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Room Block for the Delta Hotels Utica, Open, 2020 Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar. Call 315-797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block

> Reservation Link: Marriott.com/ucade Block Rate is \$119.00 +10.75% tax (\$131.80)

Hotel Guidelines for Fall 2020 Meeting in Utica NYSO/DKG October 16-17, 2020

Please be aware of these regulations as set forth by the Delta Hotel. They are following the protocols put in place by the CDC and Governor Cuomo as pertains to the Mohawk Valley Region. These safety practices might become less stringent as the state moves through each phase of its reopening.

As of the time of submission of this article (June 1, 2020), this is what to expect as you arrive at the Delta Hotel.

- 6 Foot Social Distancing Policy
- You must wear a mask while on the property
- There will be a temperature check on arrival
- **PLEASE NOTE:** At this time, we are not able to have a Dessert Reception. If that changes, we will let the members know that have registered.

I will keep you informed of any changes in policy as we move forward towards our Fall Executive Board/Seminar meeting. If you have questions/concerns, please don't hesitate in contacting me. If I can't answer your question, I will try to get the information for you.

Karen Crumley

NYSO Executive Secretary kcrumley@hvc.rr.com





Sue Kenoyer NYSO President 2019 – 2021

"Opportunities for **D**ialogue, **K**nowledge, and **G**rowth"

I like to think I am a person who looks on the bright side of any situation, so I have to think that this virus situation will eventually end. The extreme northeastern corner of New York, where I live, has just started to open up. I heard yesterday that International has cancelled the Convention, our county fair has been cancelled, and the summer theater presentations at two local theaters have been cancelled. My calendar has gone from filled to nearly empty. Our Chapters have had to cancel their spring face-to-face meetings, as did some Area Councils and of course the State itself. International will contact anyone who already registered for the Convention with the options they are offering regarding your registration fees, and the Marriott hotel will inform you that your reservation has been cancelled. Many of you have utilized Zoom and other platforms to hold necessary meetings. In fact, the Southeastern Area Conference was held using Zoom! We've slowed down our lifestyles, changed the way we communicate, and tried to stay healthy.

The Leadership Development Committee has had to cancel any face-to-face new presidents training for this summer. For many reasons, the facilities we were going to use are just not able to host us. The Committee wants to share the general process that will be used this summer. Watch for more emails with the details.

Originally there were going to be three face-to-face sessions. The first was to be on July 22 in Victor where members from NW, SW, EC and WC would probably meet. The next meeting was planned for July 24 in Ilion where members from C, NC, N, EC and SC might meet. The July 25 meeting was in the New City area and members from C, N, SC, E and SE might have chosen this location. Of course, it was possible for a member to attend any of the locations.

Our plan now is to hold virtual meetings for the first part of the training using Zoom on these same three dates. The July 22 Zoom meeting will be from 3-4 pm, the July 24 meeting will be from 12-1 pm, and the July 25 meeting will be from 10-11 am. Members can pick the day that fits their schedule the best. At a later date, we will make registration forms available so that members can share which date they will be attending. Each Zoom meeting will have a welcome by **Sue Kenoyer**, NYSO DKG President 2019-2021 and **Lisa Meade**, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee. Members of the Committee will show you the Flipgrid software that they are using to provide training. The documents with the information new presidents will need will be there as well as videos created by your New York State sisters who are experts in each area of training. Over the two weeks following these meetings the Committee hopes that you will take the time to watch all of the videos and look at the documents in preparation for the final part of the training. This material will eventually be posted on our New York website and will remain there at least throughout the next biennium. All of the material that would have been distributed face-to-face will be available in videos and on documents that will be shared digitally.

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Executive Board/Seminar Meeting

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The final piece of the training will be in the middle of August, again via Zoom. No date(s) have been chosen yet. These will be question and answer sessions. As you watch the videos and read the documents, make sure to jot down your questions.

We know that nothing can replace the face-to-face experience where we have the opportunity to talk with one another. Unfortunately, it just can't happen at this time. The LDC hopes that this training style is effective and looks forward to helping the new chapter officers make the transition into their new positions and move confidently forward into their biennia.

We continue to plan events for the future and, if necessary, we will adapt our plans to fit the situation we are in at the moment. I hope your Chapters celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries during your next opportunity. Those of us who are still working are waiting to see what the next school year brings. As teachers we have learned to adapt at short notice. Whether it is because of new administration, new state mandates, change in student numbers, or change in funding, we have always worked wonders with what we have. We will continue to do so!

Please continue to practice safe social distancing as New York starts to scale back on restrictions.

A Preview of the Workshops at the October Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar		
Workshop Presenter(s)		To Note
Assessing Student Achievement Through	Margaret Leone and Kathryn	CTLE Credit Available
Multimedia Presentations	Inhelder	
CPR		A replacement is expected
Chaving Mamhanahin with "Commit mint	Deb Bedard and the NYSO	expected
Growing Membership with "Commit-mint,		
Involve-mint, and Encourage-mint"	Membership and Expansion	
	Committee	
All Aboardand see our Country!	Ginny Dudko	Trains
Creating Successful Chapter Programs	Barbara Bostwick Quinn and the	
	EEC	
Road Scholar: Educational Travel for	Ellie Robinson	
Adults		
Leadership 2020: Presidents' Training and	Lisa Meade, Jen Lee-Alden and the	
Support	Leadership Development Team	
Combine Travel and Study into one Great	Rosemary VanWart and the Travel	
Experience!	and Study Committee	

