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# *Pi Lights*



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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.

**New York State Organization is part of  
the **DKG Northeast Region** that includes:**

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland,  
Massachusetts, Michigan, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio,  
Ontario, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us again... As a child, it seemed to take forever for Christmas to arrive at our house, but as an adult, it seems to come around again in the blink of my eyes!

The fall months were filled with opportunities to experience the benefits of DKG, including three Area Council Conferences. **West Central** presented a program at **Letchworth State Park** that offered members a chance to enjoy sweets from local businesses and enjoy the beauty of the park while learning about their **Autism Nature Trail**. **East Central** hosted their event at **Club 86** in Geneva, with plenty of shopping local merchants and a video message from **Senator Pam Helming**. Participants were educated and inspired by the **North Central** Conference held at the **Delta Lake Bible Conference Center** with the presentation on preparing students for Future Ready Careers by strengthening the vocational education programs and building relationships with local colleges and businesses. The Executive Committee also enjoyed meeting members in person through our visits to several chapters in October and November: **Tau (EC)**, **Gamma Alpha (SE)**, **Beta Theta (EC)**, **Beta Tau (WC)**, **Alpha Theta (EC)** and **Alpha Kappa (C)**.

In this issue, please find the registration form for the **Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar on April 19-20, 2024 at the Delta Hotel in Utica**. Many *thanks* to our Registrars, **Donna Krayenvenger** and **Julia Schrader, Alpha Theta**, for volunteering their time and energy to be part of the leadership for this weekend. The optional meal events have been eliminated from the schedule to allow greater flexibility for members in managing personal costs to attend our Conference. The Hotel has an in-house restaurant for those who wish to use it. There are also several restaurants within walking distance or a short drive. Information to reserve your hotel room has also been included again in this issue.

***I hope you are making plans to attend!***

Over the past year, I have heard from many Chapter leaders requesting information about Chapter project and program ideas. NYSO is fortunate to have many Chapters that have existing projects in place, some of which have earned **Bea Small Awards**. We also have many programs listed in our Supplemental Directory for this year. I am very pleased to announce that we will be hosting a **Project and Program Expo** at our General Session on Friday night of the Spring Meeting. Chapters will be invited to sign up for a table where they can display information and examples of their Chapter projects that benefit the community or programs members have enjoyed and found useful. It is hoped that attendees will go home with a wealth of ideas to share with their Chapters. A flyer with the link to sign up is on page 5. We will also be announcing our **2024 Bea Small Award** recipients at this event.

As a reminder, **Chapter Presidents** are members of the NYSO Executive Board and are expected to attend the **Executive Board and Corporation meetings on Saturday, April 20, 2024** to represent their Chapter in making decisions for our organization. Those who cannot attend are asked to send a Chapter member to serve as delegate to vote at the meetings.

Speaking of Chapter Presidents, I hope Chapters have been working on getting a slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. Our **Leadership Development Committee Chair Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide** will be offering a workshop at the State Meeting for new and returning Presidents to initiate training for Chapter leaders. Please see the preview of workshops from **Educational Excellence Committee Chair Rosemary Van Wart** to learn more about what is planned for April.



**Jennifer Lee-Alden**  
**NYSO DKG President 2023-2025**

***“Moving Forward with  
Manageable Leadership”***

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Please keep in mind, we are fortunate to be one of the few educational organizations that offer financial support to our members. NYSO DKG recognizes outstanding active and retired educators with our **Awards**, and members are eligible to apply for several **Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid**. Please consider nominating a key contributor in the educational community for an award or complete an application yourself to earn funding for a course or to attend a conference. **The deadline for all submissions is Thursday, February 15, 2024.** The link to our state website for applications is <https://www.dkgstate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html>

**Wishing you the best of holidays and looking forward to seeing you online or in-person soon!**

Warmly, *Jen*

**CALENDAR OF NYSO IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**  
**January 2024- June 2024**

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>
March 1, 2024	DEADLINE: <i>Pi Lights</i> Spring issue information to NYSO Editor
<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: <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information to NYSO Editor
October 5, 2024	South Central Area Conference
<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. <div style="text-align: right;"> <b><i>Elisa Keating</i></b>  <i>Executive Secretary</i> </div>

## Successful Virtual Workshops Offered

The *NYSO Educational Excellence Committee* along with President **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, first Vice President **Anna Marie Bonafide** and the **Executive Committee** have opened up a focus this biennium to offer more virtual workshops in between our in-person State meetings, in particular those workshops that could offer CTLE credits for those who need them. For all the busy professionals currently in the classroom who need to get their professional development credits, we hope offering virtual workshops with credit will make it more convenient to gain those.

With that goal in mind, we put out the word in the September *Pi Lights* and we got an immediate response! *Thanks* to **Amber (Gladle) Aldridge**, *Gamma Epsilon* Chapter President, in November, we were able to offer two virtual workshops. Although they were not eligible for credit, as we continue to refine the requirements, they were well attended. The one on **Canva**, the free digital tool for creating flyers, invitations, etc., had 29 registrants and the one on **Google 101**, had 20 registrants. Amber plans to offer **Canva, Part 2** at the Spring Meeting to give a more hands-on experience to both those who took Part 1 and for those who are new to the program as well.

In addition, First Vice President **Anna Marie Bonafide** will be offering a virtual **Book Club**, using the 2023 DKG Award book- *Voices of Newcomers: Experiences of Multilingual Learners* by Denise Ammeraal Furlong. The Book Club will be meeting for one hour on three Tuesdays: January 16, 23 and 30, 2024. *If you are interested in attending, please register here:*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea9u3sGC7-pFOPXZ0zDA8Bo51mJ\\_C\\_ZJMFbml5GPIE\\_MJsVQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea9u3sGC7-pFOPXZ0zDA8Bo51mJ_C_ZJMFbml5GPIE_MJsVQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

We are grateful to our two NYSO members for stepping up and offering to share their expertise with us, for those who need credits and for those who are interested in continuing to learn something new. Please consider sharing your expertise with all of us as well. You may submit a proposal for a **Virtual Workshop** anytime, or if you would like to present in person at next Fall's Meeting, the **deadline for Workshop Proposal is July 15, 2024**. *For your convenience, you may use this link for the fillable proposal form:*

[https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/nys\\_workshop\\_proposal\\_form\\_2023-2025\\_fillable\\_field-1.pdf](https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/nys_workshop_proposal_form_2023-2025_fillable_field-1.pdf)

Or you may find the form on the NYSO website. Questions may be directed to me as the Chairperson. My contact information is on the website as well.

