



Pi Lights

Join Pi State Sisters at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

October 17-18, 2014
The Queensbury Hotel & Conference Center
88 Ridge Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801

Look for registration forms in the mailed Summer Issue of *Pi Lights* and online.
Look for **Early Career Educators Registration Form** online.

Refer to Educational Excellence Committee's Listing of Workshops on p. 8
Refer to Worksheet for Professional Development Hours ~ select & submit ~ on p. 9

Friday, October 17, 2014

2:00-9:00pm	Registration
3:30-4:45pm	Executive Committee Meeting
4:00-6:00pm	Music Rehearsal
4:00-9:00pm	FDF Sales (including new Directory)
5:15-6:15pm	Optional Dinner
6:30-7:15pm	Workshops Session #1
7:30-8:15pm	Workshops Session #2
8:30-9:30pm	General Session
9:30-10:30pm	Dessert Reception and Area Council Meetings

Schedule for the Meeting/Seminar

Saturday, October 18, 2014

7:30-9:00am	Registration
7:00-8:15am	Optional Breakfast
8:00am-Noon	FDF Sales (including new Directory)
8:15-8:30am	Executive Board Sign-In
8:30-10:30am	Executive Board Meeting
10:45-11:00am	Hotel Check-out
11:15am-Noon	Workshops Session #3
12:30-2:00pm	Luncheon

Note: If you have not made room reservations, contact Pi State Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed szwed@northnet.org for availability at other hotels in the Glens Falls area.

Pi State President Honored at 2014 DKG International Convention



Dr. Joyce Tang, Pi State President, at the President's Banquet on August 1, 2014

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Deadline for Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid

March 1, 2015

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Refer to the Pi State website for applications.



"Invigorating Pi State"

Dr. Joyce Tang

Pi State President 2013 - 2015

See you at the October 17-18 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls and the January 30 CTAUN Conference at the United Nations, NYC!

As Pi State members, we should be proud of our Chapter Presidents. It is *extremely* rare in survey research to achieve a 100% response rate from a targeted population within a short time frame. But our Chapter Presidents have made it happen. The **Ad Hoc Pi State Strategic Action Plan Committee** has received all completed Surveys from the 2014-16 Pi State Chapter Presidents. After analyzing the data, the Committee will present a report with recommendations at the General Meeting on Friday (October 17) 8:30 PM at The Queensbury Hotel. To find out what the Ad Hoc Committee thinks of the challenges and possibilities for the 2,600 stakeholders of Pi State, read the "Summary" on pages 10-12 of this issue.

Over 40 Pi State sisters and their guests attended the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis from July 28 to August 1 (including **Mary Ann Baldari, Agnes Becker, Deborah Bedard, Cathy Bingay, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Bridget Bishop, Mary Brassard, Karen Butters, Anne-Marie Carlson, Joanne Carroll, Margaret Connolly, Karen Crumley, Loretta Detweiler, Virginia Dudko, Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, Susan Genthner, Joan Goldstein, Dr. Jane Hogan, Barbara Keis, Susan Kenoyer, Jennifer Lee-Alden, Dr. Andrea Morris, Grace Murphy, Lochie Musso, Peggy Niforos, Terri Palmieri, Ellie Robinson, Jeanne Schenk, Joan Slagle, Beryl Szwed, Dr. Joyce Tang, Jane Tanner, Carol Troost, Rosemary Van Wart, Eileen Venezia, Phyllis Voegeli, Jean Wagner, and Wanda Ward**). Retired DKG Executive Director **Corlea Plowman** joined us at *New York Dines Out*.

The **DKG "Indy" Convention** was a productive and unforgettable experience for me. On behalf of Pi State, I made suggestions and submitted questions on financial issues in writing for responses by Interim Executive Director **Sandra Smith Bull**, International Finance Committee Chair **Monica Tengling**, Operations Services Administrator **Phyllis Hickey** (i.e., *the process of Emergency Fund Request, budgetary items and transparency*). They addressed all of my concerns fully and satisfactorily. At the General Meetings attended by 1,300+ DKG members, many proposed changes to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* were passed but some did not. For example, the Society will launch a new collegial magazine with zero fiscal impact that focuses on practical teaching, new Chapter program ideas and personal reflections. However, the much debated open election process options did NOT receive the required two-third votes for approval. As a result, 78 State Organization Presidents from 17 countries will continue to cast their votes on behalf of 82,000 members.

As someone who had lived and studied in Pennsylvania, I am proud of the election of **Dr. Lynda Schmid** from the Keystone State (*former International Second Vice-President*) as our new International President for 2014-16. Dr. Schmid's theme is **"85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Woman Educators for Life"** focusing on realizing her dream that *'in 60 years, in 2074, a member is being honored by her State Organization and she says, 'If I hadn't received the mentoring and professional development I received from Delta Kappa Gamma, I never would have made it in my career.'*" **Dr. Kay Clawson** (*former International Leadership Development Committee Chair*) from West Virginia is the new Northeast Regional Director.

Besides renewing and strengthening ties with my counterparts in the Northeast, I met and greeted other State Organization Presidents, the founders of Iceland and Japan State Organizations, and members from Hawaii, New Jersey, Nevada, Norway, Toronto (Canada) and Tennessee. Many of the 2014 Convention attendees told me that they had fond memories of the 2012 DKG International Convention in NYC – a production of *TEAM Pi State*. The next

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DKG Convention will be held on July 5-9, 2016 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in "Music City" Nashville, Tennessee.

You don't want to miss the excellent program of **the Fall Executive Meeting and Seminar** that the Executive and Educational Excellence Committees have organized for you and your guests. We offer **nine (9) workshops** to meet the needs and interests of our diverse membership (*effective teaching tips, autism, creating chapter websites, benefits for DKG members, writing your own memoir, what new chapter Treasurers should know, updates/resources for promoting educational excellence, leadership development for 2014-16 Chapter Presidents Take Two*) and a **reduced registration fee for Early-Career Educators** (1 to 5 years of teaching experience). Send your registration to Registrar **Mrs. Susan Kenoyer** if you have not done that. Encourage and remind Chapter members who are Early-Career Educators and their colleagues to participate in the Glens Falls Meeting/Seminar and take advantage of the offering of up to 6.5 professional development hours and a 36% discount of the registration fee.

The 2015 Pi State Convention Steering Committee is working hard to organize the 70th Convention to be held on April 24-26 (Friday to Sunday) at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale. You can expect exciting tours in the City and on Long Island, numerous workshops to invigorate your mind and health, greetings and presentation from a DKG Administrative Board member, fabulous food, unforgettable entertainment, Hour of Remembrance of our Pi State sisters, installation of State Officers for the Biennium 2015-17, honoring of recipients of 2015 Pi State Awards, Scholarships and Grants, and *more!* Put this event on your calendar **NOW** and submit your workshop proposals to the Educational Excellence Committee Chair Jennifer Lee-Alden for consideration as soon as possible. Proposal forms can be downloaded from the link of the Educational Excellence Committee on the Pi State website.

Congrats to Pi State Past President (2001-03) **Jane Tanner** for her election to be the President of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) and to **Dr. Audrey Cohan, Dr. Vicky Giouroukakis, and Andrey Figueroa Murphy** for the publication of their articles in the summer issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* 80:4 (Giouroukakis and Cohan's "*Common Core, Common Language: Reforming Instructional Questioning*" and Murphy's "*Standards and Accountability in Conflict*").

Finally, I hope that many of you will join me and other Pi State members to attend the **2015 CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) Conference at the United Nations, "The UN at 70: Making a Difference,"** on **Friday (January 30) 9:00am – 4:30pm.**

Dr. Joyce Tang

The 2015 Pi State Convention Steering Committee Meeting at Majestic Diner in Westbury, New York



From left – Volunteer Rowena Costa, Registrar Sue Spivak, Convention Co-Chair Dr. Valerie Lagakis (standing), Workshops/Speakers Committee member Emile Stris, Hospitality Committee member Fran Brida, Volunteer Dr. Andrea Morris, Pi State President

Dr. Joyce Tang (standing), Chapter President's Line-Up/Procession Chair Loretta Detweiler, Recording Secretary & Workshop/Speakers Chair Beth Borzone, Treasurer Noreen LeCann and Convention Co-Chair Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar.

Convention Committee Members missing from Photo are:

Entertainment/Tours Chair *Jean Fontana* & Committee Members *Mary Ann Frauenberger, Rita Chiachiere & Penny Ellis*; Workshops/Speakers Committee member *Toni Pomerantz*; Hospitality Chair *Penny Ellis* & Committee members *Danielle Greco & Joyce Chinsky*; Volunteers *Catherine*

Pi State Delegation to DKG International 2014 Convention Indianapolis, Indiana



Photograph courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas

Reports from Ad Hoc Travel Stipend Recipients Valuable Opportunities

I enjoyed all the opportunities to communicate with fellow DKG sisters from other states and countries at the Opening Session, General meetings and the Celebration Luncheon. I had a great time with fellow New Yorkers at the *New York Dines Out* evening. As an active teacher, having the opportunity to attend workshops on the Common Core during the Convention was particularly worthwhile.

At the workshop “*Music & Children’s Literature - A Winning Combination for Teaching Common Core*” presented by **Jennifer Lee-Alden, NY** showed how to incorporate children’s literature and teaching of the Common Core Learning Standards of ELA with music. I loved how the workshop was so interactive. We learned how to dance to a beat. I always love to find ways to use music as a motivator to learning new things.

In the second workshop, “*Cracking the Code on Common Core*” presented by **Dr. Lori Anne Williams, TN**, I was reminded that teachers are the core of motivating students to learn. She shared current research on how to motivate students to learn. The research shows that teachers have the greatest influence on how children learn. With a new school year, I am reminded that children come to school with many different learning styles and needs. It is my job to find ways to meet all those diverse needs. The presenter suggested using personal messages of encouragement on progress reports, commenting on an assignment or checking in with students who did not turn in an assignment.