REGISTRATION FORM

2020 NYSO DKG Executive Board/Seminar Meeting October 16-17, 2020 Delta Hotel, Utica, NY

Please PRINT the following information:	
Name	
Badge Name	
E-mail	
Address	
Phone Chapter	
Guest Name(s) for Badges	
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Early Registration Fee (Due by September 19 th)	\$50.00
Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after September 19 th)	\$60.00
Friday, October 16	
Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm	
Caesar Salad, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Seasonal Fruit tart, Coffee, Tea and Decaf	
Choose One Entrée	
Haddock Florentine with Champagne Cream Sauce and Sautéed Spinach	
Herb Roasted Chicken, Bone-In with a Lemon Thyme Butter Sauce, Red Roasted Potatoes	
Vegetable Lasagna with a Creamy Cheese Sauce, Sweet Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Carrots an	
Saturday October 17	\$31.00
Saturday, October 17 Optional Breakfast	
Executive Continental	
Assorted Fresh Juices, Sliced Seasonal Fruit, Assorted Breakfast Bars, Assorted Greek Yogurts, Assort	ted Bagels with Butters, Cream Cheese and
Jellies, Oatmeal with Brown Sugar and Raisins, Coffee, Tea and Decaf	017.00
	\$17.00
Awards/Scholarships Luncheon 11:45am-1:30pm Guest	Charge \$36.00
Harvest Salad, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Apple Crisp, Coffee, Tea and Decaf	
Choose One Entrée	
Pan Seared Cod Piccata with a Lemon-Caper Sauce, Basil Mashed Potato and Grilled Aspa Chicken Milanese with a Provencal Sauce, Roasted Sweet Potato and Seasonal Roasted Ve	
Vegetable Lasagna with a Creamy Cheese Sauce, Sweet Bell Peppers, Broccoli, Carrots and	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS	\$
List any dietary needs	- -
Please make check/money order payable to NYSO/DKG.	
Mail to: Susan Sharon, PO Box 28, Durhamville, NY 130	054-0028
e-mail: suesharon630@gmail.com_phone: (315) 363-	
Refunds and Cancellation Policies:	

Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received <u>before September 19, 2020</u>. Cancellation and refund requests received after September 19, 2020 will <u>NOT</u> be accepted. <u>All fees are non-refundable after September 19, 2020</u>. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can NYSO issue refunds for no shows.

Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with *Delta Hotel*. Mention <u>Delta Kappa Gamma</u> to receive room block rate.

Your attendance at this event, gives NYSO DKG permission to post pictures and video to the NYSO DKG website.

Proposed Standing Rule Changes

Voucher Addendum Changes for October 17, 2020 Beryl Szwed, Beta Mu, Chair of the BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committee

Please bring this page with you to the Fall Executive Board Meeting at the Delta Hotel Utica

1. To Amend:

All Voucher Guidelines shall change the mileage reimbursement to **Forty Cents** (\$ 0.40) per mile.

Rationale: This is the present practice of the New York State Organization as stated in SR 2.12.

Amendments for 1. Section I, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

2. To Amend: Part A.

To Read:

A. State Meetings and Responsibilities

Rationale: This clarifies which meetings and responsibilities are reimbursable.

3. To Amend Section I, Part A, Meetings and Responsibilities,

State Committees (All Committees within budgetary allowance)

To Read:

PRESIDENT: NY State Organization (NYSO), BYLAWS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: NY State Organization (NYSO)

Rational: This change in organization name is authorized by NYSO BYLAWS, Article XXII, Section D, to be in accord with the DKG Constitution(current revision).

4. To Amend Section 1, Part B, Authorized Expenses

To Read:

Part B: State Authorized Expenses

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

5. To Amend Section 1, Part B. Authorized Expenses

To Read:

Hotel: President: Single Occupancy

Executive Secretary: One-half (1/2) cost of double room

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

6. To Amend Section 1, Part C. Expenses for International and Northeast Regional Conference

To Read:

President: Single Occupancy

Executive Secretary: One-half (1/2) cost of double room

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

Amendments for Addendum 1, Page 2, Section II. VICE PRESIDENTS (2), SECRETARY, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

7. To Amend Section II, Part A. Meetings and Responsibilities

To Read:

A. State Meetings and Responsibilities

Rationale: This clarifies which meetings and responsibilities are reimbursable.

8. To Amend Section II, Part A. Meetings and Responsibilities

By Striking:

- *Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)
- * International Convention (Immediate Past President only)

To Read:

A. State Meetings and Responsibilities

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (except own)

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

9. To Amend Section II, Part B, Authorized Expenses

To Read:

Part B: State Authorized Expenses

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

Amendment for Addendum 1, Page 2, Section III. TREASURER AND EDITOR

10. To Amend Part C: Expenses for International and Northeast Regional Conference

Meals: Up to an average of \$30 per day including tax and tip plus Birthday Luncheon and President's Banquet

By Striking Birthday Luncheon and President's Banquet

To Read:

Meals: Up to an average of \$30 per day including tax and tip

Rationale: This clarifies which expenses are authorized to be consistent with NYSO governing documents and job descriptions.