The *NYSO Educational Excellence Committee* and I wish all of you a

**Happy Holiday season and the best in the New Year.**

*Rosemary Van Wart*, Chair  
*Educational Excellence Committee*

## Register for Digital Book Club Workshop by January 10

*Alpha Nu* member and NYSO DKG First Vice President **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide** will facilitate a Book Club focused on the **2023 DKG Award Book, *Newcomers: Experiences of Multilingual Learners* by Denise Ammeraal Furlong, Ed.D.**

Welcoming our new migrant students into our classrooms can be a challenge, but also an opportunity to bring multicultural experiences into the classroom as well as supporting a welcoming and caring environment for all students. Through an analysis and discussion of the book, participants will reflect on strategies they can implement in their own classroom. **Workshop sessions are scheduled via Zoom for January 16, 23 and 30 from 7-8 p.m.** Participants will need to purchase a copy and read the book prior to the first session 3-4 hour read- available on Amazon- \$21.96 paperback; \$9.99 Kindle; or Barnes and Noble- \$24.99 paperback ISBN # 978-1953852533. **CTLE credit available.**

Please register by January 10 through link on NYSO DKG website.





INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

*Do you have an outstanding Chapter project that **benefits the community?***

*Have you hosted a fantastic program at a chapter meeting that members **LOVED?***

**OR**

*Are you looking for a new project or program to **revitalize** your chapter?*

*Then join us for our*

# ***2024 NYSD Chapter Project and Program EXPO***

*At the General Session of the  
NYSD Executive Board Meeting and Seminar*

*Friday night, April 19th*

*7:00 - 8:30 p.m.*

*Delta Hotel, Utica*

*To sign up to display your chapter project or program at the EXPO, please use this link:*  
[\*\*EXPO Sign Up\*\*](#)

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2024 NYSO DKG Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar**  
**April 19 and 20, 2024**  
**Delta Hotel by Marriott, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY**

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Office requested for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s) for Badges \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration Fee (Due by March 20th) **\$75.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Late or On-site Registration Fee (postmark after March 20th) **\$90.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, April 19**

**Dinner on your own.** Reservations are suggested if you plan to dine at Delta's *Shade Bar & Grill*.

**Friday, April 19**

**Dessert Reception - Ice Cream Bar 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

**Included in Registration**

**Ice Cream Bar** – ice cream, hot fudge, caramel, assorted toppings, regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea. Dairy-free/lactose free ice cream is available – please list under dietary needs further down on this form.

*Please check if you will attend.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Charge \$14.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, April 20 Breakfast Buffet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Included in Registration**

*Assorted fruits, juices, muffins, breads, bacon, home fried potatoes, farm fresh scrambled eggs, vegetable frittata, Belgian waffles (fresh blueberry, strawberry, apple topping), Regular and decaffeinated coffee/tea*

*Please check if you will attend.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Charge- \$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**List any special dietary needs** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check/money order payable to NYSO Delta Kappa Gamma**

Mail to Donna Krayenvenger, 107 Mosher Dr., Tonawanda NY 14150, [slp3272@gmail.com](mailto:slp3272@gmail.com)  
716.462.0832

**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 20, 2024**. Cancellation and refund requests received after **March 20, 2024** will **NOT** be accepted. All fees are non-refundable. 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, by March 19, 2024 through this link-** <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservationlink.mi?id=1692300682130&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call (315) 797-8010. Mention **Delta Kappa Gamma** to receive room block rate.

### News from the NYSO Educational Excellence Committee

Since the Fall, the *NYSO Educational Excellence Committee* has received several proposals for workshops for the Spring Meeting in Utica on April 19-20, 2024, as well as proposals for virtual workshops which have already been offered (*see accompanying article on page 4*). We are grateful for the response. We continue to refine our in-person offerings and scheduling for the Spring Meeting, but here is a list of the workshops we know we will be offering:

#### Partial Workshop Schedule for Spring Meeting, April 19-20, 2024

Workshop	Description	Presenter
Canva and Your Chapter-Part 2	Learn how to use Canva, a free digital tool, to share information with your chapter members, create flyers and other event invitations. This easy-to-use program can help change the way you communicate with your chapter members. This will be a hands-on workshop and also a follow up to Amber's virtual workshop presented on Nov. 13	Amber Aldridge
How to Update Your Chapter's Standing Rules	Take a look at the Chapter Rules check list, hear about updates you need to make to your Chapter Rules and participate in a Q and A.	Sue Kenoyer and the BYLAWS Committee
Working Toward Manageable Leadership	Life today is busy for educators and DKG leadership should easily fit into our challenging schedules. The LDC Committee session will assist DKG leaders with managing their time and chapter efforts.	Anna Marie Bonafide and the Leadership Development Committee

Stay tuned for the Spring *Pi Lights* for our finalized list and schedule of workshops.

The *Educational Excellence Committee* and I look forward to seeing you in Utica April 19-20, 2024!

Warmest Holiday Wishes,  
**Rosemary Van Wart** and the *NYSO EEC*

### 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*

### 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
May 14, 2024	<i>Chi</i> Chapter Meeting	Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide
May 23, 2024	<i>Beta Nu</i> Chapter Meeting	Amy Zimmerman

*Elisa Keating, Beta Delta  
NYSO Executive Secretary*

### Leadership Development Committee To Hold President Training at April Conference

The *Leadership Development Committee* (LDC) has continued to be busy with planning training sessions at the State level.

A survey was sent to Chapter Presidents regarding President Training for the Summer of 2024. We received 40 responses from Presidents and other members of the Chapters' Executive Boards. Presidents noted their desire to attend in-person or digital training or either as well as their priorities regarding date and location. Topics of concern for Presidents were also surveyed and membership retention and new membership were a priority.

LDC has decided in connection with the theme of *Moving Forward With Manageable Leadership* for this biennium, **President's Training, Part I and II** will be held at the April Executive Board Meeting and Conference during the workshop sessions on April 20.

Further information for training for *Returning Presidents and New Presidents* will be forthcoming through **Jen's Gems**, spring *Pi Lights* and emails to Chapter Presidents.

In addition, LDC plans to hold follow-up Zoom meetings with Chapter Presidents at the end of June and end of August.

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

***“Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership”***



**Latest News from the  
NYSO DKG BYLAWS & Rules Committee  
It's Time to Look at Chapter Standing Rules!**

Every Biennium, Chapters are asked to review and if necessary, update their Standing Rules.

Rules are then sent to **Sue Kenoyer**, the State BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair, **Karen Crumley**, Parliamentarian and **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, State President. They will compare your Chapter Rules to the *Checklist for Standing Rules* and let you know what you might consider adding the next time your Chapter Rules are reviewed. A copy of your latest rules is then added to the State files and all other earlier versions are destroyed.

