter</i>	Grande I
	Connecting with NYS World Fellowship Grant Recipients Sue Genthner, World Fellowship Chair, <i>Alpha Alpha Chapter</i> and Cathy Patterson, <i>Gamma Zeta Chapter</i>	Grande II
5:30 – 6:50 PM	Optional Dinner	Adirondack
7:00 – 8:15 PM	General Session	Junior Ballroom
	Welcome Jennifer Lee-Alden NYSO President 2021-2023 <i>Beta Omega Chapter</i>	
	Invitation to International 2022 New Orleans Barbara Bostwick-Quinn-NYSO 1st Vice President <i>Beta Chapter</i>	
	Breakout Sessions - Moving Forward with Purpose and Passion (rotating sessions for gathering input from members) i. Area Council Reconfiguration ii. Virtual Meeting Topics for the Future - TBA iii. Teaching During COVID iv. Pi Lights All Online	
	Benefit Drawing-	
8:45 - 10:15 PM	Dessert Reception and FUN n GAMES!!!!	Junior Lobby/Junior Ballroom
10:15 -	Set up for Executive Board Meeting	Grande Ballroom



NYSO Executive Board Meeting Schedule continued from page 4...

## SATURDAY (APRIL 30, 2022)

TIME	EVENT/PRESENTER	
7:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration-Elisa Keating <i>Beta Delta Chapter</i>	Lobby
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Full Breakfast Buffet	Shade Grill
8:00 -- 9:00 AM	FDF Sales	Conference Center
8:15 - 9:00 AM	Area Council Meetings	TBA
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Executive Board Sign-in	Grande Ballroom
9:15 – 10:30 AM	Executive Board and Corporation Meetings	Grande Ballroom
10:30 - 11:15 AM	Pi State Educational Foundation Meeting	Grande II
11:15AM-12:00 PM	Workshop Session #2	
	Celebrating Chapter Leadership Jeanne Schenk, Leadership Development Committee Chair <i>Alpha Tau Chapter</i>	Grande I
	A Pandemic of Misinformation, Part 2 Eileen Venezia <i>Gamma Alpha Chapter</i>	Grande III
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon-Lisa Meade, NYSO Second Vice-President <i>Beta Omega Chapter</i> Benefit Drawing-	Junior Ballroom
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Pack up from Executive Board Meeting and Seminar	