I look forward to attending the next International Convention where I can continue my fellowship with other DKG sisters and thank Pi State for this opportunity.

Barbara Keis, Phi Chapter President

Passion for Sharing

As an educator for the past 34 years and now a DKG NY Representative for our NGO at United Nations, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with a multitude of outstanding women. I was also given the chance to do so at

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Passion for Sharing

this year's DKG International Convention. It was my first International Convention of many to come. I feel great appreciation and gratitude for receiving the *Ad Hoc Travel Stipend* that allowed me to attend. I was in the presence of over 1300 women ... all who demonstrated the qualities of great leadership and knowledge. Most important was their passion for sharing that knowledge. There was an array of workshops to select from, ranging from literature, technology and Common Core strategies to grant writing, personal wellness and understanding our current Generations X, Y & Z in order to help them be all they can be.

During the Educator's Book Award workshop, **Rachael Adams** conducted an inspirational discussion of her personal growth through her recently published book, *Raising Henry – A Memoir of Motherhood, Disability and Discovery*. Her discussion was not only moving but full of determination, joy and hope. She held the audience captive with her ability to articulate her feelings so that we were all participants in her journey with Henry.

It was during the third General Session that we had the good fortune to hear **Dr. Ellen Kennedy**, Executive Director of *World Without Genocide*. She gave us an informative breakdown of modern slavery around the world, ranging from human trafficking and organ harvesting to forced labor. This was a call to action. She left us with this message – "**Knowledge plus Action equals Power.**" I feel that this is a valuable message for educators to pass on to their students in every classroom throughout the globe.

As I rode the shuttle bus to the airport for my trip home to NYC, I sat next to a DKG sister from Canada whom I had not met or seen during the Convention. We introduced ourselves and talked the whole ride to the airport about some of the Convention events and about ourselves. When we arrived at the airport, we made sure that each of us knew the way to our gates for our departing flights. It is my wish to see her again at a future Convention.

My most significant experience from attending this Convention is my overwhelming feeling of our true and loyal sisterhood. I definitely feel a sense of limitless trust for my fellow DKG sisters, whether in times of plenty or times of need. The greatest gift of all for me was the opportunity to attend the International Convention. **Thank You!**

Eileen Venezia, Alpha Delta Chapter President



Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum,
Alpha Alpha, at 2014 International
Convention

Photographs by Jim



**Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide**



*Pi State Officers at 2014 Convention with the New York delegation sign:
Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed, First Vice President Deborah Bedard, Secretary
Rosemary Van Wart, President Dr. Joyce Tang, Second Vice President Karen
Butters and Immediate Past President Jeanne Schenk*

Photo Courtesy of Rosemary Van Wart



Pi State Past President Dr. Andrea Morris, Alpha Beta, performs at 2014 International Convention.

Photographs by Jim

Travel & Study Stipend Recipient Report

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society 2014 International Convention at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis is over. Our sisters from around the world joined us to celebrate this event. We were 1300+ strong and Pi State was well represented with 40 members. It was a time when old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Ideas were shared and new connections were created. Now all have said their goodbyes with the hope of meeting again at the next International Convention in Nashville in 2016. All enjoyed dinners, shows, luncheons, tours, museums, workshops, shopping and more shopping at the "Marketplace." We evolved. We grew. We all shared the vision. Our Society was strengthened by the dedication of all those who worked so diligently to successfully bring this Convention to fruition.

We especially have to congratulate our sisters in Indianapolis that put all their time and effort into making this event such a memorable time. When the site was chosen, the JW Marriott was still under construction and they had to view the ballroom with their hardhats and high heels on. ... Now that is dedication to DKG!

There were 121 Breakout Sessions from Tuesday through Thursday. They varied from "Using Google Handouts Video Chat to Promote Educational Excellence" to "Creating a Document Legacy for your Family and More..." to "Technology in the Mathematics Classroom" to "The World We Want: DKG & Post-2015." You had your choice from classroom use to personal growth to world affairs. WOW! How do you choose? You couldn't attend them all but you wish you could. The presenters worked so hard putting their workshops together, making them interesting, helpful, and enjoyable.



Pi State Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed prepares for her workshop at 2014 Convention, "STEM for Elementary Grades: Engineering & Literature Go Together,"

Photo by Deb Bedard

Our Chapter is interested in establishing a relationship with the Girl Scouts

as our sisters in Zeta Beta Chapter did in San Antonio, Texas. I attended "A Sneak Peek at the DKG-Girl Scout Patch" presented by Nita R. Scott from Texas. As Nita explained, this is a meaningful, relevant and engaging connection to DKG. Zeta Beta Chapter wrote the curriculum for the girls to receive their patches, which is aligned with the 7 Purposes of DKG. They are more than willing to share their curriculum. Each Chapter can adjust it to fit their own needs and maybe someday a Patch will lead to a Badge. What better way for your Chapter to get together with the community and meet the Girl Scouts and parents in your area? Who knows ~ These girls may be our future teachers and DKG members. There is no better way to connect and strengthen your Chapter and in turn DKG.

I'm sure all of our Chapters need a little something extra to move us forward. In that vein, you couldn't miss "It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter" presented by Dr. Lyn Schmid of Pennsylvania. She used the inspirational video "212 degrees." At 211 degrees water is hot but at 212 degrees it boils. With boiling water comes steam and with steam comes power; look at what one extra degree can do. This video inspired the audience to sit up and take notice. This presentation was going to be great. Even though the workshop was geared to strengthening your Chapter, my first thought was how inspiring this video would be in the classroom. We all started talking about using this as a classroom tool and a motivational tool for new and seasoned teachers. I am sharing it with my Chapter at our next meeting not only to invigorate my Chapter but also to invigorate the students that they teach. That one degree – what a difference it makes – just like what a difference one person or one idea or one bit of extra effort can make.

We all said our goodbyes at the dinner on Friday night. It was sad to say adieu but energizing to say, "Gee look what I came away with." I look forward to the next International Convention in Nashville in 2016. With that I say Tennessee here we come ready to enjoy all you have to offer! One site I will certainly not miss as a Social Studies Teacher is a visit to Andrew Jackson's home, The Hermitage. Before becoming our seventh President, he fought in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. His supporters founded the Democratic Party. The Grand Old Opry, an American Icon and one of Nashville's number one attractions will surely have an interest to all. What a great venue for our next International Convention!

Mary Ann Baldari, Alpha Beta Chapter President

TEAM = Together Everyone Accomplishes More



Ruth Ann Fultz, Leadership Development Chair and Seminar Co-Chair, explains the Seminar Agenda and introduces participants to printed resources and activities. Fran Romeo(right) is Alpha Lambda's new President.



Pi State President Dr. Joyce Tang welcomes New and Incoming Chapter Presidents to their Leadership Development Seminar. The Seminar was held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse June 30-July 1, 2014.

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Beta Tau Incoming President Melinda Rivello participates in an Effective Meeting simulation.



Tau Incoming President Ginny Dudko presents her group's report in an LDS activity.



Presidents used their computers to access information for their Presidency and set up personal Dropbox accounts to receive Pi State shared information..



Alpha Chi Outgoing President Terri Palmiero (right) enjoys dinner with Incoming President Jean Wagner.



Agnes Wilk, Alpha Iota, shares her ideas with the LDS group.



Pi State Past President Wanda Ward plays the Queen Bee for Parliamentary Procedure and Effective Meetings during a presentation at the Leadership Development Seminar.

**Workshop Session I: Friday, October 17th
6:30 - 7:15pm**

A. Building Vocabulary – “Best Practices” in Early Childhood Classes – The concept of IIM (Intrinsic Intellectual Motivation) offers a theoretical approach to activities that develop cultural capital and lead to enhanced vocabulary skills.

Dr. Jean Lloyd, Gamma Alpha

B. Website Basics for First-Timers: Start Your Chapter Site - If you have never built a website at all or if the only one you did was with a different program years ago, this is the session for you! In 45 minutes you will have the home page for your Weebly site started and ready for editing. You will learn to create pages, add titles, text and images. Most importantly you will also learn how to revise or change anything on your site. Participants must bring a laptop with WiFi capability. Please contact Leslie directly at Ichambers@sbu.edu to pre-register and sign up for free Weebly account before the Workshop.

SESSION CAP: 20 *Leslie Chambers, Alpha Sigma*

C. Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories - We all have stories to tell! Join in a guided, informal writing workshop to explore and share memories from our lives. This will be a low-key, anyone-can-do-it opportunity to find your writing voice. For those who attended the April Pi State conference, we will follow a similar format with new topics.

Melanie McDonald, Beta Omega

**Workshop Session II: Friday, October 17th
7:30 - 8:15pm**

D. Discussing Autism: Attributes and Aspects of Asperger Syndrome - One in 50 individuals is currently being diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum of Disorders (ASD). As educators we need to discover and understand the positive aspects of this syndrome.

“A. Teacher”

E. Personalizing Your Site: More Features and Exploring the Elements - In this session, participants will focus on working with some of the common elements that will enhance your site. You will learn to change the page layout, use subpages to organize your site, embed documents, audio, or video, and add a slideshow or gallery. Other elements and features will be demonstrated as time permits.

Prerequisite: Participation in Workshop B (listed above).

Leslie Chambers, Alpha Sigma

F. Do You REALLY Know All the Benefits of Belonging to DKG? When asking someone to consider membership to DKG and they ask about the benefits, do you fish around for answers? If so, come and learn about the many benefits DKG offers. From fellowship, workshops, insurance, scholarships, and so much more!!!

Jean Sekel, Pi, and Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa

The Educational Excellence Committee is delighted to present the nine Session Workshops for the Executive Board Meeting/Seminar on October 17-18, 2014.

The variety of topics supports the mission of DKG: “to provide professional and personal growth for women educators and educational excellence.”