The BYLAWS & Rules Committee members are assigned to Chapters and act as your Liaison to the Committee. They will contact you to ask if you need any assistance during the biennium until we have received your Rules.

If, after review, you decide that no changes are necessary, then update the review date on your present copy of the Standing Rules and send them to the three people listed above.

The Fall *Pi Lights* article listed web addresses where you can find the *Checklist* and Committee webpage. The Committee will also hold a workshop in April at the Spring Executive Board Meeting. Until then, please send your questions to [suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com](mailto:suekenoyerdkg@gmail.com).

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

*Sue Kenoyer, Psi  
Chair BYLAWS & Standing Rules*

**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.dkgnystate.org/applications-for-new-york-state-awards-scholarships--grants-in-aid.html>

**NYSO Applications Due February 15, 2024  
To Pi State Educational Foundation**

- \* *Literacy Scholarships*

[https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/pi\\_state\\_foundation\\_literacy\\_scholarship.pdf](https://www.dkgnystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/pi_state_foundation_literacy_scholarship.pdf)

## WORLD FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### Welcome in 2024 by:

- \* Being open to new perspectives!
- \* Inviting an international student from a nearby college or university to a Chapter meeting for them to share their culture and aspirations.
- \* Hold a *World Fellowship Fundraising* event at the same time to assist DKG International World Fellowship Committee in funding educational grants which are awarded to international women to achieve higher levels in their education in the U.S. and Canada. [Refer to *Alpha Alpha* article in *Pride of NYSO DKG*]

The *World Fellowship Committee* is anticipating another revitalizing year, communicating with the 5 new World Fellowship Grant Recipients to NY State! Three grant recipients are pursuing Masters' degrees at Columbia University:

- Indra in International & Transcultural Studies is from Mongolia.
- Justina in Law is from Argentina.
- Valeria in Global Leadership is from Chile.

Two of the five recipients are pursuing Masters' degrees in upstate NY:

- Renea in Forensic Science is from Guyana and studying at Syracuse University.
- Lattanee in Women's Gender and Sexuality is from Lao PDR and studying at SUNY at Albany.

DKG Members can access their full contact info. at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

We will have updates soon to share as these students settle into their studies here! Communication has been so enriched through ZOOM meetings where we can share more spontaneously. Any of these students would love to speak about their country and aspirations; and, in turn be welcomed and mentored by you in person!

**FLASH! Chapter Presidents!** Be on the lookout for a special letter being mailed to you in January 2024 from the NYSO World Fellowship Committee. Due to the decrease in the number of grants and one-year extensions being offered in the past five years from DKG International, our Committee is urging you to hold World Fellowship Fundraisers in your Chapters to assist by sending donations this coming year!

***Funded only by donations!***

**FYI:** New York State recipients (*above*) were 5 of the 10 in U.S. 5 in Canada.

The 2023-2024 list totals 15 awards at \$4,000 and 9 extensions at \$1,000.

Though DKG evens out what was a usual annual budget of \$78K from donations, the last two years has seen a decline in giving with \$71K 2022 and this year \$68K.

For questions or further information, please contact World Fellowship Chair **Sue Genthner**, [susangenthner@gmail.com](mailto:susangenthner@gmail.com).

*“Even though we are different, we can go together to make something amazing.”*

Words by Jayden 6th gr. Student at Northwood School, Hilton, NY

**Sue Genthner**  
World Fellowship Chair

## DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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

## NYSO DKG Membership and Expansion Committee

The NYSO DKG *Membership and Expansion Committee* wants to share the members whom we have lost in the past year. We lovingly honor the following members who are missed and fondly remembered.

### *In loving memory of ...*

Dorothy Dickinson	9/27/2023	<i>Beta Delta</i>
Ethel J. Furstenberg	6/21/2022	<i>Beta Eta</i>
Beth Hallinan	5/14/2023	<i>Alpha Iota</i>
Mary B. Hotaling	9/1/2023	<i>Beta Mu</i>
Esther Hutchinson	6/4/2023	<i>Rho</i>
Jane Kruse	8/18/2023	<i>Beta Gamma</i>
Lenora McCabe,	8/18/2023	<i>Alpha Eta</i>
Penelope Miller	6/5/2023	<i>Alpha Eta</i>
Mary Claire Noakes	5/4/2023	<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>
Theresa Palmiero	6/17/2023	<i>Alpha Chi</i>
Sandra Roberts	10/1/2023	<i>Chi</i>

Upon the death of a member, please send **NYSO Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member** (found on the NYSO website under *Membership Resources*), to **Anne L'Hommedieu**, Membership and Expansion Chair ([amlhommedieu@gmail.com](mailto:amlhommedieu@gmail.com)).

Additionally, **NYSO Form 2, Annual Necrology Report** (also found under *Membership Resources*), is **due by February 1<sup>st</sup>** from each Chapter even if there have been no deaths in your Chapter during the previous year.

The members of this Committee are always available to answer membership questions. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Anne L'Hommedieu**, Chair – [amlhommedieu@gmail.com](mailto:amlhommedieu@gmail.com)

**Michelle Cole** – [mikkicole@gmail.com](mailto:mikkicole@gmail.com)

**Kayla (Fraser) Frumusa** – [fraserk1994@gmail.com](mailto:fraserk1994@gmail.com)

**Pamela Hays** – [pammhays@gmail.com](mailto:pammhays@gmail.com)

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**Lisa Smithers** – [lisaemail2017@gmail.com](mailto:lisaemail2017@gmail.com)

**Elisa Keating**, NYSO Executive Secretary, Ex Officio member – [elisakeating1@gmail.com](mailto:elisakeating1@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Lee-Alden**, NYSO President, Ex Officio member – [nysdkgpres2123@gmail.com](mailto:nysdkgpres2123@gmail.com)

**Amy Zimmerman**, NYSO 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Liaison, Ex Officio member – [azimmerman@mwcsd.org](mailto:azimmerman@mwcsd.org)

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*Anne L'Hommedieu*, Chair  
Membership and Expansion Committee

## Communications and Marketing Committee

The *NYSO Communications and Marketing Committee* has met and begun implementing 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 DKG Awards Benefit Tickets

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

<p><b>2024 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket</b>  <i>Awards, Leadership &amp; Grant(s)-in-Aid</i></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Chapter _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Drawing at Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar            Utica, April 19-20, 2024</p> <p>Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10</p>	<p><b>2024 NYSO Awards Benefit Ticket</b>  <i>Awards, Leadership &amp; Grant(s)-in-Aid</i></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Chapter _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Drawing at Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar            Utica, April 18-20, 2024</p> <p>Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10</p>
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*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*  
**VISION STATEMENT**

*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*

*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.