\* Subject to Change

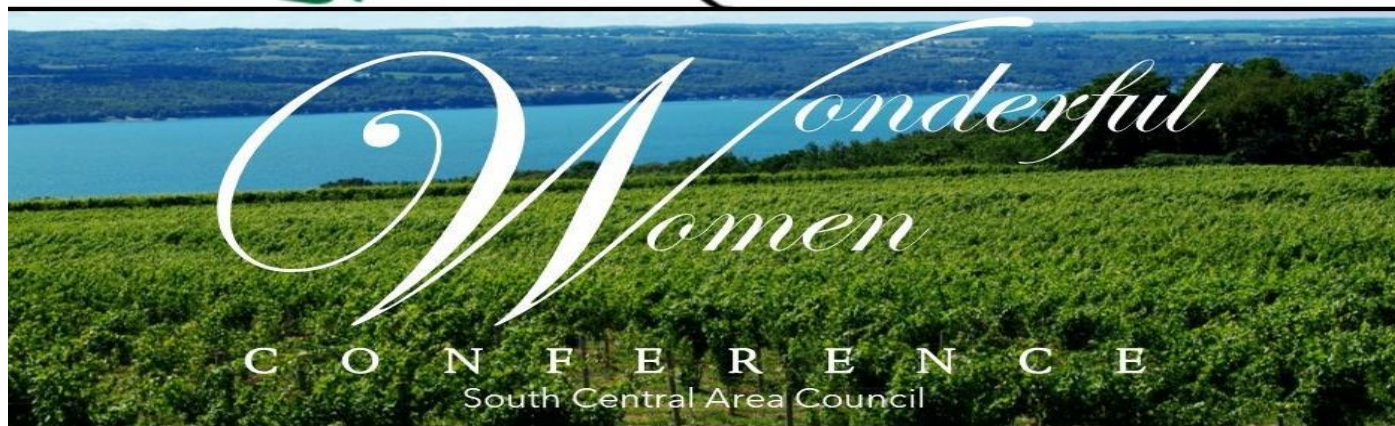
## A Parliamentary Minute

### Chapter Nominations Chair:

- Do schedule a meeting with your chapter's nominations committee members soon to begin the process of having a slate of officers prepared for a spring meeting.
- Do think about asking a 4-5 year member to step up into one of the roles such as Secretary either recording or corresponding. Their journey of leadership begins in the chapter.
- Do have a Recording Secretary. You do not need a Corresponding Secretary.
- Do have a First Vice-President. You do not have to have a Second Vice President.
- Do reach out to all chapter members if you are having a difficult time finding officers. Sometimes a person needs to be personally asked and will not self-nominate, but they will accept a position if there is a personal touch... *especially via phone.*
- **IMPORTANT:** It is not the job of the Nominations Committee to find a treasurer. **The treasurer is appointed by the Chapter Executive Board.**

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

March 28, 2022 deadline	Room Block for the Delta Marriott, Utica, Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. Through this link- <a href="#">Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</a> or Call (315) 797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block. Block Rate is \$159 + 21.86 tax (\$180.86)- includes full breakfast buffet in hotel grille
March 21, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
April 4, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 7-9 p.m., Zoom
April 29-30, 2022	NY State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar: Delta Marriott, Utica
April 29, 2022	Executive Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., working lunch, Delta Marriott, Utica
May 1, 2022	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due- <a href="#">Pi State Educational Foundation - Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New York State Organization (dkgnystate.org)</a>
May 15, 2022	New Chapter Officers Form 110 due to International and NY State President, Jennifer Lee-Alden
May 21, 2022	South Central Area Conference- Watkin's Glen, NY, Castel Grisch Winery, Sue Lemak, Chair, Beta Phi, <a href="mailto:myzjlk10@aol.com">myzjlk10@aol.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:slgruber82@yahoo.com">slgruber82@yahoo.com</a> , Conference Chair- Laura Bronson, <a href="mailto:lmbronson72@gmail.com">lmbronson72@gmail.com</a>
June 1, 2022	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information to NY State Editor, Kim Goldhirsh
June 1, 2022	DEADLINE: All Chapter members' dues sent to Chapter Treasurer
July 1, 2022	DEADLINE: Chapter dues sent to International and NYSO Treasurer
July 1, 2022	DEADLINE: Updates for NYSO Directory due to Executive Secretary
July 15, 2022	DEADLINE: Chapter Treasurers submit Form 15 to NYSO Treasurer
July 12-16, 2022	DKG International Convention, New Orleans, LA
August 6 or 13, 2022	Northern Area Council Conference, Amber Gladle, <i>Northern Gamma Epsilon</i> , Chair and Conference Chair, <a href="mailto:booksarefun2013@gmail.com">booksarefun2013@gmail.com</a>
August 18, 2022	Capital Area Council Conference, Shaker Heritage Society-Kristine Mackowski, Conference Chair, Alpha Nu- <a href="mailto:kristine2199@yahoo.com">kristine2199@yahoo.com</a>
October 1, 2022	WC Conference- tentative
October 1, 2022	Eastern Conference- "Relax and Let Your True Colors Grow", 9:30-12:30, Union Church Hall, Newburgh, Janet Judson <a href="mailto:jjudson333@aol.com">jjudson333@aol.com</a>
October 13-16, 2022	Fall Executive Meeting, Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica
April 28-30, 2023	Spring 2023 NYSO Convention, Crowne Plaza, Desmond, Albany
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form 6 to NYSO Membership/Expansion Committee. Chair, Deb Bedard ASAP



## Discover Watkins Glen and Finger Lakes Wine Country!

**Come Relax  
with your DKG Sisters**



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**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**Castel Grisch Winery**

3380 County Rte. 28, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 (Westside of Lake)

**9:30 -10:00 Registration**, Meet and Greet (Breakfast pastries, Coffee, Tea, Water)

**10:00-10:15** Welcome and DKG NY State Organization updates

**10:15-11:15 Speaker: Wineries, Waterfalls, & Other Cool Topics** by Nancy Spaulding

**11:30-12:30** Lunch & Closing Remarks, Benefit drawings, Evaluations, & Farewell

**12:45** Optional Activities Begin: **Wine Tasting** or **Hiking** at Watkins Glen State Park

**Cost: \$30.00** - Includes Sessions, Morning Pastries, Coffee, Tea, Water, Lunch & an Optional Free Hike at Watkins Glen State Park. **Optional wine tasting is an additional \$7.00**





