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Join Pi State Sisters at the DKG Pi State 2017 Convention "Sparkle, Simmer & Shine"

April 28-30, 2017
Otesaga Resort
Cooperstown, NY

In the mailed Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* and online look for:

* *Registration Forms and Hotel Information*

* *Educational Excellence Committee's Workshops*

* *Schedule for the Executive Board Meeting/Awards Luncheon/Banquet/Seminars*

Workshop Proposals for Pi State 2017 Convention due November 15, 2016
to Barbara Keis, bkeis@aol.com, or Sue Norris, sknorris@frontiernet.net

Co-Chairs Educational Excellence Committee

The *EEC Workshop Proposal* can be found online at the new Pi State Website, www.dkgstate.org.

Pi State honors our members who serve DKG International 2016-18:



Karen Crumley
Chair
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Leadership Fund
2012-18



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**Barbara
Bostwick-Quinn**
Northeast Region
U.S. Forum
Representative



**Dr. Andréa
Morris**
Member
Expansion
Committee

Registration is still open for Fall 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

**"Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by
Exploring the Challenges of Change"**

October 14-15, 2016 at the Woodcliff Hotel, Conference Center & Spa in Fairport
Refer to the Pi State Website and this issue pp.3-5 of this issue.

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Pi State Applications for Offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President & Secretary and Nominations for Finance & Nominations Committees
Applications/Nominations due November 15 ... *More details on p.29* and refer to the Pi State website.

Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid
Applications due March 1, 2017 ... *More details on pp.9-12* and refer to the Pi State website.



“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”

Deborah Bedard

Pi State President 2015 - 2017

***See you at the October 14-15, 2016
Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the
Woodcliff Hotel, Fairport***

One of the joys of living in New York State is the **changing** of our seasons. Each season involves special celebrations with family and friends. Our homes are often decorated to reflect the **change** and even our wardrobes **change** as the result of the **challenges** of our weather! As a State, we gather for our Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Woodcliff Hotel in Rochester on October 14-15 entitled “***Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by Exploring the Challenges of Change.***” I invite all Pi State Members to join us as we explore **changes** that affect our professional careers, **changes** to help strengthen our Chapters and **challenges** that affect our personal lives.

During our Leadership Development Seminar hosted in August for Chapter Presidents **Nita Scott**, Membership Services Administrator from Delta Kappa Gamma International, presented important data that all Pi State Members need to be aware of. Membership in our Organization has been steadily declining throughout the last few years. In 2009 our Society's total membership was 106,837. Currently we have 75,190 members. The good news shared by International is that the rate of members dropped has slowed from 7.24% to 3.08%. New York State Organization in 2009 had a total membership of 3,249 and currently has 2,424.

As a State, we must unite together to face the **challenge** of declining enrollment which threatens many of our Chapters. In April during our Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar our State Membership and Expansion Chair, **Melanie McDonald**, presented a workshop on the **new membership plan from International**. This **change** supports strengthening our Chapters by assisting Chapters to attract new members. The Membership and Expansion Committee will again present this new International membership initiative workshop on Friday evening, October 14. Read on in this issue to learn about other workshops that will be presented involving both **changes** and **challenges** in our lives. In addition on Saturday morning, October 15 as Chapter Presidents and other Pi State Executive Board members gather to conduct Pi State Business, a special seminar, “***Membership Makeover***” will be held to assist Chapter Membership Chairs and other interested Chapter members implementing the plan within their Chapters. It is my hope that Chapters, who are facing declining membership, will send a representative to attend this seminar and begin the work of rebuilding and strengthening New York State Chapters.

Our Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar will also feature an **Information Fair** on Friday evening during our dessert reception. As our Chapter Presidents begin their biennium of leadership, the information and resources gathered during the Fair will help them meet the **challenges** of Chapter leadership. This Fair is also an important opportunity for Pi State Members to become better acquainted with the many benefits of membership.

Over the past few years as professional educators in New York State we have faced the **challenges** of **changes** on multiple fronts: Common Core Standards, testing and the implementation of new evaluation procedures (APPR) to name a few! On Friday evening **Regent Beverly Ouderkirk** will discuss the state of these **changes**. I am looking forward to hearing how these changes will affect my students.