# 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.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org) for applications and further information.**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Send Applications to</i>
<b>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</b>	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the <b>criteria</b> set forth in <i>NY State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i> : "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years." <i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th NY State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	<b>Amy Zimmerman</b> <b>1316 Bay Drive</b> <b>Middlesex 14507</b> <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> <b>69 Miller Road</b> <b>Treadwell 13846</b> <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> <b>7200 Brookside Drive</b> <b>Lockport 14094</b> <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> <b>105 Ashland Place</b> <b>Apt. 4D</b> <b>Brooklyn 11201-3957</b> <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> <b>PO Box 88</b> <b>200 Mahopac Avenue</b> <b>Granite Springs 10527</b> <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>Ellie Robinson</b> <b>625 Championship Drive</b> <b>Victor 14564</b> <a href="mailto:ejb67r@gmail.com">ejb67r@gmail.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.dkgnystate.org">www.dkgnystate.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> <b>26 Joel Place</b> <b>Staten Island 10306</b> <a href="mailto:mbald2626@yahoo.com">mbald2626@yahoo.com</a>





### ATTENTION!!

The *Pi State Achievement Award Committee* members are beginning to contact Area Chapter Presidents and Co-Chair Presidents and members, regarding the criteria and the Nomination Form that is available on the NYSO DKG website: [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org), under *HOME/New York State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid/Application Forms (due February 15<sup>th</sup>)*, *Pi State Achievement Award*.

The Holiday Season is here. The Pi State Achievement Award Committee Chair **Dr. Andréa H. Morris** and Committee members are eagerly waiting to receive your nominations of educators who have made outstanding contributions to their Chapters and the State organization.

Chapter members, who were recognized as *Women of Distinction*, may be eligible for this prestigious award.

Chapter Presidents and Co-Chair Presidents, who have previously submitted Nomination Forms, may re-submit these Nomination Forms of non-award recipients for the year 2024. Remember the names of nominees are held for a two-year period.

The following is a listing of the Pi State Achievement Award Committee members, who have volunteered to represent your areas. You may either contact them and/or me for questions and additional help.

Northwestern/Southwestern Areas: **Catherine Olinger** ([ceo37@verizon.net](mailto:ceo37@verizon.net))

West Central Area: **Dr. Beverly Burnell** ([bevburnelldkg@gmail.com](mailto:bevburnelldkg@gmail.com))

East Central Area: **Jacinda Lisanto** ([cindalisanto@gmail.com](mailto:cindalisanto@gmail.com))

South Central/Northern Areas: **Agnes Becker** ([ambecker13@gmail.com](mailto:ambecker13@gmail.com))

North Central/Capital Areas: **Jean Sekel** ([jeanbsekel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanbsekel@yahoo.com))

Eastern Area: **Anne-Marie Carlson** ([dfcamc@aol.com](mailto:dfcamc@aol.com))

Southeastern Area: **Dr. Andréa H. Morris** ([morisplanoforte@gmail.com](mailto:morrispianoforte@gmail.com))

NYSO DKG President **Jennifer Lee-Alden** ([nysdkgpres22123@gmail.com](mailto:nysdkgpres22123@gmail.com))

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Dr. Andréa H. Morris, 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*



## Happy New Year!

The New York State Scholarship Committee  
**Mary Ann Baldari**, Chair

It's that time of year when we begin to make a list of New Year's Resolutions.

Is there continuing education or another degree on your list? Sisters, we have money and want to support your career goals.

### Maybe one of the following might interest you:

- Planning to take a course to enhance your teaching method
- Beginning a new degree such as a Masters or Doctoral degree program or continuing that goal
- Beginning or continuing a new certification
- Starting or continuing National Board Certification
- Continuing education through travel with the Road Scholar program
- Other enrichment study or training.

We even have money for Collegiate members through the *Gladys L. Mersereau Scholarship* to provide financial assistance towards the completion of their degrees in the field of education. Their years of membership shall be waived. (*See article that follows.*)

Scholarships, in amounts up to \$3000 per person, are available for members in good standing who have held membership for at least two years. Scholarships are competitive and your Scholarship Committee is eager to award funds for qualified applicants. Applications will be due February 15, 2024 and the links for the on-line application and more information about qualifications are available on our State Website: [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org). Under the **New York State** tab, click **Applications**.

## Is Your Chapter Using the Updated Membership Plan?

If you haven't looked at the International Website recently for membership materials, then it is time you did! The newest plan provides videos, description of a proven plan for finding, inducting, engaging and keeping new members. Be sure to watch the webinar "*Pride in the Big Picture*" and the other four webinars on "*Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*." These are great to show at one of your Chapter meetings. Use them to kick off a big drive for new members or just to check on your Chapter's overall health.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**New York State Chart of Named Scholarships**

Scholarship named for	Who should apply	To whom awarded in past few years
<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 Scholarship</b>	Collegiate and Graduate students	Offered to collegiate members to provide financial assistance towards the completion of their degrees in the field of education. Their years of membership shall be waived.

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

**The due date is FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The *Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee* is anxiously waiting to receive applications for this amazing opportunity! This grant can give each recipient up to \$1000.00 a year and can follow these women through their undergraduate college years.

This award is one of many ways that New York State Organization DKG supports women. Our purpose is to help Native American women in New York State who hope to enter education-related professions.

***Please spread the word!***

We encourage you and your Chapter to recommend Native American women who may be eligible for this award. We want these future leaders to be connected to our Chapters and we encourage the recipients to reapply each year. The application can be found on our State website. All applications are due no later than February 15, 2024. We look forward to awarding some deserving women with this wonderful Grant.

*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***

## **Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award Committee**

*We are such a wonderfully diverse group of key woman educators!*

The *Frederica Hollister Committee* would like you to take a minute and think about your Chapter members. We are sure there is someone among your Chapter members, who have been a member of DKG for 5 years or more and who exemplifies the best in education. This person whose contributions to education and other related fields in New York, and quite possibly at the national level, is varied, widely known and well-documented over a period of five years. This nominee's commitment to education should be known locally, statewide and/or nationally.

Would you please take a moment and consider nominating someone for this prestigious award. All applications are due by Feb 15, 2024! *Thank you for your time!*

***Amy Zimmerman, Chair  
Frederica Hollister Committee***

### **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.***



## ***Travel & Study Stipend Committee***

### ***Opportunities for ACTIVE AND RETIRED EDUCATORS***

NYS Organization DKG *Travel & Study Stipends* are available for travel and study to Society Seminars, Conferences, Regionals or Conventions.

The stipends are available to active and retired educators. No one award is to exceed \$1000.00 and effort will be made to present one stipend to a retired member of the NYSO DKG and one to a NYSO DKG member currently employed in the education profession. The stipend will be given upon submission of receipts showing registration and expenses for the travel/study experience. All sections of the application must be completed to be considered.