We warmly invite you to attend and participate in the presentations as we promote **three Purposes of the Society**:
I. “To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship”
VI. “To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action”
VII. “To inform members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.”

Jennifer Lee Alden, EEC Chair

**Workshop Session III – Saturday,
October 18th 11:15am - 12:00pm**

G. Educational Excellence: Planning Successful Programs for Chapter Meetings that Support DKG Mission and Purposes -

This workshop is for Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, Program Chairs and others interested in learning more about the many resources Int’l and Pi State EEC have to offer. We will visit the Int’l and State websites to learn about the Schools for Africa, Supporting Early Career Educators initiatives and our role at the UN. We will increase our awareness of current trends in education and life, as well as find examples of programs other States/Chapters have deemed valuable. Please bring your questions regarding how Pi State EEC can better serve you!
Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta

H. Chapter Treasurer Help - This workshop will present information for new and returning Chapter Treasurers, including help with filing the IRS 990. We will also save time for questions and answers. If you haven’t filed your 990, please bring your EIN number and your Chapter President’s address and phone number.

Pi State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, Rho

I. Chapter Presidents – Leadership Take Two! - Are you a new or returning Chapter President that has questions or needs assistance? If you answered “Yes,” then this workshop is for you! For those who did not attend LDS last summer, we will offer a breakout session to share some new technology tools to assist you during your biennium.
1st VP Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon; Pi Lights Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega; LDS Co-Chairs Ruth Ann Fultz, Beta Gamma & Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Alpha

Professional Development Workshops and Meetings

Please choose one workshop in each session, and get Presider's /Presenter's signature to verify attendance.	Presenter	Location	PD Hours	✓ if Attending	Presider/Presenter Signature
Friday (October 17) 6:30-7:15 p.m.					
A. Building Vocabulary - "Best Practices" in Early Childhood Classes	Dr. Jean Lloyd, <i>Gamma Alpha</i>	Gold Room	.75		
B. Website Basics for First Timers: Start Your Chapter Site	Leslie Chambers, <i>Alpha Sigma</i>	Warren Room	.75		
C. Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories	Melanie McDonald, <i>Beta Omega</i>	Albany Room	.75		
Friday (October 17) 7:30-8:15 p.m.					
D. Discussing Autism: Attributes and Aspects of Asperger Syndrome	"A. Teacher"	Gold Room	.75		
E. Personalizing Your Chapter Website: More Features and Exploring the Elements	Leslie Chambers, <i>Alpha Sigma</i>	Warren Room	.75		
F. Do you REALLY know the benefits of belonging to DKG?	Jean Sekel, <i>Pi</i> ; Jane Tanner, <i>Beta Kappa</i>	Albany Room	.75		
Saturday (October 18) 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.					
G. Educational Excellence Committee: Goals and Resources for Chapters	Members of Pi State Educational Excellence Committee	Warren Room	.75		
H. Chapter Treasurer Help	Suzanne Patrick, <i>Rho</i>	Gold Room	.75		
I. Chapter Presidents - Leadership Technology - Take Two!	Members of Pi State Leadership Development Committee	Albany Room	.75		

Participant Name: _____

Email Address (to send Certificate of PD hours): Please print CLEARLY _____

Please check if attending: "Report of Ad Hoc Pi State Strategic Action Plan Committee" Fri. 8:30-9:30 p.m. (1 PD hr.)

Executive Board Meeting Sat. 8:30-10:30 (2 PD hrs.) Pi State Luncheon Sat. 12:30-2 p.m. (1.5 PD hrs.)

Total Number of PD Hours _____ (max. 6.5 hours)

Please Note: This worksheet will be available in participant folders at Registration at the *Fall 2014 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*. Forms need to be signed by each Presider/Presenter and returned to Registration Table at the conclusion of the Luncheon on Saturday, October 18. Certificates for Professional Development Hours earned will be emailed to participants the following week. Questions may be addressed to EEC State Chair Jennifer Lee Alden teachmusic@nycap.rr.com.

The **Ad Hoc Pi State Strategic Action Plan (SAP) Committee** (Deborah Bedard, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Karen Butters, Anne-Marie Carlson, Karen Crumley, Mary-Martha Harvey, Joyce Krupnik, Dr. Andrea Morris, Lochie Musso, Catherine Olinger, Jeanne Schenk, Jean Sekel, Joan Slagle, Emilie Stris, Beryl Szwed, Dr. Joyce Tang, Jane Tanner, Rosemary Van Wart, and Wanda Ward) had been asked to address the questions for reflections on page 21 of the summer issue of *Pi Lights*, “*The 2014 Pi State Strategic Action Plan for 2,600 Stakeholders*,” and proposed questions for inclusion in the **2014 Survey of 2014-16 Chapter Presidents**.

The summary is prepared based on the submissions received between July 14 and 21, 2014. Drawing from their experiences as Chapter Presidents, State Committee Chairs or members, State or DKG Officers, many SAP members were candid and critical of the status of Pi State. However, there are more similarities than differences in their views of the challenges and possibilities facing Pi State. We hope that, after reading the summary, you will find reason(s) to join, belong and become active in Pi State.

[1] – Where are we as a State Organization?

- * Pi State is a strong organization. However, too many Chapters are dissolving.
- * Pi State is a strong organization with shared purposes and many active, involved members. Our challenge is to stay relevant in today’s changing, busy times.
- * We are in a transitional state as all volunteer organizations have been since the 1990s. We should manage this change and be ahead of the curve.
- * We are in a completely different place now than we were over ten years ago. We have become more technology savvy as well as “green.” We are best utilizing our members’ talents without meeting all night.
- * We seem to be in transition. We are reconfiguring in many areas as some Chapters dissolve and members transfer to other Chapters. The Seven Purposes that guide DKG and Pi State are still universal and relevant.
- * Pi State is faced with Chapters that are not taking in new members. Stagnant Chapters lead to a small, core group who attempts to fill all leadership roles. Programs lack excitement, the interests of members decline and eventually Chapters are seeking dissolution. As a State, we cannot help Chapters that reach this level.
- * There are people who portray to their Chapters that the positions are challenging and often by “doing all the work” steer people away from leadership roles.
- * Membership seems to be a problem for many if not most Chapters, because members are dying, dropping out and new members are not being actively sought. This directly affects the problem of leadership roles. Members become complacent with Officers repeatedly taking the same office or a few active members ‘trade around’ and fill the Officers’ positions. There is no challenge to members to ‘step up to the plate’ to take on an Office.
- * Loss of membership and Chapters does not bode well. The active members in Pi State are definitely dedicated to DKG. There is a strong contingent of talented and committed sisters. The problem is that many are aging and there seems to be a shortage of younger initiates to replace them or for them to mentor.
- * In 1995 when we reorganized, Pi State had 79 chapters and now we have 59. We voted to have biennial Conventions to save Chapters money and to increase attendance at Conventions. Attendance at State Conventions has decreased but attendance at spring and fall Executive Board Meetings has substantially increased. It is obvious that Pi State is losing members and Chapters.
- * In reading the list of Chapter programs in the Pi State Directory, only about 10% of programs had anything to do with education and 0% had anything to do with promoting women in education. Some had four meetings a year – an Orientation Tea, Initiation, Installation of Officers, a fund raiser and/or social! If ET read through these programs, where do you think he would think he had landed? Where are our seven purposes and do they matter at all?
- * We have problems but more personal contact with Chapters will show Chapters the support we have to offer (e.g., visitations, phone calls, and regular mails).
- * Our challenge is to appeal to younger teachers who can use a professional organization like DKG to help them stay educated, enthused and engaged in their classrooms as well as their Chapters. We also need to appeal to the retired members who need learning opportunities to stay engaged, up-to-date on the profession they so love and to help them stay healthy.

[2] – Where do we want to go?

- * We want to go **UP**: up in all memberships, up in diversity of membership, up in local and statewide participation, up in volunteerism, up in promoting DKG, up in public recognition of members and the organization, **UP**.

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- * Continue to develop a master plan for consolidation of some Chapters as we contract. Look at demographics and geography. Chapters should be strategically located throughout the State.
- * Strong, growing Chapters should be our main goal. We need to assist our Chapters as they seek new members and bring excitement from the State level to our Chapters. There are good supportive activities built into Pi State.
- * Unfortunately, the leadership view often does not expand the potential. Let's give Pi State a competitive advantage. There needs to be training available, such as the recent Leadership Development Seminars, held at convenient locations and at convenient times in order to attract more members. If we provide opportunities for leadership training, we strengthen not only our Chapters but the State Organization.
- * We need to become more visible in our schools and communities through public relations, brochures, info meetings, news articles (*in multiple media*). 'Toot our own horn,' if you will. Each of us should be trying to replace ourselves with a new member as well as add a few more!
- * We need to encourage our younger members. One way is to provide in-service credit or seat hours to active teachers towards the hours that they need to keep their certifications.
- * We will be responsive to new ideas and challenges that younger members will bring to their involvement.
- * We need to attract younger members but at the same time keep the veterans' interests. Mentoring, continuing education, professional development, online courses and whatever comes around in the next 20+ years. We should be active on *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *Instagram* and others.
- * We have been unable to get across that DKG is not a service organization. Either we change our Constitution and BYLAWS/Standing Rules to reflect present practice and become an educational service organization, or we mount a vast educational program for our members. We need to have enticing educational programs that will help women educators to advance in their careers to attract **key women educators**, not key women fundraisers.

[3] – What is Pi State's key competitive advantage as a professional society?