Area Council Conferences in 2020

Northern Area Conference

On hold due to COVID-19 virus outbreak

Eastern Area Conference

October 3, 2020 Mt. St. Mary's College, Newburgh, NY Focus on Mindfulness and Authorship

Northwestern and Southwestern Area Conference

Saturday, October 3, 2020



Authors

who are

Mindful

Educators



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2020

Eastern Area Council invites Members, Educators and Pre-Service Teachers to our Conference

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Mount Saint Mary College

Workshops will be offered to meet the needs and interests of all:

- · A STEAM approach to children's literature
- Mindfulness: What it is and how it can be used in our everyday lives to improve our well-being
- Fearless Living: A Fearless Living trainer speaks about the tools adults and children need to give purpose to their lives and be comfortable taking risks.

CTLE credits may be available.

COME FOR KNOWLEDGE; COME FOR ENRICHMENT; OR JUST COME FOR BRUNCH!



New York State Organization Membership Committee 2019-2021

Dear DKG Sisters:

Membership is one of the keys to maintaining viable chapters and strengthening our State Organization. Your State Membership Committee would like to highlight members and celebrate their achievements. During the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Utica one of the topics during our opening session is the topic of membership. Do you have a chapter member who has been inducted within the last five years? Will your member be attending our Friday night session? We are seeking members who are willing to speak for a couple of minutes regarding their acceptance of the honor and responsibility of membership. Perhaps your member cannot be present at the meeting but would like to send a video of their membership story? We are also hopeful that we will be able to publish in *PI Lights* over the next few issues additional membership stories. We continue to welcome stories from members initiated within the last five years but also would like to share the stories of members who have retained their membership over a number of years and members who have chosen to reinstate their membership.

Our membership stories can focus on:

Why was the invitation to membership accepted?
Who extended your invitation of membership?
How has DKG helped you grow professionally?
How has DKG helped you help others?
What is your favorite meeting/project and why?
Have you ever received a scholarship, grant, or monetary support from DKG? How have you
used it?
How has DKG supported your educational community?
Tell us about someone you have extended an invitation of membership to our Society and why

Please share this exciting opportunity with your chapter and encourage members to participate. Every member has a story yet to be told. Working together we can inspire New York State Members to strengthen our organization by extending the invitation of membership to potential members.

Sincerely,

Deborah M. BedardAlpha Epsilon Chapter
Chair of NYSO Membership Committee

Mary Brassard
Psi Chapter

Díane Cappellíno Beta Delta Chapter

Annmaríe Santorelly

Zeta Chapter

Karen Crumley

Tau Chapter
NYSO Executive Secretary

Suzanne Patríck

Rho Chapter NYSO Treasurer



In 2016, I was nominated by my mentor and very good friend, **Lynne Keefer**, to become a member of the *Alpha Alpha* chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. I was honored by this nomination and thrilled for the opportunity to join this group of professional women who dedicate their efforts to promoting excellence in education. Shortly after joining Alpha Alpha, I was invited to serve on the *Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award* committee. Being a part of this committee has allowed me to actively support *Alpha Alpha* and

afforded me the opportunity to develop close relationships with several other committee members. Whether it be at a meeting to discuss relevant state and federal issues impacting education, or at a social gathering where we have an opportunity to shop and dine together, I have found my experiences to be personally rewarding, and professionally enriching.

Jan Marchetti, *Alpha Alpha* Chapter

Membership



Margaret Blaha, was an active leader in *Epsilon* before the 1980's. Educators who lived in Manhattan had difficulty attending meetings held on Long Island. Under Margaret's leadership a number of *Epsilon* members, the majority of whom were professors in NYC Universities, formed *Gamma Alpha* at a ceremony held at the Waldorf Astoria.

I was the first President. Finding a place to meet in NY City is difficult due to cost, availability and location. Therefore, we met in my apartment for many years.

As a member of *Gamma Alpha* there were many accomplished educators I learned from. **Mabel Kelly**, at the time Deputy Commissioner of the Girl Scouts on New York's West Side and **Beverly Sills** were honorary members of our Chapter. **Donna Hill**, Head Librarian at Hunter College, applied and received several scholarships which supported her production of several of her young adult books. **Lucille Lundberg** had twelve Fulbright experiences in Australia where she helped establish kindergartens all throughout that country. I traveled to Taiwan with **Charlotte Brody**, another *Gamma Alpha* member. I learned from all these members while simultaneously pursuing my own career in the New York Public School system primarily in the Bronx teaching English as a Second Language for adults from around the world. From there I moved on to high school then to junior high school. I taught both English and Spanish before moving to administration. While an administrator I spent a summer in Tokyo studying and learning about their school system and teaching English in a junior high school classroom. Returning to the US, I arranged an exchange art program with our school in the Bronx and a similar school in Gifu City, Japan.

About this time I relocated to Connecticut but continued my membership in *Gamma Alpha* by traveling to New York for meetings and on occasion hosting meetings in our home in Connecticut.

As a Chapter member it is my privilege to support **Joan Goldstein**, our current President, who has worked assiduously and successfully to bring membership to its current level. We continue to enjoy our fellowship.

Patricia Lee Kelly, Gamma Alpha Chapter

I was invited to join Delta Kappa Gamma in 1972. Our Chapter at that time was *Epsilon*, but in 1980 we formed *Gamma Alpha* to represent Manhattan and environs. As a member I was fortunate to receive the Carolyn Guss International Scholarship to assist my doctoral studies. I also received a scholarship from NYSO (Pi State) but could not accept both for I had already accepted the International grant.