## DKG NY State South Central Area Conference

### Wonderful Women Conference – REGISTRATION FORM

**When:** MAY 21, 2022 from 9:30 am-2:00pm

**Where:** Castel Grisch Winery, 3380 County Rte. 28, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 (Westside of Lake)

**Cost:** \$30.00 - Includes Sessions, Morning Pastries, Coffee, Tea, Water, Box Lunch (a wrap, salad, chips, cookie or brownie, fruit) & an Optional Hike. **Optional Wine Tasting is an additional \$7.00.**

**Please note:** We can only accommodate **a maximum of 45 attendees** so please send in your registration forms and payment as soon as you possible. Please be aware that **all Fees are non-refundable** due to the cost we must pay to the venue to secure this site. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can SCAC issue refunds for no-shows. If the event is cancelled again due to increased NY State Covid restrictions and our venue charges are refunded, we will refund everyone.

Please return this form with a **CHECK made payable to:** **Patricia Thompson.**

Mail to **Patricia Thompson** at **349 Dry Brook Rd., Delhi, NY 13753.** (607-746-3497) **postmarked by April 20.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Texting ok? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please check **one** of the following lunch **wrap choices:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Red Pepper & Hummus \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey

If you are participating in the Wine Tasting, **please include an extra \$7** to taste 5 different wines, and check **one** of the following flight choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dry \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed

Please check the amount of money you have enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 (not participating in the wine tasting) \_\_\_\_\_ \$37 (includes the wine tasting)

**Are you planning to hike The Glen with us? Free!** \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ MAYBE

# SAVE THE DATE

CAPITAL AREA  
CONFERENCE  
AUGUST 18,  
2022



SHAKER  
HERITAGE  
SOCIETY

NEAR ALBANY AIRPORT

## HISTORY



- ~Learn about 1<sup>st</sup> Shaker Community in USA at Albany
- ~Learn about the daily life of Shakers
- ~Learn about the Shaker Religion
- ~Optional walking tour of Shaker Site

## CRAFTSMANSHIP



- ~See furniture made by Shakers
- ~See arts and crafts made by Shakers
- ~Participate in **two** craft sessions and take home products

## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA ~"Women as Leaders" presentation



- ~At lunch time, learn more about DKG and NYSO
- ~See familiar faces and meet new ones

## SHOPPING



- ~Shop at Shaker Heritage Society Gift Shop
- ~After conference shopping at Colonie Center, Crossgates Mall, or Wolf Road is optional

Watch for more information and registration form this Spring!

Questions? Contact Kristine Mackowski at [kristine2199@yahoo.com](mailto:kristine2199@yahoo.com)

## Save the Date

**Eastern Area Council  
Presents**

*Relax and Let Your  
True Colors Grow*

**Keynote by Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide**

October, 1 2022

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Union Church, Newburgh, New York

COST: \$30.00

**Presenters:**

**Kim  
Goldhirsch,**  
*Alpha Zeta &  
Cornell  
Cooperative  
Extension*



**WHO?**

**WHO?**

**WHO** has been selected by the Pi State Achievement Award Committee?

**Find out by attending the DKG NYSO  
Executive Board Meeting/Spring Seminar in Utica, NY**

**Where? Delta Hotel by Marriott**

**When? April 29-30, 2022**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Dr. Andréa H. Morris, Alpha Beta, Chair Pi State Achievement Award**

Thanks to you NYSO DKG sisters, the awards, grant(s)-in-aid and leadership development available to members and non-members continues to thrive!!

Our Spring Executive Board Meeting and Seminar of 2022 will be at the beautiful Delta Hotel in Utica NY on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to be back in-person for leadership and fellowship!

We can all take advantage of “*Moving forward with purpose and passion*” by supporting the DKG NYSO Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards! Thank you to so many for checking out our website ([www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)) for a list of awards, leadership, and grant(s)-in-aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We had many people apply for such awards and the recipients will be recognized at the luncheon on April 30<sup>th</sup>!

Well, here are two ways you can help...