- * We are International. Our seven purposes provide many opportunities for members of all ages.
- * Dues are low and benefits are many.
- * It offers many advantages not available in other groups, including (*but not limited to*) opportunities to develop leadership skills without dangerous consequences; to explore and expand personal aptitudes such as authoring, writing for a peer-reviewed, nationally recognized journal with less competition; to exhibit artistic and creative talents on the International's website at no expense; to access financial support in crisis situations and/or for educational purposes; and best of all to share life's experiences with like-minded professionals in an atmosphere of nurturing friendships.
- * Our dues are lower. There are more opportunities for scholarships to further our members in degree programs. There are more monies for Chapters and individuals for their projects or member projects within their schools. The *Golden Gift Fund* is a gem in our Society that members should take advantage of if they wish to hold higher offices within the State and at the International level of the Society.
- * I don't see that Pi State or any State has a competitive advantage.
- * The honor of invitation as a key woman educator to join the Society is still an important advantage. Dues are low and benefits many.
- * We have the ability to partner with women of other organizations: a) PTAs; b) reach out to college sororities; c) reach out to schools of education, speakers and networking; and d) reach out to females in the Armed Forces.
- * I have received numerous stipends, scholarships and awards from my Chapter, State Organization and International.
- * We grow leadership – where can you get that? But, you must be willing to put your time into the Organization. You need to jump in and get your hands dirty. Women need to learn to support each other rather than trying to get one up on each other.

[4] – Why does a woman want to join DKG?

- * We must believe that membership in DKG and honoring women educators is a wonderful opportunity to support each other in our professional and personal lives.
- * The honor of being asked, networking, friendships that are formed that would not have occurred otherwise; leadership opportunities, scholarships, awards and stipends that chapters and individuals can receive.
- * Networking, meeting so many extraordinary women, opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways and the always support of friends known and unknown have become significant reasons to stay in DKG.
- * Members have the opportunity to network with the best in their area. If they attend Area, State and International

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meetings, members will meet some of the very best educators. We offer financial opportunities such as scholarships and chances for travel and classroom support.

* We advertise, create that “Buzz.” DKG needs to promote itself louder and more often. When a potential member sees what she can gain, she will be more inclined to join.

*The veteran members need to come in contact with the younger members. The personal touch is best. I see DKG as a sisterhood allowing each member to advance to her own potential – if she puts her time and love into it. Retired members are allowed to become members. We might be able to attract new former teachers if our Chapters and State have worthwhile projects.

* The honor of membership and the affirmation of solid all around work in one’s field of education is an important advantage. Dues are reasonable and there are many opportunities for members to fund their education, their students’ growth through grants for classroom initiatives and for their Chapter to apply for monetary support for service projects.

* Collegiality among not only one’s local colleagues but also with those throughout the State, the nation and even the world is an important draw. That connection with other women throughout the State leads to friendships that probably would not have happened without DKG.

[5] – Why should DKG be the organization of choice for key women educators?

* It is a well-recognized worldwide women’s Organization.

* Joining is both a recognition and an honor. It is a chance to make a difference in our communities, regions, State, country and world. For active teachers, it is a way to gain professional development points on the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR), scholarships, leadership training, and professional and personal growth. We need to promote the benefits of DKG, use the personal touch of each new biennium but have a mission and SAP that is direct, task driven and evaluated. Make Professional Educators view DKG as enhancing their careers as educators.

* We are an International Organization of Key Women Educators. We promote Professional and Personal Growth of Women Educators and Excellence in Education through Early Career Initiative, Schools for Africa, Pi State/International Education Foundations, World Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards and stipends at all levels of the Society.

* Each Chapter is as unique as its members.

* There are so many more positions for excellent teachers as mentors and team leaders. Couldn’t we be the ones to make sure that our excellent members are the ones prepared for these positions? There is so much more that DKG could do to further women in education and therefore help to reform and improve education in New York State.

* The key to being successful is to find one thing and do it well, better than anyone else. DKG should fill this niche with its members. We need to publicize the opportunities that are available through DKG at all levels of the Society – to make belonging to DKG feel like an honor instead of a chore. We need to shout about DKG long and hard so everyone knows what it is and what we stand for.

* It is a Society of *women educators*; I don’t know of another one that involves women educators from all fields. That in itself offers variety and interdisciplinary opportunities for women.

Compiled by Dr. Joyce Tang, SAP Coordinator and Convener

Note: Dr. Joyce Tang and the SAP Committee will present the Pi State Strategic Action Plan at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls on Friday evening October 17, 8:30-9:30pm at the General Session in the Ballroom.

The DKG Society International Announces Search for Executive Director

Have you been an active member for five or more years? Hold a Master’s degree or higher? Have extensive knowledge of the Society; skills in leadership, management and administration? Provided leadership at Chapter and State Organization levels? Demonstrate skills in writing and public speaking? ***If these areas of expertise describe you, you need to apply!*** The Human Resources Committee of the Administrative Board has announced the search for an Executive Director to be employed at Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Application packets are available upon request from Society Headquarters, 512.478.5748 or toll-free, 888.762.4685. The packet includes an application/experience form, position description, qualifications, terms of employment including salary and related benefits, and the position search timeline. **The application deadline is 3.31.15.**



2015 CTAUN Conference at the UN

**“The United Nations at 70:
Making a Difference”
Friday, January 30, 2015**

On Friday January 30, 2015, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) will be hosting its 16th Annual Conference, "*The United Nations at 70: Making a Difference.*"

CTAUN invites educators, students, and concerned citizens to join with distinguished speakers as we mark the **70th anniversary of the United Nations Charter** coming into force. Reflecting on UN history and how it has grown from the original 51 member states to its current 193 nations, recognizing its recent accomplishments and appreciating the complex institution it is today, will be the focus of the 2015 Conference.

Conference attendees will learn about why, how, and by whom the UN was founded, what has changed over these seventy years as the UN has adapted to each succeeding decade, and what the future holds as it moves forward to achieve new goals for "**2015 and Beyond.**"

The United Nations Charter: <http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml>

For more information on the Conference and application forms for "*Best Practices Award(s)*" which are due November 1, 2014, refer to CTAUN website www.teachun.org. Projects selected for the Award(s) will be recognized at the CTAUN Conference and will be posted on the website.

Conference Registration may be done online at the CTAUN website: www.teachun.org.

Special Hotel room rates for Conference participants are with ONE UN NEW YORK, which is located directly across the street from the UN. These rates, \$199 per night for a Superior Double (2 beds) or Superior King, are available starting Tuesday, 27 January through Monday, 2 February. To make reservations call 877.866.7629 or email unres1@mill-usa.com, and refer to **code 1501TEACHH**. Reservations must be made no later than 30 December 2014.

Attention: Pi State Chapter Webmasters Important Reminder

DKG International requires the biennial certification of all State and Chapter websites. Uncertified websites are not permitted on International and State websites. **Application for certification is required by October 31, 2014.**

The link for **International Digital Communications Policy** is
<https://www.dkg.org/content/policy-digital-communications>.

The link for the **Standards for Society Website Certification** is
<https://www.dkg.org/content/standards-society-website-certification-form-72a-0>.

The link for the **Society Website Certification Request Form 72** is
<https://www.dkg.org/content/society-website-certification-request-form-72-0>.

Directions are included with the *Society Website Certification Request Form 72*. When all *Standards for Society Website Certification* are met, the Chapter receives a seal of certification from International. This is issued to the Chapter Webmaster. This seal must be placed at the bottom of the Chapter's home page. *Please notify Pi State President Dr. Joyce Tang, State Webmaster Barre Hall and State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey when you have received International's certification.* The Pi State Webmaster Barre Hall will link all certified Chapter websites on the Pi State site. International will also link certified Chapter websites on International's website.

Preregistered workshops on developing and enhancing Chapter websites, using *Weebly*, will be offered by Leslie Chambers at the *Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* October 17-18 at the Queensbury in Glens Falls. Refer to the Pi State website for Leslie Chambers Tutorial on *Creating Chapter Websites Using Weebly*.

Pi State Visitations 2014-15

Fall 2014	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
September 27	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	Dr. Joyce Tang and Deborah Bedard
October 4	<i>NW / SW Area Council</i>	Karen Butters Joan Slagle (FDF)
October 16	<i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	Dr. Joyce Tang
October 25	<i>West Central Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard

Spring 2015	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
May 16	<i>Alpha Rho, Beta Phi, Beta Chi, and Gamma Zeta</i>	Beryl Szwed
May 20	<i>Chi 60th Anniversary</i>	Dr. Joyce Tang

Refer to future issues of Pi Lights and the Pi State website for updates.



Special Thanks for a Successful & Informative LDS for Incoming Presidents to The 2014 Pi State Leadership Development Team:

(front row l-r) LDS Co-Chair Sheila Brady Root, Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, President Joyce Tang, First Vice President Deborah Bedard, Past Pi State President Wanda Ward, LDS Co-Chair Ruth Ann Fultz, Second Vice President Karen Butters, FDF Joan Slagle, Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed; (back row left) Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, IPP Jeanne Schenk; (back row right) Secretary Rosemary Van Wart, Treasurer Suzanne Patrick

Photo Courtesy of Deb Bedard

Congratulations to **Alpha Chi**, our newest Chapter website, and Webmaster **Mary Sundberg**.

Alpha Chi's website received certification from International in September 2014.

To view *Alpha Chi's* website, go to Pi State website, www.deltakappagamma.org/NY; click on **NEW! Chapter Websites**, scroll to *Alpha Chi* and click on website.

*In the 2013-15 Biennium, "plan to **Invigorate Pi State**" by "growing our membership ... enhancing the efficiency of our operation ... and enriching the content of our programs" - Dr. Joyce Tang*

"Everyone Getting One"

"Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is a GIFT."

It is a *gift* from someone who saw and appreciated your potential, your talents and your professionalism. It is a *gift* that inspires, that empowers, that enhances, that opens new vistas and provides outreach. It is a *gift* to be valued, to be nurtured and to be developed. It is a *gift* to be shared.

Sharing our experience in DKG is our *gift* to our fellow educators.

Let's join **"Everyone Getting One"** and honor professional educators you admire with an invitation to membership in your Chapter.

Attention All Musicians

Are you planning on attending the *Fall Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar on October 17th and 18th in Glens Falls?*

Sign-up to sing with the Pi State Choir! Instrumentalists, too!