All applicants must be a member in good standing.

A personal statement, indicating your reasons for applying for the stipend and how you anticipate using this opportunity in your future with DKG or in your professional and/or personal growth, must accompany your application.

A photograph for use in Awards programs, *Pi Lights* and on State website must be provided. Applications with all supporting documents must be mailed to the Travel & Study Chair and must be postmarked by FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

Recipients are expected to share their experiences, when possible, with Chapter members and NYSO DKG members through presentations. Recipients are also expected to submit an article to NYSO DKG Editor for publication in *Pi Lights* as well as to the Travel and Study Stipend Committee.

Applications are available on the NYSO Website and should be directed to **Travel and Study Chair Ellie Robinson**, 625 Championship Drive, Victor, NY 14564, [ejb67r@gmail.com](mailto:ejb67r@gmail.com)

*Ellie Robinson, Chair, Alpha Tau  
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.dkgynystate.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*

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**National Legislative Seminar  
March 10-13, 2024 in Washington D.C.**

**NYSO DKG Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar  
April 19-20, 2024  
Delta Hotel, Utica**

***NYSO DKG = 87 years Honoring Key Women Educators***

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

### ***Nominations due by February 15, 2024***

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, 2024. The nomination application form is on the State Website, [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.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.

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*

## **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*

## 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 DKG members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by your donations. When you want to remember someone special, who is passionate about children and learning, please consider making a donation in their name. Donation forms can be found on the State website.

Unfortunately, we did not have any applications for the fall round of grant funding. **Applications for the spring round of grant funding for literacy projects will be due May 1, 2024.** If you are a member of the Pi State Educational Foundation and have an idea for a project that promotes literacy and learning, please consider applying for a grant. It can be an individual or Chapter project.

The *Pi State Educational Foundation Literacy Scholarship* applications are due on **February 15**. Grant and Scholarship information and applications can be found on the State website.

The Board of Directors has been reviewing the Educational Foundation BYLAWS. Please review the revisions to the BYLAWS below. The complete BYLAWS can be found on the State website. The ***Proposed Changes to the BYLAWS*** are included in this issue and will be voted on at the Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting that will be held during the Spring Executive Board Meeting in Utica **April 19-20, 2024**.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

According to the BYLAWS, **Jean Sekel's** term as Director will end and a new Director will be needed as of July 1, 2024. Jean has been an advocate and Treasurer of the Foundation for many years. A huge *thank you* goes to Jean for all her hard work and dedication to the Educational Foundation!

If you are a member of the Foundation, consider being a Director. Please send a letter of interest to Board President Sue Summerfield, 346 Noeltner Road, Amsterdam, NY12010 or email the letter to [summy1@frontier.com](mailto:summy1@frontier.com) **by March 1**. We will be voting on the new Director at the NYSO DKG Spring Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar April 19-20, 2024.

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

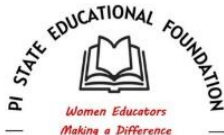
We encourage you to visit the *Pi State Educational Foundation* on the State website for more information about the Foundation, membership, grant and scholarship opportunities. You will also find the grant and scholarship applications.

**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*

See the **Proposed Changes to the BYLAWS**  
of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* on the following pages 23-25.



## The Pi State Educational Foundation

### PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES FOR 4/13/24

**Please save the following pages and bring to the Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting at the NYSO Seminar/Executive Board Meeting, April 20, 2024 at the Delta Hotel, Utica, NY.**

**In addition to the following proposed changes in the BYLAWS, the Pi State Educational Foundation Parliamentarian and Board of Directors reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the BYLAWS of the Pi State Educational Foundation as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

#### **1.To Amend ARTICLE 2 NONPROFIT PURPOSES Section 2, 2 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

To provide assistance and/or funding to members and/or chapters of the New York State organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society (Pi State). The funding shall support qualified projects, programs that relate to the development of learning and literacy of any New York State person who needs special assistance.

##### **To Read:**

To provide assistance and/or funding to members and/or chapters of the New York State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society (Pi State). The funding shall support qualified projects, **programs and/or scholarships** that relate to the development of learning and literacy of any New York State person who needs special assistance.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

#### **2.To Amend ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 1 NUMBER**

The Corporation shall have ~~at least~~ five (5) Directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors.

**Strike:** at least

##### **To Read:**

The Corporation shall have five (5) Directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

#### **3.To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 2 QUALIFICATIONS**

~~Five~~ directors will be elected from the members of the Pi State Educational Foundation of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

**Strike:** (Five)

##### **To Read:**

Directors shall be elected from the members of the Pi State Educational Foundation of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

#### **4.To Strike Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 5 TERM OF OFFICE**

~~One Director will be elected a year during a four year cycle and two directors will be elected at the end of a four year cycle commencing in 2020.~~

**Rationale:** The election cycle has been established

#### **5. To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 7 REGULAR MEETINGS**

Regular meetings will be held in the fall of even numbered years to coincide with the Fall Seminar/Executive Board Meetings and spring at a time and place as designated by the Trustees of the Pi State Educational Foundation.

##### **To read:**

Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held in the fall, spring and as needed.

**Rationale:** Simplification of wording

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES** (Continued from page 23)**6. To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 8 SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by the written request of any two (2) Directors. ~~The meeting will be held at a place designated by the person or persons calling the special meeting.~~

**To Read:**

The meeting will be held at a place designated by the person or persons calling the special meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by the written request of any two (2) Directors. The meeting will be organized by the President.

**Rationale:** Simplification of wording

**7. To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 9 NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation, these BYLAWS, or provision of law, the following provisions shall govern the giving of notice for meeting of the Board of Directors: Notice of Board Meetings shall be addressed to each Director via email at her email address as shown on the books of this Corporation.

**Change to:** Unless otherwise provided by the Articles of Incorporation, these BYLAWS, or provision of law, the following provisions shall govern the giving of notice for meeting of the Board of Directors: Notice of Board Meetings shall be addressed to each Director via phone call or email as shown in the books of this Corporation.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

**8. To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 10 CONSENT OF NOTICE**

Notice of Board Meetings shall be addressed to each Director at her address as shown on the books of this Corporation. Notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the Board Meeting with a proposed agenda.

**Change to:** Notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the Board Meeting with a proposed agenda.

**Rationale:** Simplification of wording

**9. To Amend Article 3 DIRECTORS SECTION 14 VACANCIES**

A person ~~elected~~ to fill a vacancy on the Board shall complete the vacated term or until her death, resignation or removal from office.

**Strike:** elected

**To Read:**

A person appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board shall complete the vacated term or until her death, resignation or removal from office.