1. Area Councils should be gathering basket/gift card items (value \$100) for the benefit drawing which will happen throughout April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. It is always such fun to see what ideas our Area Councils come up with to share!
2. Purchase benefit tickets at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards, leadership, and grants-in-aid fund.

### [NYSO DKG 2022 Benefit Tickets](#)

Look for tickets at your chapter meetings this year.

**\*\*Feel free to share electronically with those who travel in the winter \*\***

**Amy Zimmerman, Alpha Tau, Awards Committee Chair**

## **Update Your Chapter's Standing Rules This Biennium**

Every chapter is supposed to update their Standing Rules each biennium. Your State BYLAWS and Rules Committee has been busy contacting chapters that didn't update their Rules during the last biennium.

The International Meeting this July in New Orleans is a Constitutional Convention. This Committee will be very interested in outcomes from the votes on Constitutional issues. All states must align their BYLAWS and Standing Rules with the International documents. The results of the Constitutional Convention will probably force us to make corresponding changes in our State governing documents. These changes will then have to be made to any Chapter Standing Rules. One expected change will be to allow electronic voting.

Please take the time to look at your current Standing Rules to see if there are changes or additions that would make your chapter function better. We look forward to helping you in any way we can.

**Sue Kenoyer, Psi, BYLAWS and Rules Chair**



## Leadership Development Committee

The Leadership Development Committee is offering a workshop at this year's Spring Seminar. This workshop will offer an opportunity for Chapter Presidents, present and future, to share their programs and meeting opportunities from the past biennium with other chapter officers from the state. All members are invited to attend!

As the Leadership Development Committee works to plan for Leadership Development for incoming Presidents, feel free to contact any member of this Committee with ideas and concerns you would like to see covered. It is our sincere hope that we will help each chapter of New York State meet the theme of our State President, Jennifer Lee-Alden, "Moving forward with Purpose and Passion." Together all things are possible.

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

## NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee

Spring brings new opportunities in our DKG lives. As COVID numbers decline, in person meetings will be blooming throughout our NYSO. As you meet this is an opportune time for DKG sisters to review the membership guidelines. The following guidelines are taken from the Go-To-Guide (2019) which is posted on the International website under Governing Documents.

**Membership classifications in the Society are active, reserve, collegiate, or honorary.**

**Active** – An active member is a woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator at the time of her election.

1. In the selection of a member, the definition of professional educator is interpreted to include one-to-one instruction as well as group instruction.
2. The chapter decides if the prospective member is classified as a professional educator.
3. A woman who is not presently employed as a professional educator but who left the profession before retirement is eligible for invitation to active membership
4. The word employed is defined as currently hired by an employer and/or paid a salary or fee for specific educational service
5. Certification or licensure is not required.
6. A professional educator may be invited to membership regardless of where she 18 Go-To Guide for Chapter Members MEMBERSHIP lives or is employed unless a restriction is included in state organization bylaws.
7. An active member participates, as she is able, in chapter programs and projects, contributes to committee work, votes, shares in financing chapter activities and may hold office.
8. A member retired from educational work retains the rights and privileges of active membership.
9. An active member is not eligible to become an honorary member.

**Reserve** – Reserve membership shall be granted only to a member who is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/or geographic location.

1. Reserve members have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office and have no obligations except payment of dues and the scholarship fee.
2. Retirement is not a reason for granting reserve membership.
3. Being too busy to attend meetings is not a reason for granting reserve membership.
4. Reserve status is granted by a majority vote of the chapter.
5. A reserve member, so requesting, shall be restored to active membership.

**Collegiate** – Collegiate membership shall be granted to undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:

Undergraduate student collegiate members:

- Be enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and
- Be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree.

## Membership and Expansion Committee continued...

### Graduate student collegiate members:

- Have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree; and
- Have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

1. Collegiate members have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office and have no obligations except payment of dues.
2. A collegiate member may serve as parliamentarian.
3. When a collegiate members starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active ember dues and become an active member.
4. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program.

**Honorary** – An honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women, and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service. Honorary membership can be granted at the chapter, state organization, or international level.

1. Honorary members may participate in all activities except that of holding office
2. Chapter honorary members are elected in accordance with chapter rules. The Recommendation for Membership (Form 11) is used.
3. Each chapter honorary member is presented with an honorary membership certificate. She may be given a key pin.
4. A former educator is eligible for active, not honorary, membership.
5. An honorary member may not be inducted in absentia.
6. An honorary member may serve as parliamentarian.