The sign-up form is located on the Pi State website www.deltakappagamma.org/NY under the *Educational Excellence Committee*.

Our rehearsal will take place on Friday, October 17th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Come early and SING!!

Please contact Music Rep. to *Educational Excellence Committee*, **Bridget Bishop**,

585.637.2422,

meanmom5@rochester.rr.com

with questions.

Pi State BYLAWS and Rules

When your Chapter revises their *Chapter Rules*, please send copies of newly revised *Rules* to the Pi State President, **Dr. Joyce Tang**, Chair of the BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committee, **Karen P. Crumley**, and the Pi State Parliamentarian, **Eleanor Robinson**. During each biennium, your Chapter should review their *Rules*, vote on changes made and submit the most recent Chapter *Standing Rules* by **June 30, 2015** to the above listed people.

If a Chapter Committee wishes to make *Pi State Standing Rule* changes for action at the Pi State Convention, please submit them to **Karen P. Crumley**, kcrumley@hvc.rr.com, by **December 1, 2014**.

Pi State Proposed Standing Rule Change for October 18, 2014

Amend Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel which reads

5.7 Pi Lights Editor

To Read:

Editor

Rationale: The use of the title Editor is common practice in State and International organizations. The Pi Lights Editor is responsible for more tasks than publishing the quarterly issues of Pi Lights. This change in title to Editor aligns with current practice and better describes the position.

Karen P. Crumley

Nominations Reminder: Deadline is coming!

The Deadline is upon us! Saturday, 15 November 2014 is the deadline for applications to the Nominations Committee for Officers - President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President and Secretary - and members for the Finance and Nominations Committees.

A memo has been sent to each Chapter President with links to the website regarding responsibilities and duties of each Officer's position. Each position requires slightly different support, i.e. Letters of Recommendation, etc. You can find the application forms on the Pi State Website: www.deltakappagamma.org/ny. Scroll down to the **Nominations** box near the bottom center of the page and click on the proper title or connect with the links below.

Officer information and forms can be found at:

[http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/DKG%20Pi%20State%20Job%20Descriptions%20\(revised%206-28-14\).pdf](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/DKG%20Pi%20State%20Job%20Descriptions%20(revised%206-28-14).pdf)

Forms: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/Form%20for%20Recommendation%20of%20Officer-14.pdf>

Finance Committee (four-year term) needs nominees from East Central, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern, and West Central. Application forms can be found at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/Finance%20Committee%20Nomination%20Form-14.pdf>

Nominations Committee (four-year term) needs applicants from Capital, Eastern, Northern, North Central, and South Central. Application forms can be found at:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/Form%20for%20Nominations%20Committee%20only-14.pdf>

**Mail all applications (post-dated) by Friday, 14 November 2014 to:
Lochie Musso, Nominations Chair, 228 Willow Tree Rd., Monsey, NY 10952**

*This is your chance to step forward in service to DKG and
to promote the "personal and professional growth" of a fellow sister or yourself.*

Don't miss this opportunity!

Nominations Committee members are Chair **Lochie Musso**, *Alpha Eta* (E); **Patricia Alena**, *Beta Theta* (EC); **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu* (SW); **Carol A. Engle**, *Alpha Lambda* (NW); **Dr. Vasiliki (Valerie) Lagakis**, *Alpha Phi* (SE); **Dr. Margarethe McCurry**, *Alpha Epsilon* (C); **Ruth Mowry**, *Psi* (N); **Ellen Nowyj**, *Alpha Iota* (NC); **Barbara Brooks Quinn**, *Beta Eta* (WC); **Kelly-Jo Riker**, *Beta Rho* (SC).

Lochie Musso

Awards Committee Benefit Drawing

Thanks to you Pi State sisters, the scholarships available to members and non-members continues to thrive!!! *Thank you for your help.*

“How have I helped,” you ask. Well here are two ways...

1. **Check out the Pi State website**
<http://deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html> for a list of awards, scholarships and grant(s)-in-aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. *We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories.* Please make sure they are identified and honored with a Pi State Award.
2. **Purchase Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets at your Chapter meetings.** The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Fund.

2015 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name _____
 Chapter _____
 Phone _____

Drawing at Pi State 2015 Convention
 April 24-26, 2015

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

Thank you for your purchasing Benefit Tickets! **The power and pride of Pi State members is what is “Invigorating Pi State!”**

Erin Merrill

The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund

The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund was established in 1996 from a bequest of **Bea Small, Omega**, with additional contributions by **Barbara Woodworth**, Bea’s daughter.

Interest derived from the base money is to be used annually or biennially for leadership development. Leadership development is to occur at a workshop for Pi State officers, Committee Chairs, the Fall or Spring Seminar or the Pi State Convention.

Any member of Pi State may contribute money to this Fund. Increased value of the Fund will make possible increased opportunities for Pi State to offer leadership development workshops in the future.

Please consider making a contribution to *The Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund*. Consider making a contribution in honor or in memory of someone who recognized your leadership potential and recommended you for membership.

Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum



Kaitlyn Lauzon is the 2014 recipient of the Pi State Native American Grant-in-Aid for her Nursing studies at SUNY Canton.

Photo Courtesy of Arlene Ida



Gamma Gamma’s Incoming President Tressa Smith(center) shows solidarity with fellow Chapter Leaders Incoming Secretary Jenelle Bauer and Incoming Vice President Diane Carlson

Photo Courtesy of Deb Bedard

World Fellowship

The *World Fellowships* Program is one way through which Delta Kappa Gamma empowers women to take action and impact education worldwide. DKG’s *International World Fellowship* Committee awards grants to women educators who are not DKG members and live in countries other than the United States and Canada. Refer to the International website for information on educators’ universities and studies. We can support these women who study in our geographic areas.

The **Pi State World Fellowship Committee** supports the *International World Fellowship Fund* by encouraging donations from local Chapters and individuals. Individual contributions to the fund are tax deductible. Information and forms for donations are available on the Pi State and International websites. Let’s *invigorate* this program in 2014-15.

Emilie Stris

Save the Date: Pi State 2015 Convention and Seminar, April 24-26, 2015

Long Island Marriott, Uniondale

Look for Registration, Seminar and Hotel Information in winter issue of *Pi Lights*



Daryl Marx, Alpha Eta, assists residents of a local assisted living facility stuff some of our Medical Dolls.

Alpha Eta Project: Medical Dolls

This project is supported in part by a Bea Small Award Grant. So far Alpha Eta has given dozens of these dolls to Dr. Harriet Hudson, a local pediatrician (and daughter of a deceased Honorary member), to distribute to some of her less fortunate and frightened patients. The dolls have been a huge success in minimizing fears of children when going to the Doctor. We have also donated dolls to a local Ambulance Corp. to be given to children to comfort them on their way to the hospital. Alpha Eta members cut and sew the dolls. Involving the local community helps spread the word about DKG and reinforces the idea of giving back to one's community.



Residents hold finished Medical Dolls.
Photos Courtesy of Daryl Marx

Capital Area Conference: April 5, 2014

“A Guided Tour of the Historic Proctors Theatre”

Capital Area Council held its Spring Area Conference on Saturday, April 5 at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady. A guided tour of Proctors was facilitated through the Proctor Educational Program.

The Council Chapter members in attendance also listened to a wonderful presentation by Pi State Secretary **Rosemary Van Wart**, the guest speaker at the luncheon which preceded the tour. She spoke about ways of maintaining membership. Secretary Van Wart suggested many ideas about the manner of encouraging active membership and also initiating members.

Pi State First Vice President and Capital Area Council Liaison **Deborah Bedard** was also recognized.

Christine Sheehan, Liaison for Educational Programs at Proctors, spoke to the group about the many wonderful arts and educational programs at the Theatre. Many school districts have long term programs connected to Proctor's. Following the presentation, Ms. Sheehan with the assistance of **Marilyn Stassie** conducted the tour. The Council presented Ms. Sheehan with a donation for the educational programs at Proctor's.

Past Pi State President **Joan Slagle** and Pi State Second Vice President **Karen Butters** also provided items from FDF Sales at the Conference. **Margaret Connolly**, Delta, along with **Carol Troost**, Beta Omega, were instrumental in planning the event for Capital Area Council. Past Pi State President Maggie McCurry also attended.

A total of 37 DKG members and guests were in attendance at the Conference.

Anna Marie Bonafide, Alpha Nu President & Capital Area Council Chair



Pi President Jean Sekel presents Pi State Secretary Rosemary Van Wart with a gift from the Capital Area at Luncheon.



Proctors Liaison for Educational Programs Christine Sheehan explains Proctors current educational offerings.



Capital Area Council Chair Anna Marie Bonafide presents Christine Sheehan with donation from Capital Area for Proctors Educational Programs.

Northern Area Conference: August 12, 2014 “Amish Culture in Upstate NY”



Amish Quilt Squares by Diane Daily, Gamma Epsilon, were given to participants. Karen Johnson-Wiener presents her program to Area group. Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Garofalo

The *Gamma Epsilon* Chapter hosted forty-seven members from the four Chapters of the Northern Area of Pi State on a rainy Tuesday in Heuvelton. Lunch was served at The Inn on the Greens overlooking the beautiful golf course.

During a short business meeting **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi* Chapter in the Plattsburgh area, was nominated to serve on the *Pi State Nominations Committee* to replace **Ruth Mowry**, *Psi*, whose term has expired.

The group then moved to Pickens Hall, a restored, historic building on the main street of Heuvelton. The members listened to an interesting and informative talk by **Karen Johnson-Wiener**, Associate Professor of Anthropology at SUNY Potsdam. Ms. Johnson-Wiener is the author of two books on the Amish and a contributing editor of the book on which a PBS special was based.

Afterward those present were informed of the background behind the restoration of the building by the President of the local Historical Society, Dave Kingsley. During refreshments, each member received a handmade Amish quilt coaster square made by **Diane Daily**, *Gamma Epsilon*. Shopping downstairs at Pickens General Store and local Amish roadside stands completed the meeting.