My research included travel to London, India, China and Hawaii to follow the footsteps and investigate the educational work and contributions of **Welthy Honsinger Fisher**; the scholarship was a great help. The resulting dissertation was an intellectual biography of Welthy Fisher, who was an honorary member of NYSO. She was also a personal friend, immersed in the realm of adult education, who had collaborated with many outstanding personalities throughout the world. She developed an approach to literacy education based upon her contacts with Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, India's first Nobel laureate. After Gandhi's assassination Welthy, who had lived in India as the wife of Methodist Bishop Fred Fisher for several years, returned and founded Literacy House in Lucknow, UP, India. There she established a Writer's workshop to develop literature for the newly literate, a Young Farmer's Institute, Puppet Theater, and many other institutes and methods to aid in moving India's millions to literacy.

Upon completing my degree, I gave several talks to DKG chapters and other groups on Welthy, on India, China and other areas of my research as an Asianist. I had the privilege of receiving two Fulbrights to India and had studied there through NYU as well. After retiring from a career as an educator at the secondary and university level, I continued to speak, write and travel. I have remained an active member of DKG. While we have been remanded to our homes during the Corona Virus pandemic, we have continued our meetings via Zoom. Our latest endeavor was to present the Southeast Conference by Zoom, breaking ground for other chapters. Throughout my career I have participated in several national and international organizations.

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Membership

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I am presently a member of the World Fellowship Committee for NYSO and treasurer of our chapter. As a World Fellowship member, I was pleased to contribute information on Welthy Fisher for the power point the Committee recently developed. I have been an active member throughout my decades of membership, relishing the camaraderie of my DKG sisters; constantly benefiting from the knowledge and insight each shares.

In retirement I have continued to pursue my predilection for writing poetry. I am about to publish my fifth book of poetry, entitled Sing a New Song.

Colleen E. Kelly, Alpha Gamma Chapter

Loss of a Chapter Member

All Chapters have loyal members who devoted many years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma. When beloved members pass away it is important to remember and celebrate their achievements. Chapters are required to file a Form 6- Report of the Death of a Member. Before submitting a Form 6 it is **vital** that chapters check to ensure the member's dues are current. Our membership year runs from July 1- June 30th of any given year. If dues are not sent in by June 30th, the member is no longer an "official" member. Since our membership dues have been collected in the spring it is not unusual for chapters to still be submitting their dues in the fall and members who pass away over the summer are dropped. Your NYSO Membership and Expansion Committee is the process of addressing this issue. At this time we are asking that all **Form 6s** be submitted to our NYSO Membership Chair, Deborah Bedard (dmbedard29@yahoo.com).

The Chair will be responsible for submitting forwarding the information to International. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

In Memory of....

Gam	ma Gamma	Eleanor Mas	son	8/12/2019
Pi		Marion (Bon	nie) Buchner	10/19/2019
Alph	a Zeta	Patricia Coo	<mark>n</mark>	11/10/2019
Alph	a Zeta	Irma Brunm	ayer	1/6/2020
Alph	a Alpha	Jeanette D'A	Agostio Banker	2/11/2020
Ome	ga	Deborah Tor	mbino	3/23/2020
Alph	a Alpha	Joy Kinz		4/14/2020
Zeta		Nancy Ann I	Lussier	4/16/2020
Alph	a Alpha	Jean Fuller		4/20/2020

A Note From our Awards Committee Chairperson

We can all take advantage of ""Opportunities for Dialogue, Knowledge and Growth" by supporting the DKG NYSO Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

The raffle has been postponed to our fall 2020 meeting. Plenty of time to keep selling benefit tickets.

Purchase NY State benefit tickets at your chapter meetings and area council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the awards and grants-in-aid fund.

	2020 NY State Awards Benefit Ticket for Awards & Grant(s)-in-Aid, and Leadership Development
N	Jame
C	Chapter
P	hone
	Drawing at NY State Fall Executive Board, Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

Amy Zimmerman, NY State Awards Committee Chair

Communications and Marketing

The Communications and Marketing Committee met a few times this year via Go to Meeting and email to discuss ways to encourage chapter communication throughout the state. A survey was developed and sent to all NYSO Presidents to determine their needs in regard to accessing the materials on the NYSO site, the NYSO Facebook site and also developing their own websites or using other electronic forms of communication such as Go to Meeting, Envites, Facebook, Twitter and email communication. A total of 26 Chapter presidents participated in the survey and sent information to the Committee. The Committee then reviewed the information and noted the needs certain chapters had regarding digital communication. Chapter presidents were then contacted via email to provide additional information and digital links to assist them with their questions and needs.

Within the next month, there is a hope the Committee will meet via social media to discuss communication needs for chapters to assist them with attaining membership commitment for leadership positions.

In addition, Committee members hope to prepare a session for the Spring 2021 State Convention to address the needs of NYSO chapters and help them with accessing Facebook, Twitter and developing their own websites if interested.

By Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide

Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Ellen Scott is the recipient of this year's Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award. She was nominated by Alpha Theta Chapter. Ellen is the CEO of her own company "Ellen Purses".

Ellen worked in a dental office and made her fabric bags on the side. She asked her employer if she could bring in a few bags to sell in the office and he said yes. Patients loved her bags and her business took off! Women would go to the dentist and leave with an "Ellen Purchase." This took the "ouch" out of a dental procedure.

Ellen has been a friend to *Alpha Theta*. She has shared her sewing talents with chapter members. She made special embossed DKG string bags for them. Ellen often donates purses and bags to their women's shelter projects. She made a large monetary gift to the Chapter. Some of the money was used to buy fleece to make blankets for their Head Start project and some was used for their yearly scholarship.