**Rationale:** Consistent with current practices

**10. To Amend Article 4 OFFICERS 8 DUTIES OF SECRETARY**

The secretary shall:

Keep a book of minutes of all meetings of the Directors, meetings of committees of Directors, and of members recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.

~~Keep at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as the Board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Directors, and, if applicable, meetings of Committees of Directors and of members, recording therein the time and place~~

**To Read:**

Keep a book of minutes of all meetings of the Directors, meetings of committees of Directors, and of members. Minutes should include the time, place of holding, the names of those present, and the proceedings thereof. Special meeting minutes shall include how called and, how notice was given, names of those present and the proceedings thereof.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

**11. To Amend Article 11 MEETING OF MEMBERS Section 4. NOTICE OF MEETING**

(b) Manner of Giving Notice. Notice of a Members' Meeting or any report shall be given either personally or by mail or other written means of communication, addressed to the Member at her last known address or by *Pi Lights*.

**To Read:**

(b) Manner of Giving Notice. Notice of a Members' Meeting or any report shall be given either personally, by mail, or email, or other written means of communications, addressed to the Member at her last known address or by *Pi Lights*.

**Rationale:** Reflects current practice

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**PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES** *(Concluded from page 24)***12.To Amend Article 11 MEETING OF MEMBERS Section 5. QUORUM FOR MEMBERS**

A quorum for Members' Meeting shall consist of ~~7%~~ of the Members. The Members present at a duly called and held Members' Meeting at which a Members' Quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a Members' Quorum at the Members' Meeting due to the withdrawal of Members provided that any action taken after the loss of a Members' Quorum must be approved by at least a majority of the Members required for a Members' Quorum.

**To Strike:** 7%

**To Read:**

A quorum for Members' Meeting shall consist of 5% of the members. The Members present at a duly called and held Members' Meeting at which a Members Quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a Members' Quorum at the Members' Meeting due to the withdrawal of Members provided that any action taken after the loss of a Member's Quorum must be approved by at least a majority of the Members required for a Members' Quorum.

**Rationale:** Reflects the number of members attending the meetings

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## WHO IS A DKG WOMAN?

*(Delta Kappa Gamma International Home Page [dkg.org](http://dkg.org))*

### A LEADER

A DKG woman is a leader at work. Leadership is about influence, impact, and innovation. Leading the way to a future brighter than ever before because they believe in the greatness within you.

### AN EDUCATOR

A DKG woman shares her passion for learning and teaching. Educators from all walks of life. 'a teacher educates the future'. Here's to those dedicated to teaching, who are working hard in classrooms, day in and day out. ☐

### A CONCEPTUAL THINKER

A DKG woman manages to find the perfect solutions to everyday problems! Her creative mind knows no bounds. We know you have a creative side, too. Join the community and showcase your ideas. ☐

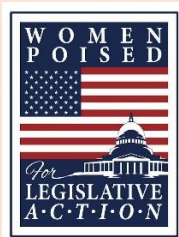
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As your US Forum International Liaison, I will work to keep all NYSO members informed. Each month I will be sending out information for Chapter Presidents to distribute to members. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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### **NYSO DKG Membership**

*(December 2023)*

*Courtesy of Suzanne Patrick*

<b>Active</b>	1363
<b>Reserve</b>	170
<b>Chapter Honorary</b>	17
<b>Active Life</b>	
<b>Collegiate</b>	2



***“Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership”***



**DKG International Conference  
Detroit, Michigan  
July 13-16, 2023**

***"Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, and  
Sustainability in Our Changing World"***

*Photos Courtesy of Carol Frost*



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NYSO First Vice President Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide;  
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Past NYSO President Joan Slagle; Carol Frost***



***Joan Slagle and Jennifer Lee-Alden***



***Karen Crumley, Sue Kenoyer, Mary Brassard***



## West Central Area Conference



DKG NYSO President **Jennifer Lee-Alden** addressing the 60 West Central Area DKG members and State Officers, including Vice President **Amy Zimmerman** and Secretary **Sue Norris**, who attended the October 14 Conference at the *Humphrey Nature Center*. **The Conference itself was a success!**

The West Central Chapters of ***Mu, Alpha Alpha, Beta Gamma, Beta Eta and Beta Tau*** welcomed attendees. The event's featured speaker, Letchworth Park employee **Karen Russell**, outlined the history of the creation of the park by **William Pryor Letchworth** and his Executive Assistant **Caroline Bishop**, who was involved locally and internationally, even after Letchworth's death in 1910



*A view of the Letchworth gorge of the Genesee River taken by **Linda Wetherell**, Alpha Alpha.*



NYSO DKG President **Jennifer Lee-Alden** with **Barbara Quinn**, Beta Eta, dealing with tickets for a drawing of donated gift baskets.



*Alpha Alpha Chapter Members  
Standing L-R: President **Mary Ann Geonie**, **Sheila Brady-Root**, **Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott** and **Anna Maynard**. Seated L-R: **Judy Wadsworth**, **Dr. Faith Prather** and **Bridget Bishop**.*



## Northern Area Conference “Women in Engineering and Technology”



### *The Conference Participants*

*Front Row:* Amber Gladle, Sue Kenoyer, Katie Inhelder, Sue Peters-Bush  
*Row Two:* Ann Adams, Joyce Yianoukos, Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Mary Brassard,  
 Karen Wright, Glenda Rowe, Carol Lamb  
*Back Row:* Sue LaPierre, Sue Norris, Judy Corigliano, Kathy Lawrence,  
 Jackie Madison, Courtney Carey  
*Missing from image:* Brenda Trvilino

On June 3, 2023, Delta Kappa Gamma members from Gamma Epsilon, Beta Mu, Psi and Chi joined together at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY for a day of learning and engaging with each other. Gamma Epsilon President **Amber Gladle** welcomed members from across the Northern Region to Clarkson along with welcoming State Representative **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide** to the area. Anna Marie lead the group in an ice breaker game of Jeopardy to get the Conference going. Following her presentation, Gamma Epsilon President **Amber Gladle** shared her presentation on *Children's Literature and Hot Topics*, a repeat from the State Convention in Albany. After lunch, participants toured the **Clarkson Ignite Center** where they learned about all the tools and equipment available to students at Clarkson. The session wrapped up with Anna Marie going over membership and the benefits of being a Delta Kappa Gamma Sister.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of **Amber Gladle***

## “A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World” NEWSLETTER

[https://www.dkgnj.org/uploads/2/2/3/1/22313516/2023\\_summer\\_cur\\_of\\_hope\\_newsletter.pdf](https://www.dkgnj.org/uploads/2/2/3/1/22313516/2023_summer_cur_of_hope_newsletter.pdf)

If you would like to receive a color PDF version by email, please contact **Linda Shea**, Subscription Manager [hshea@snet.net](mailto:hshea@snet.net). Curriculum of Hope is a Standing Committee of the Connecticut State Organization DKG.