Charlotte Garofalo

Communication & Publicity Committee

Communication involves more than passing along information. When we communicate beyond our local Chapters, we truly expand our networking resources allowing stronger bonds to be established within DKG Pi State. **We are looking for interested members who are seeking assistance in creating their own website!** Contact Sue Genthner, Pi State Communications Chair, at subeart@aol.com to be included in our latest plans for this venture.

Our Pi State Website has been refreshed by **Barre Hall**, *Gamma Epsilon* (Northern Area) with an eye for the visual and continues to link us efficiently to DKG Society International news. Pi State is currently completing the biennial certification process with International.

Our Pi State Newsletter, Pi Lights, continues to provide four issues per year of valuable information for our members. **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega* (East Central Area) our *Pi Lights* Editor, encourages us all to contribute photos, recent news items, announcements for upcoming events, Initiates information, service projects and member accomplishments.

Chapter Websites mentor **Leslie Chambers**, *Beta Epsilon* (Southwestern Area), **has created an interactive and video tutorial in creating Chapter websites, using Weebly. The tutorial can be found on the Pi State website** by clicking on **NEW! Chapter Websites** on the home page. As an Adjunct Professor in the School of Education at St. Bonaventure University, Leslie has taught grad students the art of web design through personal 90-minute lab sessions as well as through virtual meetings online. **Leslie will be presenting two workshops, requiring preregistration to lchamber@sbu.edu, on Friday evening, October 17 at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Glens Falls: “Website Basics for First Timers: Start Your Chapter Site” and “Personalizing Your Chapter Website: More Features and Exploring the Elements.”**

International’s Communication Newsletter, Strengthening the Buzz, may be accessed online at the International website - <https://www.dkg.org/category/committees/communications-and-publicity>. You can view the archives listing and select the issue you would like to read. Up-to-date information and reports from International’s Communications & Publicity Committee are also available.

Sue Genthner



The US Forum

Theme for 2014-16:
 “85 Years and Beyond”

Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

The 2014-16 theme for US Forum is “85 Years and Beyond” *Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*. **Judy Fox Jackson** of Tennessee is our new US Forum Chair and **Carmela DeMarco** of Columbus, New Jersey, cardemarco@comcast.net was elected to be the North East representative on the US Forum at the International Convention in Indianapolis.

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

The US Forum Program at the International Convention in Indianapolis was conducted by National Speaker **Jones Loflin** and focused on targeting simple strategies to get better results in your work and life. Mr. Loflin and US Forum representatives organized members into regional groups. New Yorkers participated in the North East Regional Discussion. Members were asked to participate in turn-key discussions beginning with groups of 7-10. Each group was asked to present three legislative issues and select one representative from each group to meet in a regional caucus and consolidate the issues. We settled on three regional objectives: improving working conditions, human trafficking and corporate influence on education. Our Michigan sisters emphasized the focus on corporate influence on education. These areas will be the focus for the 2014-16 US Forum.

Be Active ... Be a Part of Our Progress

We educators often sit back and let outside groups influence education. It is time for you to use your voice and express your concerns. Legislators do listen to their constituents. Your voice can make a difference. Websites with information include <http://www.house.gov/>; <http://www.senate.gov/>; www.ny.gov/; www.ny.senate.gov/ and www.ny.assembly.gov/ Research shows that if five constituents discuss a topic with legislation, an action is taken.

DKG Members Need to Promote Voting



DKG members need to be informed. A nonbiased source of information on candidates and issues can be found through the New York State League of Women Voter's. The NYSLWV posts information at <http://www.Vote411.org>. This guide includes profiles on the local primaries, candidates and information on the governor and lieutenant governor races. Candidate profiles include responses to questions submitted by the League.

The US Women's Chamber of Commerce has a website <http://ivoteforwomen.org> which advocates that if women are leading politics and policy there will be progress in world leadership, human rights, fair pay, promotion, family friendly work environments, retirement security and women owned business growth. Their motto is “when we focus on our power, we shape the world.”

Keep up on US Forum Issues

Join the listing to receive updates from the U.S. Forum Newsletter. Dr. Angela O.Bedenbaugh is the Editor and you can email her at Bedenbaugh.angela@gmail.com to receive updates. The official US Forum website is <http://bit.ly/DKGUSE> and like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>. Interested members should look for postings and updates on the Pi State and International websites.

Barbara Bostwick Quinn



Dr. Joyce Tang, Harlene Gilbert, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn with Allison Kelly outside Senator Gillibrand's office.

Pi State Members at the DKG National Legislative Seminar Held in Washington, D. C. from March 16-19, 2014

The biennial Conference is designed to familiarize members on US Forum issues and provide us with material prepared from a variety of agencies.



(L-R) First row: Dr. Andréa Morris, Dr. Joyce Tang, Joan Slagle; Second row: Harlene Gilbert, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, and Karen Crumley.

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

In June the *Pi State Educational Foundation* awarded the following three project grants:

- ✓ An award was granted to **Barbara Cook**, *Gamma Zeta*, for her Chapter's project, "*Salvation Army Backpack Program*." Their efforts to provide school supplies and backpacks for needy students began in 2008. This year they hope to help over 300 students.
- ✓ **Susan Coolican** received funding for *Alpha Rho's* project, "*Picnic in the Parks*". The project is a continuation of last summer's efforts to provide books to children who participate in a Food Bank program in local parks.
- ✓ **Patricia Thompson**, *Beta Omicron*, received funding for "*Totes for Tots*". Chapter members fill totes with children's books, coloring books, crayons and a stuffed animal. The totes are given to children waiting in the emergency rooms of local hospitals to hopefully distract and comfort them.

Project grant applications are available on the Pi State website. An applicant must be a member of the *Pi State Educational Foundation*. Membership and donation forms are also available on the Pi State website. Donations may also be given "*in memory of*" and "*in honor of*" those you want to honor. Projects must promote literacy but are not limited to just reading. Projects may be new or ones that have already been started. They may be individual or Chapter projects.

Since 2005 the *Pi State Educational Foundation* has awarded almost \$13,000 to members' projects. *As President of the Foundation Board, I extend our warmest regards and gratitude for all our Pi State sisters and friends who have donated to the Foundation.*

Agnes Becker

Foundation Project Grant Applications due November 1, 2014 and May 1, 2015

ATTENTION FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the **Pi State 2015 Convention & Seminar at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale April 24-26, 2015.**

The Agenda and time will be announced.

Watch for information in the winter issue of Pi Lights

Pi State Foundation Directors

2012-16

Agnes Becker, *Gamma Delta*, Chair
Anne Price, *Gamma Zeta*, Vice-President
F. Carol Ramsey, *Omega*, Secretary

2011-15

Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer

2013-14

Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau*

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations

(May 11, 2014 to September 1, 2014)

Rho Chapter in honor of Joan Slagle
Virginia Dudko, *Tau*, in memory of Dolores Ann Luckner
Joan Goldstein, *Gamma Alpha*, donation to the Foundation
Barbara Cook, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price
Sheri Hunter, *Nu*, donation to the Foundation
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Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*, in memory of Mary & Jim Regan
Karen Butters, *Beta Mu*, in memory of Mary Schroyer
Joan Slagle, *Beta Omega*, in memory of Linda Hoshlyk
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Andrea Bocko, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price
Catherine Honness, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price
Mary Franklin, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price
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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2015

Refer to the Pi State website www.deltakappagamma.org/NY for applications and further information on pp.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
<p>Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award</p>	<p>Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in <i>Pi 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 Pi 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.</p>	<p>Karen Butters P.O. Box 136 Blue Mountain Lake 12812 <i>kbutters@frontier.com</i></p>
<p>Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid</p>	<p>Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past Pi State President <i>Gladys L. Mersereau</i> (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.</p>	<p>Dr. Joyce Tang 4140 Union Street Apt 12P Flushing 11355 <i>erindale@verizon.net</i></p>
<p>The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Maria Toulas 12 Fonda Road Rockville Centre 11570 <i>mjtoulas@gmail.com</i></p>
<p>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Arlene Ida 3 Sherwood Park Drive Burnt Hills 12027 <i>dpackard@bataviacsdsd.org</i></p>
<p>Pi State Achievement Award</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>JoAnn Wallace 6246 The Hamlet Jamesville 13078 <i>jctedi@aol.com</i></p>
<p>Bea Small Award</p>	<p>Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i>, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project, which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area.</p>	<p>Deborah Bedard P.O. Box 782 Glens Falls 12801 <i>dmbedard29@yahoo.com</i></p>
<p>Travel & Study Stipend</p>	<p>Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>Pi State Standing Rules</i>. Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at Convention, <i>Seminar for Purposeful Living</i>, CTAUN Conference or travel/study of your choice.</p>	<p>Joyce Krupnik 372 North Main Street Wellsville 14895 <i>skrupnik@aol.com</i></p>
<p>Scholarship</p>	<p>Pi State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum. International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org.</p>	<p>Elaine McNulty PO Box 35 Ashland 12407 <i>emcnulty39@yahoo.com</i></p>

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You may also contact your Chapter President,
 a Pi State Scholarship Committee member or

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Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Verna Mulholland was president of *Alpha Phi* and *Pi State* President. She and **Gladys Mersereau** were planning the State Convention to be held in Lake Placid at a future date, when they were both killed in a car accident. Verna had always envisioned giving an award to someone who made an outstanding contribution to education but wasn't eligible for membership.

This award is given annually to a woman who is not a member of *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International* nor eligible for membership in the Society but rather someone outside the profession, who has worked toward improving the educational opportunities of others. The Award consists of a plaque and a \$300 stipend to cover the cost of attending the *Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* to receive the award.

Chapter members and Chapters are requested to submit nominations for this award. Application forms, due March 1, 2015, are available on the Pi State website.