Ellen attended the DKG International Convention in NYC in 2012 where she sold her bags. She was a hit and made DKG connections all across the country.



Ellen Scott

Awards & Committees

A. EVADNA CRAWFORD SCHOLARHIP

This year's A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship recipient is **Jamie Crewell**, *Alpha Psi*, a fifth-grade teacher in the Joseph B. Radez Elementary School, Cobleskill-Richmond School District. Having used Responsive Classroom for several year in her classroom, she will use the funds from the scholarship to become a Responsive Classroom-Classroom Teacher Trainer. Her colleagues express their high regard for her work, her opinions and her professionalism. Jamie is currently the vice president for her chapter. She will be the incoming president for the next biennium.



EDITH B. MACK SCHOLARSHIP

This year's Edith B. Mack Scholarship recipient is **Deborah Mueller**, *Beta Omicron*, a UPK teacher at the Stamford Central School and an Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Delhi and Hartwick College. The funds from the scholarship will be used to complete her studies for a Doctorate in Education degree with a specialization in English as a Second Language at Northcentral University. Her peers expressed that she is an educator of the highest caliber. Deborah is a past Vice President and President of her chapter as well as serving as Parliamentarian and on the Scholarship Committee.



RUTH E. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

This year's recipient is **Christine Bennett**, *Omega*, who is the Coordinator of Employee Engagement, Recruiter at the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES, HR Administrator. After earning her National Board Certification in 2011, Christine mentored eleven teachers in her district (Palmyra-Macedon Central School) who earned their National Board Certification. She received her New York State Administration certification as a School Building Leader and School District Leader in 2018 which led to her present position. Christine will be using the funds from these Scholarship for National Board Re-Certification. As a part time Career she teaches 9th-12th grade students in various English courses online through our Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES AccelerateU program. Recertification will keep her up-to-date on the current best instructional practices and research. Her colleagues see her as a master teacher and respected leader. Christine is the East Central Area Council Representative: Omega Chapter. She served as the East Central Area



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PI STATE

SCHOLARSHIP

This year's Pi State Scholarship recipient is **Katie Sill**, *Alpha Psi*, a fourth-grade teacher with National Board Certification in the Area of Middle Childhood Generalist at Radez Elementary School Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School. Katie will use the funds from the Pi State Scholarship to earn her School Building Leader Certificate/School District Leader Certificate at the College of St Rose. With this certification she will be able to become a building principal. Her colleagues see her as one who constantly seeks growth in her profession. Katie participates in chapter meetings and events as well as being a member of the Programs Committee.

Council New York State Nominations Committee. At the 2019 New York State Convention she served on the Hostess Committee as well as being a

co-facilitator at the National Board Certification Workshop.



Awards & Committees

The Pi State Achievement Award

The Pi State Achievement Award was given to Gladys L. Mersereau in 1954, the year it was established. Since then, 66 other NYSO sisters have been recognized for outstanding contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at the state level. The recipient receives a certificate and a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose. Chapters wishing to submit the name of a deserving sister may go to the NYSO website to find the application. New applications will be welcomed for 2020-2021 year.

A very deserving recipient will be honored at our fall meeting in Utica.

Ellie Robinson, Chair, Pi State Achievement Award

Bea Small Award

The Bea Small Award, established in 1999, in memory of Bea Small, *Omega Chapter*, is given for an outstanding existing project which addresses the need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. This project must be on-going for a minimum of two years.

The Bea Small Committee is honoring Rho Chapter this year with the Bea Small Award for their Backpack Nutrition Program.

This program provides backpacks full of food each Friday to students sustaining them over the weekend and during school vacations. Approximately half of the student population at Franklin Central School qualifies for free lunch but they struggle with meals when school is not in session. This Backpack Nutrition Program is seen to decrease the signs of hunger on Monday mornings for this target population. We applaud them for their efforts in helping these children.

2020 NYSO Travel and Study Stipend

Doreen McGrath is a High School Social Studies teacher at Delaware Academy in Delhi, New York. She has been a member of *Beta Omicron Chapter* since 2015, has served as chapter Vice President, and currently serves as the Chapter President.

She is a High School Social Studies teacher at Delaware Academy in Delhi, where she teaches Government, Economics and elective Social Sciences classes. She plans to use the stipend to attend the CTAUN Conference at the United Nations in New York City next year. She feels that in her position as a Social Studies teacher, attending the conference will provide a vital tool to aid her in teaching her students about world issues and events and the importance the United Nations plays in the world.



Mary Fran Seymour is a retired Elementary Teacher who is currently a Student Teacher Supervisor for SUNY Cortland. She is a long-time member of *Beta Chi Chapter*, where she has been the Chapter Treasurer, a member of the Standing Rules Committee and also the Corresponding Secretary. She is also active on the State Organization level where she is presently on the New York State Finance Committee.

She plans to use her stipend to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has three goals for wishing to attend: first of all, she has never attended an International Convention before. She is anxious to be a participant and to learn more about the concepts of finance from both the Chapter and International levels. She welcomes the chance to talk to other DKG members about how local chapters run their operations and to hear more about International's finances which she feels will enhance her role as a member of the NYS Finance Committee. Finally, she looks forward to having opportunities to connect with members from chapters around the USA and from around the world in order to bring back new ways to keep her own *Beta Chi Chapter* vibrant.