*“Our intent is to promulgate resources and information, not to endorse products.”*

## East Central Area Conference "Ladies' Night Out"

The NYSO DKG *East Central Area Council* held a **Ladies' Night Out** on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Club 86 in Geneva. The ECAC is comprised of members of the *Alpha Tau*, *Beta Delta*, *Beta Theta* and *Omega* Chapters. There were 96 Chapter members and guests in attendance. The event began with a social hour and shopping with 17 local vendors who each displayed their sales items. Guest speaker, Senator **Pam Helming**, was featured by video, followed by dinner and vendor shopping. An impromptu presentation about pelvic floor conditioning was shared by Geneva Therapist **Liz Locano**. State visitor **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide** shared remarks about the State events and goals after which a benefit drawing, benefiting the Pi State Educational Foundation, was held. Closing remarks by Conference Chairs **Karen Lahue** and **Amy Zimmerman**, *Alpha Tau*, occurred. The evening concluded with final vendor sales.



*Omega member **Phyllis Frantel** (far right) registering for Conference. At table are Chapter members L-R Beta Delta, Beta Theta **Sue Barnes**, Alpha Tau **Deb Minor** and Omega **Sally Maxson***

*Photo and Text Courtesy of Gail Francis Burr*

## An Annual Tradition: Omega Members Caroling at Quail Summit for Residents



*L-R: Omega members **Sally Maxson**, **Denise Clark**, **Gail Rumsey**, **Gail Frances Burr**, Guest **Tom Poplaski**, **Deb Poplaski**, **Dawn Scales***

*Photo Courtesy of Gail Francis Burr*





## Chi Chapter

Chi Inductees were inducted on May 16, 2023 at our banquet at the Ramada Inn in Watertown. From left to right are **Susan Rockwood**, a second grade teacher at South Lewis CS; **Laura Bradish**, a second grade teacher at South Lewis CS, and **Kammy Hanlin**, a retired teacher with SUNY Empire University at Fort Drum.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of Sue Pennock*

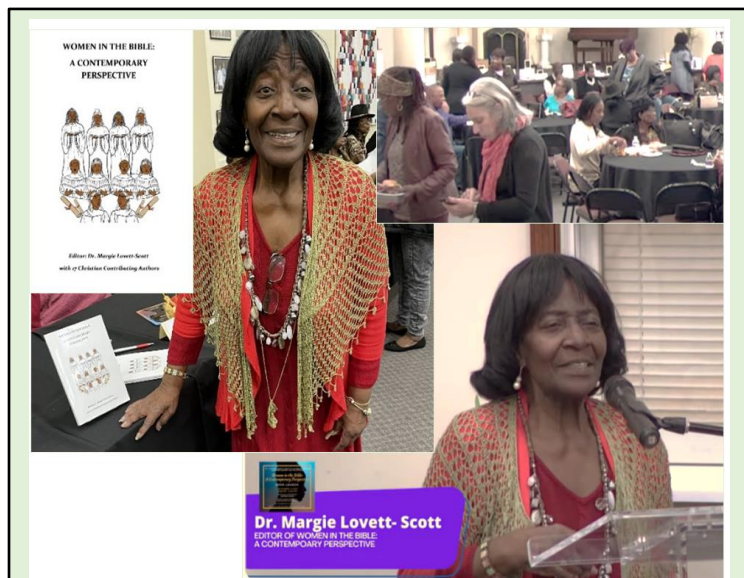


## Alpha Alpha Chapter

Seen celebrating **Alice Young** on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 27 are Alpha Alpha Members (standing) **Linda Weatherell**, **Judy Fuller**, **Dr. Faith Prather**, **Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott**, Chapter President **Mary Ann Geonie**, **Lucy Smassanow**, and **Sheila Brady-Root**; (seated) **Judy Wadsworth** and **Dr. Alice Young**.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of Judy Wadsworth*

## Alpha Alpha Chapter Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott's New Book Launched



**Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott** with her new book and introducing it to those attending the Book Launch. Some of those attending the event are seen in the background.

Several hundred people attended the Book Launch of *Women in the Bible: Contemporary Perspective*, which was written by *Alpha Alpha* member **Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott**, working with 16 contributors.

The book captures how some of the realities faced by women today reflect the trials and triumphs of Biblical women.

The Launch featured readings from parts of the book by Margie, as well as refreshments. Some *Alpha Alpha* members, including *Alpha Alpha* President **Mary Ann Geonie**, attended in person or via Zoom.

*Photos by Dr. Faith Prather  
and Judy Wadsworth  
Text by Judy Wadsworth*

## Omega Chapter Raising Funds for Grants-in-Aid

*Photos by Gail Francis Burr*



*Omega President Dawn Scales welcomes members and guests at the Annual Fundraising Auction.*



*Auction attendees ready-to-bid*

The *Omega* Chapter awards several \$1000 Grants-in-Aid each year to graduating senior women from area high schools, who are pursuing a career in education. The annual Auction raises the funds. Members contribute Auction items. Applications are reviewed by a Chapter Committee. Awardees are invited with their families to a dinner and asked to read their application essays.



*Silent Auction Fundraising*



*Gift Baskets*



## Tau Chapter Welcomed DKG State Representative



*Joan Slagle*

On the evening of October 12, 2023, the *Tau* Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society welcomed their very own State Representative and friend, Past State President **Joan Slagle**, as speaker for the evening at their monthly Chapter dinner held at Dutch's Tavern & Cafe in Rock Hill, NY. Joan has served on various Committees and Boards throughout her teaching career in twelfth grade and at the collegiate level. She also made, and is continuing to make, significant contributions at the State level for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and serves as a current member of the Finance Committee. Joan jovially reminded her sisters that evening that DKG affirms them as educators and has been doing so since 1952.

The evening finished with coffee, tea and delicious desserts.

The *Tau* Chapter of DKG is looking forward to their upcoming meetings and a wonderful school year ahead.

## Tau Members Learn about Sullivan 180

DKG *Tau* Chapter met November 14th at BOCES in Liberty. DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. *Tau's* guest speaker, **Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health and Wellness at Sullivan 180**, gave an informative presentation about the mission of Sullivan 180 to help improve the health and wellbeing of residents, young and old, here in Sullivan County. She provided statistics to show the need for building a healthier community through a focus on prevention by working within the school districts to improve mental health, nutrition and physical fitness. Ms. Mullally-Gorr discussed with members the many programs utilized throughout county school districts to help empower a healthier generation. Members shared how they see some of these initiatives in their respective schools. Ms. Mullally-Gorr provided additional information about how to get involved with Sullivan 180.