For questions, contact **Maria Toulas**, Chair,
mjtoulas@gmail.com. *Maria Toulas*

Gladys L Mersereau Grant-in-Aid

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid* was initiated and funded in 1975 by Pi State Past President **Gladys L. Mersereau**, *Beta Rho*, who wanted to help more women become teachers. Funding comes from interests generated from the *Grant(s)-in-Aid* along with members' generous contributions.

The purpose of this *Grant(s)-in-Aid* is to provide funding to non-DKG member(s) whose education was interrupted and who now need financial help to complete teacher certification requirements. The recipient(s) may be invited to the *Awards Luncheon* to speak in detail about how this award will be used.

All Chapters are invited to nominate worthy applicants. Questions may be sent to **Joyce Tang**, Chair,
erindale@verizon.net. Application forms, due March 1, 2015, are available on Pi State's website.

Joyce Tang

Pi State Achievement Award

Is there a member of your Chapter who always says "yes" when asked to serve at the State level and merits our recognition? The *Pi State Achievement Award* Committee is looking for these hard working, special members.

The *Pi State Achievement Award* is designed to honor a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Society at the State level. The nominees should have attended Pi State and International meetings and actively participated in DKG affairs in Pi State. This award is based on nominations submitted by the membership and will be judged by the Committee.

The nominee must be nominated by a member, approved by the nominee's Chapter President, supported by three letters of recommendations from Chapter and/or State members who have worked with the nominee. Since this award is a surprise, please do not ask the nominee for information but, instead, consult Chapter files, other members and/or the State Executive Secretary. All application information is considered confidential.

The **eligibility rules** are:

- Only active members who have made an outstanding contribution to education and exceptionally fine service to Society at the State level
- A minimum of **five** years of active membership in good standing
- No person may receive the award a second time.
- A State President is ineligible during time in office.

With these rules of eligibility in mind, look around you for a member who deserves this honor and submit an application for this outstanding woman. The application, due March 1, 2015, can be found on the Pi State website. For additional information or questions, contact **JoAnn Wallace**, Chair, jctedi@aol.com, **Agnes Becker**, **Ann-Marie Carlson**, **Celeste Crawford**, **Jean Fontana**, **Dr. Colleen Kelly**, **Joan Slagle**. *JoAnn Wallace*

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid: due March 1, 2015

In 1967 **Frederica Hollister**, then President of Pi State, chose as her special project a plan to help Native American girls in New York State who were hoping to enter the teaching profession. It started as a temporary project which had to be approved by the Executive Board each year, but in 1975 the Board voted to make the Indian Affairs Committee a continuing committee and in 1989 the Committee was renamed **Native American Grants Committee**. Changing conditions over the years have necessitated some changes in the original plan. The most notable change is the amount of the award increasing from \$250 to \$500 per semester and including enrollment in either a service related field or education as one of the criteria for selection.

Pi State members are encouraged to recommend Native American girls who might wish to pursue a career in education or service related field to the Native American Grants Committee. Chapters are also encouraged to contact recipients who are in the Chapter area, invite them to a meeting, send them a card or help support them financially. - *Let them know you care.*

At the April 2014 Executive Board meeting of Pi State, Delta Kappa Gamma awarded two \$500 Grant(s)-in-Aid to **Kaitlyn Lauzon** and **Erin Barnes**. Both Native American women are members of the Mohawk Nation, St. Regis tribe and reside in Hogsburg, NY. Kaitlyn is attending SUNY Canton in the Nursing Program. Erin is enrolled at Herkimer Community College in the Health Service Management Program. It is an honor for Pi State to support these deserving young women.

If you have questions, wish additional information or have suggestions for reaching out to the Native American population, please contact: **Arlene Ida**, Chair, aiddski@nycap.rr.com. Application forms are due March 1, 2015 and are available on Pi State's website.

Arlene Ida

Call for Travel & Study Stipend Applications: due March 1, 2015

Each year, a Pi State member says that she wished she would have applied for the Travel & Study Stipend. After reading the article submitted by our 2014 recipient, you can feel the enthusiasm expressed by **Mary Ann Baldari** (*Alpha Beta*) who attended the International Convention in Indianapolis (*on page 6 of this issue*). We are encouraging those of you who may want to attend the North East Regional next year, CTAUN or any other event approved by the Society, to consider applying for the Travel & Study Stipend.

The Pi State *Standing Rules* note that there can be two Travel & Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00. Efforts will be made to award one Stipend to a retired Pi State member and one to a member currently employed. Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

1. Number of years of membership and type of service to DKG.
2. Major reasons for applying for the Stipend.
3. The outcome of achievements obtained in attending the Seminar or event.
4. The ways that the achievements will be used in the future of DKG, and in professional and/or personal growth.

Time flies and March 1, 2015 will be here before you know it. The application can be found on the Pi State website or you can contact Chair **Joyce Krupnik** (*Alpha Sigma*) at skrupnik@aol.com. Other committee members are: **Jane Crosby** (*Alpha Tau*); **Gail Rumsey** (*Omega*); **Marcia Swiatek** (*Alpha Lambda*); and **Mary Linda Williams** (*Alpha Sigma*).

Joyce Krupnik

The Bea Small Award Nominations due March 1, 2015

"*Invigorate Pi State*" and the Society by nominating a Chapter whose current project deserves to be supported and recognized. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 2015. Forms are available on Pi State's website. **The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon at the April 24-26 Pi State Convention at the Long Island Marriott Hotel in Uniondale.**

Established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, *Omega*, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. Recent awardees include: **Beta Psi** "*Backpack School Supplies Program*;" **Alpha Tau** "*Books for WIC Project*;" **Gamma Gamma** "*Books for Babies Plus*;" **Beta Delta** "*Early Literacy for Children and Their Parents*;" **Beta Gamma** "*Warm Scarves and Hugs from the Hands and Hearts of Beta Gamma*."

Deborah Bedard

Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Nominations due March 1, 2015

Do you know a Pi State member who exemplifies the best in education and has made a significant impact in New York and possibly nationally? Was she at your last Chapter meeting? *Perhaps you know the next recipient!* What better way to honor her than with a nomination for the **Pi State Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award**?

Frederica Hollister was a member of *Beta Rho* Chapter and was the 15th Pi State President in 1967. She was instrumental in the beginnings of the *Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid* and was a dedicated educator and scholar throughout her lifetime. The *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have made a significant impact on education.

There are many Pi State members who deserve this honor - **just look around!**

Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in Pi State Standing Rules (SR 11.6): "...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 contribution should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years."

The nomination form and information are online at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/ASaGiA.html>. **The time to act is now!** Recognize that member in your Chapter or Area.

We are looking forward to receiving many applications by March 1, 2015. For more information, contact Karen Butters kbutters@frontier.com; (518-352-7726).

The members of the *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Committee* are Chair **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*; **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*; **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Alpha Pi*; and **Annette Varcoe**, *Beta Rho*.

Karen Butters

Pi State Area Council Conferences Fall 2014

Eastern Area Conference September 27

FDR National Historic Site Hyde Park

"Guided & Self-Guided Tour of FDR's Home"

Contact Registrar **Janet Judson**, jjudson333@aol.com

Southwest & Northwest Area Conference

October 4

The Roycroft Inn, East Aurora

"Teachers: The Core of Education"

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Wendy Paterson, Dean of School of Education,
SUNY Buffalo State*

Contact Registrar, **Nancy Schwab** 14025@aol.com

West Central Area Conference October 25

The Avon Inn, Rte.5, Avon

"The River That Binds Us ~ The Genesee"

with Authors John and Sue Babbit

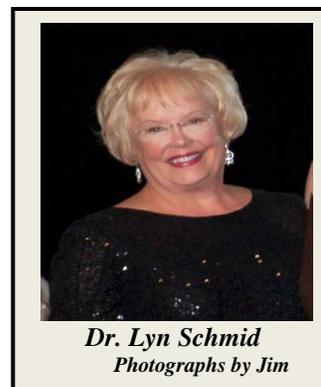
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**2015 Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets for State Awards,
Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid will be sold at each Conference.**

Dr. Lyn Schmid Elected International President 2014-2016

***"85 Years and Beyond:
Advancing Key Women
Educators for Life"***



Dr. Lyn Schmid
Photographs by Jim

In her acceptance speech at the 2014 International Convention, Dr. Schmid quoted **Dr. Annie Webb Blanton** as saying, *"Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value, but don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you."* We can all expect change in this biennium. **What are you doing to help sustain the Society? What change can you make?**

Project READ



Dr. Carol St. George
at Alpha Alpha Meeting
Photo by Donna Noble

Alpha Alpha Chapter Member **Dr. Carol St. George**, Director of the Literacy Teacher Program at the University of Rochester's Warner Graduate School of Education, equates literacy with equity and social justice. "Project READ", a program now in its third year, seeks to provide struggling young primary school readers in two City of Rochester schools with literacy skills by making reading culturally relevant. Project READ's process involves a changed culture and pedagogy for schools and teachers with professional development as well as working directly with children. Project READ has organized family nights that attract 100s of parents, showing them the value of reading to children.

Donna Noble

Gamma Delta Themed Year of Programs: Autism Awareness

During this themed year of **Autism Awareness**, *Gamma Delta* became "Daughters of the Kitchen" after reading Jael McHenry's *The Kitchen Daughter*. This must-read for all educators provides a sensitive and realistic portrayal of a family living with Asperger's Syndrome, a challenge once found on the Autism Spectrum, which involves difficulties with social interaction, non-verbal communication and obsessive/repetitive behaviors. The main character of the book finds comfort and order in her life through cooking fragrant recipes which calm her senses and help her reconnect with the past.

Our DKG sisters enjoyed re-creating some of the recipes highlighted in the book including Ribolitta, Mulled Cider, Midnight Cry Brownies, Shortbread and Biscuits with Gravy. Soon our meeting place was filled with the powerful aromas mentioned in the book and led to an informative book talk about the misuse of the adjective "normal" when describing students and adults alike. Helpful and thought-provoking ideas were shared amongst the participants about the role that the senses play in our learning environment, which goes way beyond the feel of a pen and the sound of pencil to paper.