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 and membership fees. Please remember the Foundation when looking for a gift idea or memoriam for a friend or family member. With the uncertain times we are in, donations are down. Also, since we were unable to hold our Spring Executive Board Meeting and Annual Pi State Foundation Meeting due to the Corona virus pandemic, we missed seeing you; many of you use this opportunity to make an annual donation to the Foundation. Our great work goes on and we encourage you to send a donation today. Our 20-in-20 Challenge is in full swing, so if you haven't joined in, consider making a \$20 donation in 2020! Donation forms are on the website. Thank you in advance!

We look forward to seeing you in Utica for the Fall Executive Board Meeting. The Annual Pi State Foundation Meeting will be held then. Reports will be heard about grant projects that were funded in 2019, a financial report will be given and three directors will be elected at this time for the Foundation Board of Directors. The seats of Jean Sekel, Sue Summerfield, and Ellen Hughes are up and all three are running for reelection. You may recall that we recently voted on an amendment to the bylaws so that after this election, the directors' terms will be staggered and we will no longer be electing three directors at one time. Therefore, we will be electing one director to a one-year term and two directors to four-year terms. After this, all directors will be elected to normal four-year terms. We will also be receiving an update on the 20-in-20 Challenge and receiving a financial report. A discussion and voting to establish the new Agnes Becker Literacy Scholarship will also take place.

Three grant applications for funding was received by the May 1st deadline and all were approved. The first award of \$600 went to Maureen Nicolo of Alpha Rho for her chapter project, "Books for Food Bank Backpacks." They will use their grant to buy high-interest, primary-level books. This is an extension of a project whereby needy PreK-Grade 2 students receive backpacks each Friday filled with food to feed their families over the weekend. Twice a year, the students in three school districts will find books in their backpacks, along with the food, benefiting almost 500 children in nine schools. These are students who often have few books in their home.

The second award went to Robin Pantel of Tau Chapter. She is in charge of the chapter's visitations at the WIC center where they model reading to parents of children for their Born to Read program and talk with them about the importance about reading to and talking with their toddlers and babies. They have extended this program to working with Healthy Families of Sullivan County and the local hospital and parenting classes. Their chapter grant, "DKG Community Literacy Outreach," is being funded for \$700 and will be used to purchase books, flashcards, bookbags, labels and pamphlets. They hope to serve over 60 families during the year and hold at least ten parent workshops.

The last award went to Cecelia Colosi of Alpha Tau. Her project is "Canandaigua Children's Book Fest" and is being funded for \$900. The Book Fest is a one-day fun event that is held to inspire the love of reading in children, where children meet authors and illustrators and are involved with literacy activities and crafts. The grant will help with things like craft materials, character costume rentals, posters, bookmarks, signage and event insurance. The event will take place in October and hopes to serve over 400 children and their parents.

The deadline for the next funding round is November 1st. Applications may be found on the Pi State Educational Foundation section of the New York State website. Remember that we now encourage you to submit your application electronically and that awards have a top limit of \$1200.

REMEMBER: My contact information has changed and so some of the forms may be incorrect. E-mail: gdudko50@gmail.com and my home phone number: 845-672-3875; cell phone remains: 845-754-5593.

CALENDAR OF NY STATE IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES April 2020 – May 2021

Go-To-Meeting Membership & Expansion Committee	
Go-To-Meeting Executive Committee	
Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due	
Room Block for the Delta Hotels Utica, Open, 2020 Fall Executive Board	
Meeting/Seminar. Call 315-797-8010. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block.	
Reservation Link: Marriott.com/ucade	
Block Rate is \$119.00 +10.75% tax (\$131.80).	
IMPORTANT: Chapter Presidents will receive a copy of their Directory Page to	
be updated for the 2020-2022 Two-Year Directory	
New Chapter Officers Form 110 due to International and NYSO/DKG	
President	
DEADLINE: Pi Lights Summer issue information to NY State Editor (Online	
issue)	
DEADLINE: All Chapter members' dues sent to Chapter Treasurer.	
Room Block for the Crowne Plaza Lake Placid, Open, 2021. NYS Convention	
2021 Call 518-523-2556. Ask for Delta Kappa Gamma Room Block.	
Block Rate is \$119.00 +13% tax (\$134.47).	
One Night Block Rate is \$159.00 + 13% tax (\$179.67)	
DEADLINE: Chapter dues sent to International and NY State Treasurer	
DEADLINE: Directory 2020-2022, Updates due to NYSO/DKG Executive Secretary	
DEADLINE: Registration due for LDS On The Road	
DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
DEADLINE: Chapter Treasurers submit Form 15 to NYSO/DKG Treasurer	
Region 1: (NW, SW, WC, EC) Legacy at Fairways, 681 High Street	
Victor, NY	
Region 2: (<i>N, NC, SC</i>) Ilion Public Library, 78 West Street, Ilion, NY	
Region 3: (<i>C, E, SE</i>) Site To Be Announced	
DEADLINE: ORDER Forms for 2020-2022 NY State Directory due to NY State Executive Secretary	
Audit Committee Meeting, East Syracuse Public Library	
Go-To-Meeting Finance Committee	
DEADLINE: Pi Lights Fall issue information to NY State Editor (Online	
issue)	
DEADLINE: Room Block closes Delta Hotels Utica, for the 2020 Fall	
Executive Board Meeting/Seminar.	
NY State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar: Delta Hotels Utica, Utica	
Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due	
DEADLINE TO FILE: All Chapter Treasurers file IRS Form 990: A copy	
must go to NY State Treasurer.	
DEADLINE: Recommendations for NY State Elected Officers to the	
NY State Nominations Committee Chair	