*L to R Heather Mady, Tau, presenter Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Jamie, Tau*

*Photos and Text Courtesy of Patricia Segar*



*L to R Elizabeth Huggler, Tau President, and Mary Ellyn Levy, Tau Past President, enjoying fellowship*

*Photo Courtesy of Patricia Segar*

## Beta Theta Chapter



*Dr. Mary Ann Doyle*

*Beta Theta* welcomes its newest member,  
**Dr. Mary Ann Doyle.**

Dr. Doyle is a published author and expert in Reading Recovery programs, presenting at numerous national and international conferences. She is a Professor Emerita, University of Connecticut, Storrs

*Anne L'Hommedieu*



### Alpha Alpha Chapter

## A Meeting that Contributes to DKG Funds and Honors Our Community

Alpha Alpha Chapter held a *DKG World Fellowship Fundraising Event* on November 29<sup>th</sup> along with honoring the Hilton District Teacher of the Year, **Laurie Steele-Sperber**, an Elementary Art Teacher. Chapter members and guests celebrated Laurie, bid on donated items to support the *World Fellowship Fund* (raising nearly \$300), helped to create a work of art, and enjoyed one another's company over a light meal.

Laurie Steele-Sperber led meeting participants in a design activity, modeled on the World Fellowship logo, seen as a cameo in the collage below. The collaborative "World Peace" creation with a student's quote drives home the power of global and cultural awareness in our schools. The poster will be on display in Laurie's school as well as brought to Albany to the NYSO DKG Executive Board/Seminar.



**LEFT:** Hilton's **Laurie Steele-Sperber** and *World Fellowship* Chair **Sue Genthner** with the outlined poster that meeting participants would complete.

**CENTER:** Chapter members **Linda Wetherell**, **Sue Genthner** and **Sheila Brady Root** filling in the poster with participant-created leaves



**Chapter members and guests with completed poster**

**RIGHT:** The completed poster to be displayed at Laurie's school and the April NYSO Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

*Contributing Photos and Text by Judy Wadsworth and Sue Genthner, Alpha Alpha*

## Gamma Epsilon Chapter



Gamma Epsilon Chapter held their annual Holiday Brunch and Auction. This year we had the opportunity to induct 3 new members and reinstate a member. From *left to right* new members **Rebecca Fenlong**, **Melissa Willis** and **Clare Murdock** and reinstated member **Aimee Flynn**.

Rebecca is the current Director of Special Education for the Ogdensburg City School District. Melissa is an elementary special education teacher at Ogdensburg Kennedy School. Clare is a retired registered nurse who teaches AHA pediatric first aid and CPR/AED to St. Lawrence County Head Start. Aimee is an elementary teacher at Heuvelton Central School.

***Welcome to our organization!***

*Photos and Text Courtesy of Amber Aldridge*



*L-R Julie Madlin with Amber Aldridge*

Along with our Holiday Brunch and Induction Ceremony, we also were able to honor our **Red Rose Recipient**. Every other year our Chapter honors a member of the community that supports education but are not in the education field. This year's honoree was **Julie Madlin**. (*See photo on left.*)

Julie is the Historian for the city of Ogdensburg. She helped to establish a Museum for the city along with historical walks and more.

***We had a very successful event.***

We were able to also make a significant contribution to the **Sheard Literacy Center at SUNY Potsdam**. Members bring in a book to donate to the Literacy Center.

Our members also donated a toiletry item to go to our local **Renewal House**. We were able to drop off two large bags of toiletries to the Organization.

*Photos and Text Courtesy of Amber Aldridge  
Gamma Epsilon President*



**New Chapter Website:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/gammaepsilon/home>



### Alpha Eta Chapter News

Alpha Eta opened this year's programs with September and October meetings at the Historical Society of Rockland County where we learned about women artisans of the well-known local area, South Mountain Road, and what makes our county "Uniquely Rockland."

In November, **Blizzard Boxes for Meals on Wheels** were assembled. These are shoebox sized, shelf safe meals for qualified seniors who receive the organization's meals on a regular basis. When the snows fly and the drivers cannot get the dinners delivered, the Blizzard Boxes (*previously given in good weather*) are a handy and welcome gift.

November 13 was a **Super Birthday Celebration** for our long-time sister, **Geraldine Goumas** who turned 100! Jerry started her teaching career in 1943 in a one room schoolhouse; became a member of DKG in 1966, was a past Alpha Eta President and has been our treasured Treasurer for decades, only just passing the baton to our present Officer last July. *Congratulations Jerry and thank you for all you have done and are continuing to do for us in DKG/Alpha Eta!*

#### Geraldine Goumas HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup>



*Photo and Text Courtesy  
of Lochie Musso*

### Alpha Theta Chapter

#### Benefit Fundraiser for Native American Grants-in-Aid

We were honored to have **Elisa Keating**, NYSO Executive Secretary and NW/SW Area Council Liaison, visit us for Alpha Theta's November meeting and silent auction to benefit *NYSO Native American Grants-in-Aid*.

Elisa shared what her membership in DKG has meant to her, a message that was especially appreciated as we inducted our newest member, **Lynne Hammil**.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of  
Alpha Theta President Pam Hays*



*Lynne Hammil (left)  
with Elisa Keating*

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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

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

## Pi Chapter



**Pat Brooking**, Director and Founder of Haven of Hope

*Pi Chapter's October program was truly inspirational!*

**Pat Brooking**, Director and Founder of Haven of Hope in Fonda, N.Y. shared the Haven of Hope's purpose of providing transitional housing for homeless women and their children. Pat gave an overview of the work experience programs provided, including the kitchen worksite, market garden and farm stand.

Haven of Hope is one of the recipients of *Pi* Chapter's projects. Members donated diapers, canned goods and personal items to be used for the women and children residing at Haven of Hope.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of Jean Sekel and Sue Summerfield*

## Alpha Zeta Chapter



This shows some of the 75 books that were bought and collected for the **Bea Small project, A Book In Every Bag**. 50 backpacks filled with school supplies and books for grades K-12 were distributed in our local area.



This shows Chapter members at the Wilderstein Property in Rhinebeck, NY. This is part of our Chapter's lifelong learning initiative.

*Photo and Text Courtesy of Kim Goldhirsch*



This shows just a few of the holiday items offered by members for our annual Grant-in-Aid auction. *Alpha Zeta* has offered two \$1,000.00 scholarships to young women pursuing a career in education. The Chapter plans to add another grant for a new teacher in our area to cover classroom setup in their first year.

**The Delta Kappa Gamma  
Society International, NYSO**  
**Mary-Martha Harvey, *NYSO Editor***  
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## **Information for the Spring Issue of Pi Lights Due March 1, 2024**

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