Although no one left the meeting as an expert in Asperger's Syndrome, we all left feeling a little more compassion for the individuals and families that deal with this challenge on a daily basis and more motivation to do our part in making them feel that nothing is, indeed, normal for all. This event was just one of our educational year-long agenda including presentations by PhD and Music/Art Therapists on the topic, as well as volunteering and participating in local *Autism Awareness Walk* as members of Team DKG!



Gamma Delta President Eleanor Robinson and Vice-President Amy Grabau concoct "Grandma Damson's Shortbread," a favorite recipe from *The Kitchen Daughter*.

Photos & Article Courtesy of Ellie Robinson



Gamma Delta's Buffet of recipes

Rho Chapter Supports Violence Prevention Programs

Rho Chapter, South Central Area, members donated items for the children in safe houses across Delaware and Otsego Counties. At the annual Mid-Winter meeting, the *Rho* Chapter sisters assembled numerous bins, containing games, crafts, matchbox cars, puzzles, legos, crayons/markers with coloring books and much more. These bins were delivered to the Violence Prevention Programs.

Photo & Article Courtesy of Lisa Sackett



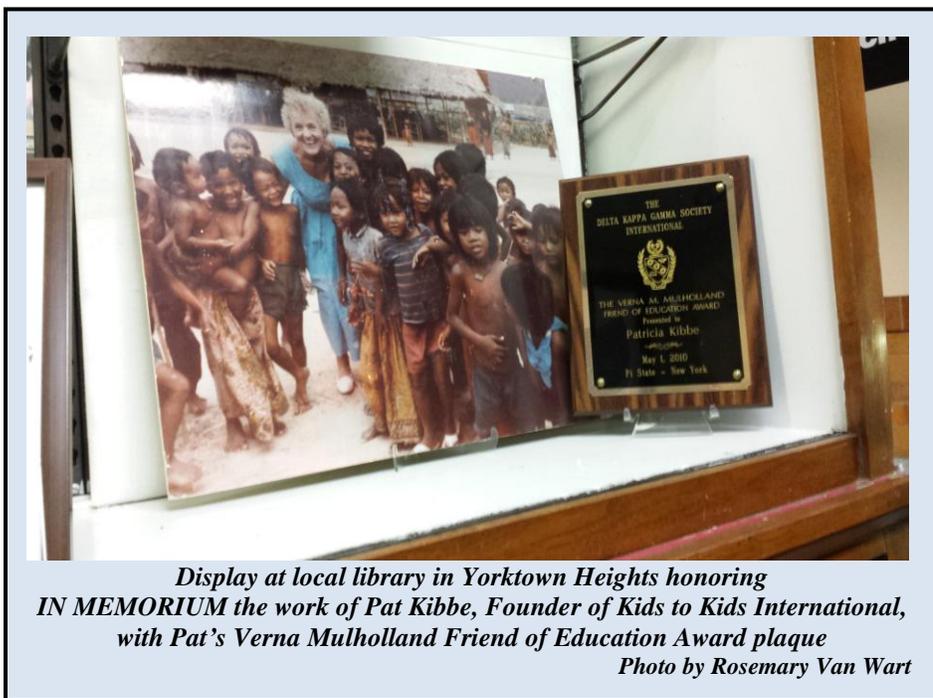
Can you help *Alpha Pi Chapter* and *Kids to Kids International* by delivering books to children of our world when you travel?

In 2010 **Pat Kibbe**, founder of *Kids to Kids International* (KTKI), was awarded the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* for her work in promoting education, friendship and peace among children around the world. Pat founded the organization in 1991 to foster friendship with and empathy for refugee children. Her idea was to have children in the USA make simple picture books to send to children in refugee camps. For over twenty years, KTKI has sent Friendship boxes of student-made books with messages of friendship, along with paper, pencils, crayons and other educational supplies to children around the world, particularly children in need. Those books brought much joy to children in the world and also brought some return drawings and student-made books.

Corinne Wynne of *Alpha Pi Chapter* has been a long time volunteer at KTKI and has been sending books to other parts of the world with friends whom she knew were traveling to countries in Africa, Central America and Asia. This way she knew that the books actually made it into the hands of those for whom they were intended - *the children*. It was cost effective too. The price to check a bag that was filled with books and some school supplies sure beat the cost of shipping or mailing them!

Sadly, **Pat Kibbe** passed away this past July and KTKI has had to close its office in Yorktown Heights, NY. There are still many books that need to be sent. **Are you planning a trip to a place where there are children who could benefit from a gift of friendship from American children? Would you be willing to take some books, visit a school and deliver them?** Please visit the website at www.ktki.org and contact Corinne at info@ktki.org or cwynne@judgeorg.com with your offer of help. **Thank you!**

Corinne Wynne



Display at local library in Yorktown Heights honoring IN MEMORIAM the work of Pat Kibbe, Founder of Kids to Kids International, with Pat's Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award plaque

Photo by Rosemary Van Wart



Corinne Wynne, Alpha Pi, accepts books from Jason Musso's students in Mongolia for KTKI. Jason is the son of Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta, who took KTKI books & teaching supplies to Mongolia when visiting Jason's school.

Photographs Courtesy of Corinne Wynne



Sample KTKI books pages created by children in Kate Walsh's, Phi, class for children in our world



Children in Nicaraguan Refugee Camp, La Cario, reading KTKI books



Alpha Chi Chapter's "Keep a Poem in your Pocket" Program Where Sisters Shared Favorite Poems
 First Row: (L to R) Joanne Truman, Patty Aubry, Leanne Jardine, Terri Palmiero, Rose Hosp.
 Second row: (l to R) Colleen Jackson, Jean Wagner, Susan Butler, Victoria Stockton.

Photo Courtesy of Terri Palmiero

Pi State Congratulations to ...

- ❖ **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*, was elected President of the professional organization, The American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges.
- ❖ **Dr. Vasiliki Lagakis**, *Alpha Phi*, Faculty Nassau Community College Department of Reading and Basic Education & Coordinator of *The Achilles Project* presented a Faculty Seminar Day with Dr. Jack Naglieri, author *Executive Function: The Key to Thinking Smarter!* Methods for evaluating executive function and for teaching children and young adults to better utilize this critically important ability were highlighted. Special attention was given to research findings on improving academic performance by teaching students to better utilize executive function for math, reading comprehension and critical thinking. Instructional strategies were shared for improving executive function in both children and young adult learners. These interventions are appropriate for all students including those with learning disabilities and ADHD.
- ❖ **Kathy Brachmann**, *Alpha Lambda*, Principal of Winchester Elementary School in West Seneca received WKBW TV Golden Apple in a surprise assembly in May. Nominated by Devon who is unable to attend school physically because of his life threatening allergies, Kathy made sure Devon had a chance to attend school through **VEGO**, a robot device.
- ❖ **Dr. Colleen Kelly**, *Gamma Alpha*, has published her third volume of short, contemporary, contemplative poems, *Observations*.



Beth Hallinan, Nurse Manager Erica Cottel, Director of Operations Tricia Peter Clark, Barb Amedro, Alpha Iota Co-Chair of Educational Excellence Committee

Last June *Alpha Iota* members **Beth Hallinan** and **Barb Amedro** delivered thirty hand-crafted activity bags, filled with books, crayons, colored pencils, activity books and other art supplies donated by *Alpha Iota* sisters, to the Fulton Medical Center. *Alpha Iota* sisters **Elaine Suskin**, **Jill Walch**, **Diane Davies**, **Linda Farden**, **Rosemary Tropa**, **Lauren Lalley** and **Barb Amedro** all participated in the project. The staff at the Medical Center, especially Staff Pediatrician, Dr. Chaudhary, greatly appreciated these gifts.

Alpha Iota member **Beth Hallinan** is on the Board of Directors of Northern Oswego County Health Services and was instrumental in making the *Alpha Iota* connection to the Fulton Medical Center.

Photo & Article by Karen Miller

Pi State Congratulations to ...

- ❖ *Beta* is honored to have two new members inducted into our Chapter at our May 13, 2014 meeting. **Lisa Benedict** is a Special Education Teacher at OCM BOCES and **Cathy Boland** teaches Kindergarten at the McGraw Central School District.
- ❖ **Dr. Jean Lloyd**, *Gamma Alpha*, published a new book, *Producing Brilliant Children*. "The kindergarten classroom is a place of immense possibilities. It is there, in the first year of their education, that children are most likely to be instilled with a love of learning. It is the role of the teacher, using equal parts magic and method, to turn that possibility into reality. In *Producing Brilliant Children*, you will learn all you need to know..."
- ❖ **Anna Marie Bonafide**, *Alpha Nu*, has published a Chapter, "The Construction of Reading Identity in Struggling Middle School Readers" in Sage Research Methods online publication at Sage Publications Ltd. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/978144627305013499299>.

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Gamma Delta Initiates l-r:

Elizabeth Valentine, Collett Hall, Becky Simpson and Julie Finik. All teach in North Tonawanda School District. Liz, Collett and Julie teach Elementary Special Ed. And Becky teaches 5th grade.

Photo by Ellie Robinson



Annual Omega Past President's Luncheon held in August at Warfield's Restaurant in Clifton Springs. (seated l-r) Deborah Trombino, Maggie Wiegand, Patricia Younglove, Linda Coons, F. Carol Ramsey and Lynda John (standing l-r) June Renner, Lois Ludwig, Della Ludwig, Jessica Salcione (guest) and Mary King

Photo by Lois Ludwig

Pi State Membership

(May 30, 2014)

Active	2287
Reserve	208
Chapter Honorary	57
Active Life	3
Initiates	69

DKG International website:

www.dkg.org

"Curriculum of Hope" Newsletter

Curriculum of Hope is a Standing Committee of Alpha Kappa State. Their newsletter can be found online at www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/hopenews.php.

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