On Saturday our meeting will conclude with a **Legislative Luncheon** organized by our State US Forum Representative, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, and our Pi State EEC Committee. **Dare Thompson** from the League of Women Voters will help us become informed and use our voice to meet the **challenges** of **change** on the political

Be Challenged!

Lead Change!



Be Informed!

Find Your Voice!



Workshops for Pi State Fall 2016**Friday, October 14th****6:15 - 7:00pm**1. **"Transform Your Home Into a Safe Haven"**Presenter: Sue Gruber, *Beta Chi*

Empower yourself by being a forward thinker! Attractive, intuitive, universal design features can make your home welcoming, bring peace of mind and provide you and your family with comfort and ease of living for many years to come, giving you viable living options for the future.

2. **"Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents"**

Presenters: Jeanne Schenk, *Alpha Tau*, Chair Leadership Development Committee and Committee members
Follow-up information and activities for Chapter Presidents

3. **"Home/School Collaboration and 2E Students"**Presenter: Dr. Valerie Lagakis, *Alpha Phi*

Who are 2E Students? Twice-Exceptional students show an area of strength, a deficit area and significant discrepancies between those areas, between their potential and performance, and/or between their intellectual and emotional domains, and may have an atypical learning style (ex. Learn best by visual processing or hands-on learning, rather than lecture). School/home collaboration develops potential, increase motivation, improves self-esteem and academic performance and defines career directions for students who have underachieved in traditional education programming.

7:15 - 8:00pm1. **"Navigate NEW Pi State Website & New International Certification"**Presenters: Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*; Heidi Himes, *Gamma Delta*; and Katja Stevens, *Omega*

Learn how to navigate the NEW Pi State website www.dkgnystate.org. Learn about the New International Compliance Assurance Guidelines for websites, due dates, forms and process.

2. **"Membership Makeover: Recruit! Retain! Reinstate!"**Presenter: Melanie McDonald, *Beta Omega*

The Pi State Membership Committee will share information about the DKG International 2015 New Member Recruitment Plan and review ideas and resources to help you implement it in your Chapter.

3. **"What the Educational Foundation Can Do for You"**Presenter: Susan Summerfield, *Pi*

Do you have an idea for a special project that needs funding? Join us to see the results of writing an Educational Foundation grant. *And be prepared to have fun!!*

*Barbara Keis and Sue Norris***2016-2017 Pi State Directory Distribution**

The **2016-2017 Pi State Directories** will be distributed at the **FDF Sales in Cayuga Room** at the Fall 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars. If you ordered a Directory, you will be able to pick up yours October 14-15. Officers, Elected Personnel and Past Pi State Presidents will also be able to obtain their copies. For those unable to attend, members in your Chapter or Area will be asked to deliver yours. Additional copies will be available for sale.

*Karen Crumley***Pi State Info Fair****Friday, October 14, 2016 ... 9:30-10:30pm ...***Are you aware of all the opportunities available as a member of our Pi State?*

The **Pi State Info Fair** will be held on **Friday evening October 14th** during the **Dessert Reception in the Conference Center Lobby** at the Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar at the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa. Members will be able to browse and talk with representatives of **State Committees** to learn about all the exciting opportunities available for all our Pi State Sisters. You will be able to gain information about exciting opportunities for yourself or a member of your Chapter. *We look forward to seeing you there!*

Deborah Bedard

**Regent Beverly L. Ouderkirk**

Keynote Speaker
Friday, October 14th
8:15 – 9:30pm

Regent Beverly L. Ouderkirk
“Changes in Education”

Beverly L. Ouderkirk was appointed to the New York State Board of Regents on March 10, 2015 for a five-year term effective April 1, 2015. She proudly represents the students, educators, parents, and communities within the eleven counties comprising the major geographic portion of the North Country. Regent Ouderkirk brings to her appointment over fifty years of experience in public education in New York State.