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November 15, 2020	Nominations for NY State Finance Committee from South Central, North	
	Central, Northern, Capital & Eastern and for NY State Nominations Committee	
	from Northwestern, Southwestern, West Central, East Central & Southeastern due	
	to NY State Nominations Committee Chair	
November 15, 2020	NY State BYLAWS/Standing Rules recommendations for changes due to	
	NY State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair	
November 15, 2020	Workshop Convention Proposals for NY State 2021 Convention due to	
	NY State EEC Chair	
December 1, 2020	DEADLINE: Pi Lights Winter issue information to NY State Editor (Mailed	
	issue)	
February 1, 2021	International Scholarship applications due	
February 1, 2021	Chapter Annual Necrology Report (Form 2)	
February 15, 2021	DEADLINE:	
	♣ NY State Scholarships	
	♣ Travel and Study Stipends	
	♣ Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	
	♣ Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	
	♣ The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	
	♣ Pi State Achievement Award	
	♣ The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award	
	4 The Bea Small Award	
March 1, 2021	DEADLINE: Pi Lights Spring issue information to NY State Editor (Online	
	issue)	
March 30, 2021	DEADLINE: Room Block closes for the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid for the	
· ·	NY State Convention	
April 30-May 2, 2021	NYS Convention: Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY	
May 1, 2021	Pi State Educational Foundation Project Grant applications due	
	Death of a Member Form 6 to State Membership & Expansion Committee	
REMINDER:	Death of a Member Form o to State Membership & Expansion Committee	

We Look Forward to Seeing Your Chapter Pictures in Pi Lights

Please send photos of your chapter events, Chapter celebrations, and Chapter inductees to NYSO Editor Kim Goldhirsch (kgpilightseditor@gmail.com) and NYSO President Sue Kenoyer (suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com).

You must have permission from every person in the photo and the phtos need to be sent in jpeg format. Be sure to include the Inductee names, area/ grade/ subject that they teach and where.

Please include at least one photo of just the inductees for a feature on our State Website which is a slide show of our Inductees with photo and caption of Chapter name and Inductees names.

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

Visitations

Year	Date	Chapter(s)/ Area	State Representative
2019	8/10/19	Capital AC	Karen Crumley
			Lisa Huyck
			Suzanne Patrick
2019	9/28/19	West Central AC	Mary-Martha Harvey
			Sue Kenoyer
			Dr. Renee Funke
2019	10/5/19	North Central AC	Sue Kenoyer
			Mary-Martha Harvey
			Jennifer Lee-Alden
2019	10/16/19	Alpha Psi	Sue Kenoyer
2019	10/17/19	East Central AC	Sue Kenoyer
			Mary-Martha Harvey
2019	10/22/19	Tau	Lochie Musso
2020	5/5/20	Omega postponed	Suzanne Patrick
2020	5/7/20	Alpha Alpha postponed	Mary-Martha Harvey
2020	5/11/20	Alpha Iota postponed	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	5/13/20	Alpha Chi postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/15/20	Rho postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	5/28/20	Beta Nu postponed	Ellie Robinson
2020	6/3/20	Alpha Lambda postponed	Sue Kenoyer
2020	6/4/20	Beta Gamma postponed	Jennifer Lee-Alden
2020	6/6/20	Southeastern AC	Deborah Bedard
2020	6/8/20	Alpha Theta postponed	Dr. Renee Funke
2020	10/3/20	Eastern AC	Deborah Bedard

Pride Of New York

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Alpha Lambda chapter was invited to participate in Makowski Public School's African-American Read-In on Feb. 28, 2020. Chapter members, Lucy Stanton, Diane Andriaccio, and Fran Romeo were greeted by Village Elder, Fredrika Worthy, and escorted to various classrooms by student volunteers.

Alpha Lambda Chapter News



The Read-In was the final activity celebrating Black History month. Angela James, Teacher Assistant, Dawn Dinatle, Principal, and the Village Elders planned month-long assemblies for the students. Angela James proudly shows the background mural created for these gatherings.



On December 7, 2019, two new members, **Kathy Houghton and Lucy Stanton** were initiated at the Orchard Park Country
Club. **Marlene Solly**, Membership Chair, conducted the ceremony which included initiate sponsors, **Hettie Domino and Diane**

Andriaccio.



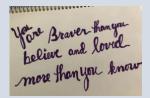
On March 3rd, the Chemung County Council of Women held a program ~ "Salute Your Favorite Women in History!" at the Chemung Valley History Museum. Holly Strickland, an Alpha Rho sister, portrayed Harriet Tubman as she told the story of this famous abolitionist.

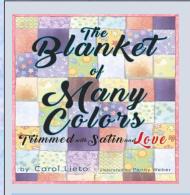
Photo by Maureen Nicolo

Alpha Zeta Changes Gears During the Quarantine

After cancelling their March Silent Auction meeting, *Alpha Zeta* Officers decided to be sure to meet in April and May. Members were particularly excited by the program for April's meeting, a Sip and Paint.

Recognizing that getting painting materials to members would be difficult, the plan was changed to a *Cocktail with Calligraphy* program. The group enjoyed companionship, laughs, and gained a useful skill. Thank you to **Suzanne Ellis** for leading our program!