When looking for prospective members be ready to think outside the box. In the Dec. /Jan. 2021 edition of International's **President's Page** a brief article presented ideas for attracting new members.

### WHERE CAN I FIND NEW MEMBERS?

Many chapters have been asking this very question. Bonnie Moore, TX, reminded us at her workshop in San Antonio that we should expand our thoughts of what a professional educator looks like and to think beyond the typical classroom teacher. Here are some of the examples she shared (**President's Page**, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Newsletter for Chapter Presidents, Dec. /Jan. 2021, Volume 21-2, p.2):

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Counselor               | • Corporate Trainer     |
| • Personal Trainer        | • Financial Counselor   |
| • Bank Trainer            | • Christian Ed Director |
| • Camp Instructor         | • Preschool Teacher     |
| • Librarian               | • Facilitator           |
| • Human Resources Trainer | • Trades Teacher        |
| • University Staff        | • Food Service Trainer  |
| • IT Trainer              | • Paraprofessional      |
| • Yoga Instructor         | • Museum Curator        |
| • CPR Instructor          |                         |

I am sure there are numerous more! We just need to open our minds to escape the word “teacher” and think “educator” instead. Consider sharing other professions and keep this conversation going in our Membership Forum Community on the DKG Website.

**Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon, Membership & Expansion Chair**

## THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Pi State Educational Foundation is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and chapters. These projects are supported solely by your donations so, when you need to remember someone special who is passionate about children and learning please consider making a donation in their name. [Contribution forms](#) can be found on the state website.

The next round of grant funding is coming up soon. [Applications](#) from **members of the foundation** must be received by May 1. If you have a project in mind that promotes literacy and learning please apply. The directors are looking forward to receiving your applications!

The annual meeting of The Pi State Educational Foundation will be on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the NY State Executive Board Meeting. Ginny Dudko's term as director will end as of July 1, 2022. Thank you once again Ginny for being an advocate and leader of the foundation for many years! If you are a member of the Educational Foundation please consider being a director. Please send a letter of interest to Sue Summerfield, 346 Noeltner Road, Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010 or email the letter to [summy1@frontier.com](mailto:summy1@frontier.com) by April 15. We will be electing a new director at the annual meeting.

As always, we are looking for new members of the foundation. A lifetime membership is only \$25...yes, less than the cost of a tank of gas these days! [Membership forms](#), grant applications, and [literacy scholarship applications](#) can be found **by opening the blue links on this page** or on the state website.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Educational Foundation.

Submitted by **Sue Summerfield**, *Pi Chapter*, President

## Alpha Iota Welcomes New Members

The induction of our new members had been postponed until we could gather in person. In May of 2021, we decided to have a pot-luck picnic. The weather was a bit breezy, but the chance to get together and celebrate welcoming Jennifer Buddie and Melanie Hawn as our newest members kept us warm. We are all looking forward to working together.

*Photo and article by Karen Marzynski*



*Jennifer Buddie and Melanie Haw*

## Three longtime members of Alpha Rho Honored

Left to right: **Sharon Kmetz** (35 years), **Marjorie MacPherson** (45 years) and **Susan Fahnstock** (25 years) They were honored at a recent Scholarship Brunch.

*Photo submitted by Maureen Nicolo*





## NYSO in the Spotlight!

Go to the DKG International web site, scroll down to the bottom, and click on [Member Spotlight](#). Our own *NYSO Zeta Chapter* is featured for their efforts to grow membership.



Capital Area Council's *Alpha Nu Chapter* is also recognized by International for their ongoing project in support of a local domestic abuse shelter. Click on [Programs/Projects](#) and scroll down to Project Highlight and click learn more.

*Note: **Pi Light's** featured this project in the Winter, 2022 edition. Unfortunately, a member was incorrectly identified. Apologies to **Nancy Palmateer**.*



*Treasurer Paula Ptaszek, Past President Wendy Diskin, First Vice President Judi Matthews and Nancy Palmateer.*

## Will you be attending the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar?

Please consider joining the Membership & Expansion workshop on Friday entitled “*Re-engaging Members with Purpose and Passion*”. We will be exploring ideas to **attract** new members and ways to **retain** members by staying connected. We will also be celebrating the achievements of our NYSO chapters.

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