Regent Ouderkirk began her professional career as a kindergarten teacher. She continued teaching for seventeen years in various elementary and special education classrooms in the Jordan-Elbridge and Weedsport Central School Districts as well as for the Onondaga-Cayuga BOCES. She served as Elementary Principal, Director of Elementary Education, COH Chair (Committee on the Handicapped) and Deputy Superintendent in the Gouverneur CSD. Regent Ouderkirk was Superintendent of Schools at Morristown CSD, Tioga CSD, and Valley CSD before becoming a BOCES District Superintendent at Genesee Valley in Western New York. Following her first retirement, Regent Ouderkirk served four additional districts as an Interim Superintendent over a ten-year period. The culminating activity of her long career was as a Shared Superintendent for the St. Regis Falls and Brushton-Moira Central School Districts, a first in New York State.

Regent Ouderkirk's continuing goal is to make a difference in public education for children.

**Dare Thompson**

2016 Legislative Luncheon
Saturday, October 15th
12:30 – 2:30pm



Dare Thompson, President of the New York State League of Women Voters, will be our guest speaker. Dare is a resident of Marlboro and has been active in Central New York and the Hudson Valley. Dare will share with us how to be an active Citizen advocate on upcoming legislative issues and changes.

Dare states, *“I was pretty apolitical for the first 25 years of my life, but then I accidentally got a job teaching middle school Social Studies. When I was teaching the Constitution, it really hit me that all of us- including me! -run the country, and I wasn't showing up for work. I also realized that everything depends upon individuals taking action by voting, running for office, demanding good government through lobbying or even taking a case to court ... There is no THEY, only US, and we get the government we work for.”*

A graduate of Swarthmore College, PA with a Masters from Oberlin, OH, Dare taught in the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA and Cleveland City Schools, OH. Her NY career began in 1982 where she was the Executive Director of the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton. She relocated to Columbus, Ohio in 1995 to be the Executive Director of Ohio Citizens for the Arts. Returning to NY in 1999-2007, she served as the Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Writers' Center in Sleepy Hollow. Dare is currently a Consultant and actively involved with the Quakers. Dare shares her connection to women's suffrage as a Quaker who graduated from Swarthmore College where Lucretia Mott was a founder and Alice Paul was a graduate. She serves as the Assistant Clerk of the Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting and an active leader in the New York Yearly Meeting.

In the League of Women Voters, Dare is a Past President of the Utica/Rome League of Women Voters and Mid-Hudson Region, a strategic member of the US League's Long Range Planning Committee, Past President of the Rhode Island LWV and has served on league boards as a local president in three different states OH, RI and NY.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

Pi State EEC Member, US Forum & Northeast Regional Representative

Membership Seminar: “Membership Make-Over”**Presenter: State Chair Melanie McDonald****Saturday, October 15, 2016 ... 8:30-11:15am**

During the same time period as the Pi State Executive Board Meeting on Saturday, October 15 from 8:30-11:15am, Pi State Membership Chair **Melanie McDonald** will be hosting a workshop for Membership Chairs and Chapter members about the **new International initiative on membership: “Recruit, Retain, Reinstate.”**

Attracting new members is only part of the job facing Chapters. Once members have expressed interest and joined, we need to ensure that we retain their membership. The following ideas will help retain members: meaningful Chapter service projects and interesting and varied meeting presentations that address the interests of both active and life-long members and promote the vision and purposes of our Society.

This Seminar will be an in-depth discussion that focuses on practical ways to implement the new Membership Plan in local Chapters. We will brainstorm together and share strategies and ideas. Chapter Chairs and members will have an opportunity to create a proposal/implementation plan to take back to their Chapters for discussion and consideration.

Attention All Musicians

Are you planning on attending the Spring *Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting & Seminar on October 14th and 15th in Fairport?*

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

Our rehearsal will take place on Friday,
October 14th from
4:00 - 5:00pm.

Come early and SING!!

Please contact Music Rep. to *Educational Excellence Committee*, **Bridget Bishop**,
585.637.2422, meanmom5@rochester.rr.com
if you are able to sing or play or for further
information.

Bridget Bishop***Hit One Out of the Park at the
2017 Pi State Convention
at Otesaga Resort!******You will “Sparkle, Shimmer & Shine.”******Veranda at the Otesaga Resort***

Bring your family to the **2017 Pi State Convention** at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown on Friday, April 28. Let them enjoy a leisurely visit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and a walk downtown on Saturday, April 29, while you network with members. Put on your **“Sparkle, Shimmer and Shine”** Saturday night to meet our new State Officers. Close out a sensational weekend on Sunday, April 30, enjoying the “Shimmering” view of Otsego Lake.