Carol Lieto

During Coronavirus, Have Zoom Meetings!

Alpha Pi, located in hard hit Westchester County, had the idea to have a visit using "Zoom" to connect with one another. We had our first visit on April 4th and it has become a weekly event! We have enjoyed checking in with each other and lightening one another's spirits! For those sisters who do not use the computer, phone calls and cards have also connected us. We look forward to the day when we can meet together in person, especially since we have our 60th Anniversary as a chapter to celebrate!

Alpha Pi Chapter is Proud to Announce We Have a published author in their midst!

Carol Lieto, a retired English teacher from the Somers Central School District, has published a book titled, The Blanket of Many Colors, Trimmed with Satin and Love. The book is based on her own experience with a childhood blanket that one of her daughters had while in college. In the story, a woman anticipating the birth of her baby quilts a baby blanket of many-colored squares. It is destined to become her daughter's source of comfort and joy in her life. This keepsake blanket becomes a powerful reminder of love, strength and connection to her mother throughout the young woman's life and makes the reader aware of the threads of love that bind families together.

Congratulations Lisa Meade, Beta Omega



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Dear Susan,

It is our pleasure to notify you that Lisa Meade of New York's Beta Omega chapter has received a Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$2,000.00. She plans to use her award to attend the National Principal's Conference. We are pleased that a member from your state has received assistance to enhance her professional expertise.

Information on how you recognize her would be appreciated. Please help us encourage all educators, members and non-members, who need professional development assistance to check the Foundation website for the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award information and application. Encourage them to apply as did Lisa. We have included her contact information below hoping you will want to congratulate her personally and possibly recognize her at state convention.

Sincerely,

Merry S. Lewis, Chair

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July/August 2020

Ideas for Using the **Plan Template**

In addition to recruiting collegiate members, many chapters want to recruit current educators. Step 1 in identifying target educators might be to complete Chapter Member Biographical Data Sheets located at dkg.org under membership forms. Who is missing from your chapter? Seek out those who may be able to filt hat void and bring depth to the chapter membership.

An internal marketing plan idea might be how to increase attendance at megtins . Identify who is not attending the megtins (step 1) and personally contact them through a phone call or email and inquire why (step 2). Assign a mentor to contact g her before the meetin (step 3) and offer a ride or just talk (step 4). Then greet her warmly at the meeting and make her feel important (step 5).

Other topics for plans might be garnering support for chapter/SO projects, holding virtual gneetins, inviting guest speakers, networking with area chapters, or honoring your treasured roses. The possibilities are endless. Try writing a marketing plan with your SO or chapter today!

Create and Build Awareness Through a Marketing Plan

How can we as members improve in our efforts to create and build awareness of DKG? Think of creating and building that awareness as a large DKG umbrella.

You might begin by identifying needs of your chapter or state organization (SO) with an assessment, asking specific questions about member concerns, programs, support for initiatives/projects, or any ideas being considered. Those needs, through the guidance of a specific plan, can become attainable goals under the umbrella.

The Communications and Marketing Committee has developed a five-step plan to guide members as they look at areas of need. The five steps, the rib points of the umbrella, can help you reach those goals, whether internal or external ones. Consider these five steps:

2. Grab attention

1. Identify and find target audience;

2. Grab attention of target audience;

3. Build the relationship;

4. Follow up;

5. Close the "sale."

Recruiting Collegiate Members

DKG

Create and Build Awareness

Combine all of your goals from the needs assessment into a marketing

plan that can guide your SO or chapter in sharing DKG with everyone.

find target of target audience: Target local college and department chair if you can attend a university Departments of class or hold a Education to make special session aspiring women with aspiring teachers aware of women teachers and explain the benefits of DKG. DKG. If there are none in your area, contact the local high school to the scholarships determine senior and stipends young women who are available are interested in Contact local becoming chapters in that educators. Ask area and ask members to members to come sponsor and with you to share support" these the benefits of DKG. young women

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college careers.

relationship and build trust Become mentors to these women! Send note cards at final ex<mark>am t</mark>ime, send treats on special occasions; care packages are always welcome. Over their holiday or spring break, invite them to a chapter meeting and listen to their successes and concerns. Support Keep in touch as described in the building relationships section: invite them to your meetings; attend their local education meetings if possible. Share the benefits of DKG. Offer to

write letters of

5. Close the "sale": Pay their collegiate dues if possible Invite them to a meeting to talk about the benefits that DKG support has given them. Once they secure a teaching position, invite them to become a member: encourage them to pay it forward.

Collegiate Membership Sample

Recruiting collegiate members may be among many chapters' goals this year. Consider how the points of the plan would help: Step 1. Review the definition of collegiate members and decide how you can find those students. Step 2. Once identified, how do you reach them? Do they know what DKG is? Step 3. Tell them how wonderful DKG is, what the benefits of membership are. Show how you can help them reach their goals. Step 4. Continue to keep in touch and offer support. Step 5. Invite them into membership and create activties to involve them.

View a larger copy of the Recruiting Collegiate Membership sample plan on the DKG website under Resource \rightarrow C&M Tools.

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Does DKG International have your updated information?

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

DKG International website: www.dkg.org
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Information for the Fall Issue of Pi Lights Due September 1, 2020

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

Kim Goldhirsch kgpilightseditor@gmail.com ... subject line – DKG Pi Lights

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2020

September 1, 2020...December 1, 2020...March 1, 2021