A “homerun” event for everyone involved.**Remember, April 28-30, 2017 for the
DKG Pi State Convention***Carol Frost****Entrance to
Baseball Hall of Fame,
Cooperstown***

“The best feature of Delta Kappa Gamma is the new friendships which it brings. I value yours.”
~ Annie Webb Blanton

Pi State Visitations 2015-16

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Fall 2015	October 14	<i>Joint Beta Mu, Gamma Epsilon, Lambda and Psi Chapters</i>	Beryl Szwed
	October 17	<i>North Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	October 20	<i>Alpha Psi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 24	<i>Capital Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 25	<i>Alpha Beta 60th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 27	<i>East Central Area Council</i>	Karen Butters
	November 14	<i>Alpha Iota 56th Anniversary</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	November 18	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	November 19	<i>Beta Delta 50th Anniversary</i>	Karen Butters
Spring 2016	April 9	<i>Psi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	April 20	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	April 27	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 3	<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 4	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 5	<i>Alpha Chi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 5	<i>Delta Founders' Day</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 12	<i>Pi</i>	Melanie McDonald
	May 17	<i>Beta Mu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Joint Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 20	<i>Beta Omega</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	May 24	<i>Mu</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 3	<i>Rho</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
	June 3	<i>Phi</i>	Ginny Dudko
	June 11	<i>Beta Eta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 30	<i>Phi</i>	Virginia Dudko
	August 8	<i>Northern Area Conference</i>	Ellie Robinson
	August 13	<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
Fall 2016	September 24	<i>Southeastern Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Karen Butters Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>South Central Area Conference</i>	Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Sigma</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	November 5	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner
Spring 2017	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	
	May 4	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard

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

Attention: All Pi State Chapter Webmasters
Important Reminder
Compliance Assurance Forms are due to International by October 31.

**A Reference for the NEW
PI STATE WEBSITE
www.dkgnystate.org**

Have you visited the new Pi State Website?

You'll notice several positive changes when you do, especially in the theme, design, organization and navigation.

On the HOME PAGE:

- * A slideshow highlighting favorite Chapters pictures in each of our Pi State Areas
- * **Menu buttons with key Pi State categories:**
Home, Pi State, Committees, Officers, Chapters and More
 - * A drop-down list for each Menu item (*see the following list*) with titles listing the contents so that you can easily locate the information you seek
 - * Quick link to Chapter websites
 - * Mission & Vision statements
 - * Photo links for upcoming Pi State events that take you to registration forms, hotel information, schedules, speakers, workshops, etc. about the event
 - * International Compliance seal 2016 - 2018

On the menu drop-down for Pi State:

- Pi State Executive Board Minutes**
- Pi State Educational Foundation** – Board of Directors; information on Foundation; Membership Registration and Contribution Forms; Project Grant Application Form, “*Strengthening Your Grant Application*” and the *Individual and Chapter Projects* Brochure
- Pi Lights** – current issue and archive
- Area Councils** – Guidelines, Visitation Request and Report Forms, State Map, Conference Chart and Rotation Chart, flyers and registration forms, Financial Report Forms, sample Evaluation Form and Nomination Forms for Pi State Nominations Committee and Pi State Finance Committee.
- Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid** – Summary Chart and Application Forms
- Pi State Strategic Plan** – Draft, Comparison with International Strategic Plan and Pi State’s, Second Draft, Survey of 2014-16 Chapter Presidents
- Pi State BYLAWS & Standing Rules** – Pi State BYLAWS and Pi State Standing Rules

On the menu drop-down for Committees:

- State Committees are organized by the following categories. Each Committee lists Chair and members as well as Goals and Planned Activities.
- Society Business Committees**
- Society Mission & Purposes Committees**
- Committees Subject to Endowments**
- Special Ad Hoc Committees**
- International Liaisons**

On the menu drop-down for Officers:

- Pi State President** – President Bedard’s Acceptance Speech; archive for Pi State President-to-President Newsletters
- Pi State Officers & Elected Personnel** – Meet Pi State Officers and Elected Personnel, Job Descriptions and Application Forms for Officers and Elected Personnel
- Executive Committee Activity Reports – July 2015 - September 2016**

On the menu drop-down for Chapters:

- Chapter Presidents** – 2014-16 Chapter Presidents, 2016-18 Chapter Presidents, Visitation Request Form, Guidelines and Report, Visitation Schedule, Website & Print Release Form; Report Forms List (List of Pi State & International Chapter Report Forms: *A Reference for Chapter Presidents*; Chapter Standing Rules Checklist (*required*); Pi State List of Chapter Records to Keep: *A Reference for Chapter Presidents*); Pi State Directory Order Form and Chapter Update
- Chapter Treasurers** – Chapter Treasurer’s Forms (*listing and link*); Gift to Pi State Contribution Form
- Chapter Websites** – Pi State Chapter Websites (*listing and links*); International Digital Communications

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A Reference for the NEW PI STATE WEBSITE

www.dkgnystate.org

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Policy; Website Standards for Linkage; Website Compliance Assurance Form; Website Account Set-up; Website Compliance Examples; Chapter Website & Print Information Release Form (**To be kept on file with Chapter materials*); Guidelines: What Every Editor & Webmaster Needs to Know; Creating a Website Using Weebly; "Developing Your Chapter Website" – Tutorials by Leslie Chambers

Chapter Resources – Linda Evans' Workshop on "Digital Scrapbooking"

Important Dates – July 2016 – July 2017

On the menu drop-down for **More**:

DKG International – DKG International (*link to website*); Society Catalog & Merchandise; Society Jewelry; CTAUN; US Forum; DKG International Educational Foundation; DKG Seven Purposes – Explanation of Seven Purposes

Pi State Meeting Resources – Pi State Executive Board Meeting Registration Form; Pi State Registrar Procedure & Responsibilities; State Convention Financial Report; Pi State Audit Committee Funds Submission Form (*to be used when submitting money to State Treasurer*); Educational Excellence Committee Workshop Proposal (*due November 15 for spring and July 15 for fall*)

Links – Page of direct links with descriptions

Contact – Form to leave a comment or question

Special thanks to the **Ad Hoc Website Committee** for its work in the design of the new Pi State Website. The Committee Members are President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*; Webmaster **Barre Hall**, *Gamma Epsilon*; Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*; **Heidi Himes**, *Gamma Delta*, State and Chapter Webmaster; and **Katja Stevens**, State Website Editor and Chapter Webmaster.

Committee members (Heidi, Katja and Mary-Martha) will present a workshop at the Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at the Woodcliff in Fairport on Friday evening, entitled "Navigate NEW Pi State Website & New International Certification" at 7:15pm in the Canandaigua Room. A reference for the new Website will be distributed. Learn about the New International Compliance Assurance Guidelines for websites, due dates, forms and process.

As you use the new State Website, the *Ad Hoc Website Committee* would appreciate your comments and suggestions. Please send to Chair, State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net.

Mary-Martha Harvey

Accessing the New Pi State Website on DKG International Website

The International Website is www.dkg.org. On the home page click on the photo link to **DKG Websites** ... click on flag for **NE** ... click on the **New York** name under our State flag ... click on **New York State Organization** to open our State website, www.dkgnystate.org. The State Chapter Websites are also listed. Click on the name of the Chapter to access that Website.

Calling **All** Pi State Chapters!

Your Chapter will be featured on the Pi State Website home page, www.dkgnystate.org in the slide show with other Chapters in your Area Council. Please send a favorite Chapter photo of members, projects or whatever you feel represents your Chapter to State Editor, Mary-Martha Harvey, mharvey@frontiernet.net.

Area Councils featured in the Fall - Winter 2015-16 are:

September/October: **Northwestern Area**

November/December: **Southwestern Area**

January/February: **West Central**

March/April: **East Central**

Policy for Submissions for New State Website

All submissions for the new Pi State Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to

State Website Editor, Katja Stevens,
katja_stevens@outlook.com.

Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to Pi State will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2017

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

Applications are in the "Application Forms" box and Committee information by title of Committee.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Send Applications to</i>
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	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 Award was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	Sue Kenoyer 254 Allen Rd. Plattsburgh 12901 <i>sue.kenoyer@charter.net</i>
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	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.	Deborah Bedard P.O. Box 782 Glens Falls 12801 <i>dmbedard29@yahoo.com</i>
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	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.	Harlene Gilbert PO Box 269 Geneva 14456 <i>wilmacpeebles@gmail.com</i>
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	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. Note: <i>Applications are due January 15 for the winter/spring semester and June 1 for the fall semester.</i>	Arlene Ida 3 Sherwood Park Drive Burnt Hills 12027 <i>aiddski@nycap.rr.com</i>
Pi State Achievement Award	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.	Agnes Becker 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 <i>ambecker13@gmail.com</i>
Bea Small Award	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.	Karen Butters P.O. Box 136 Blue Mountain Lake 12812 <i>kbutters@frontier.com</i>
Travel & Study Stipend	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.	Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 <i>tunes14@yahoo.com</i>
Scholarship	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 .	Rosemary Van Wart 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 <i>rvw20@optonline.net</i>

DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**due FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

Remember that there are up to 30 awards available -

\$6,000 toward a Masters, second Masters or graduate level Special Area degree and**\$10,000** toward a PhD or an EdD in an accredited program. For applications and information refer to www.dkg.org.**Pi State Achievement Award**

As you continue your Chapter work, be aware that there is a way to recognize that Delta Kappa Gamma member who is involved at the State level. The *Pi State Achievement Award*, a small pin in the shape of a Tudor rose, is presented each spring to a Pi State member who has made outstanding contributions at the State level.

A Delta Kappa Gamma member may nominate a member for the *Pi State Achievement Award*. The nomination must be approved by the nominee's Chapter President and supported by three letters of recommendation from members who have worked with the nominee. A nominee must have a minimum of five years of active membership in good standing. No member may receive the Achievement Award more than once. A State President is ineligible for the Award during her time in office.

The nomination form is available on the Pi State web site, www.dkgnystate.org. **Nomination Form and letters are due by March 1, 2017.** First time nominees are automatically eligible for consideration the following year.

We have many members who should be considered for the Pi State Achievement Award. They may only be considered by the Achievement Award Committee if they are nominated. Consider nominating that member who has been involved at the State level and has made significant contributions.

The Nomination Form and all letters should be sent to the *Pi State Achievement Award Chair, Agnes Becker*, 3448 East River, Grand Island 14072. All information received by the Committee is considered confidential. Committee members will review all applications and select the nominee considered most deserving.

Since the award is a surprise, the nominee should not be contacted for information.

Agnes Becker

The Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grants(s)-in-Aid* was started in 1975 by Past Pi State President **Gladys L. Mersereau, Beta Rho**, whose wish was to assist more women becoming teachers. The purpose of this Award is to provide funding to a non-DKG member(s) whose education was interrupted and now needs financial help to complete teacher certification requirements.

During your fall Chapter meetings, please take some time and survey your membership to see if you know of such a woman. All Chapters are invited to nominate worthy applicants. Questions may be sent to **Deborah M. Bedard**, Chair, dmbedard29@yahoo.com. Application form, due March 1, 2017, is available on Pi State's website.

Deborah Bedard

Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award

Do you know an uncommon educator?

Do you know a woman who has been a member of Pi State for at least five years and has made significant and recognizable contributions to education in New York or nationally?

Nominate her to receive the **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award**! The Board of Trustees of the Award is looking for strong candidates. On the new website go to Pi State, click on Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid and then click on Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award. You will find the list of criteria and the application form. The application form for the **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award** may be printed from the website.

If you know a woman who qualifies, then help us give her the honor her by sending in a completed application by March 1, 2017 to **Sue Kenoyer**, sue.kenoyer@charter.net, 518-561-4538.

Let's CELEBRATE the fantastic educators in Delta Kappa Gamma!

Sue Kenoyer

Pi State Scholarships

The Pi State offers Scholarship Committee encourages applications for scholarships in the following areas:

Master's Study
Doctoral Study
Post-doctoral Study
Enrichment Study
Research
Educational Publication
Road Scholar Programs Created by Elderhostel
Continuing Education

Applications are available on the Pi State website, www.dkgstate.org.

For further information, you may contact your Chapter President, a Pi State Scholarship Committee member or **Rosemary Van Wart**, *Pi State Scholarship Chair*, 105 Tomahawk Street, Yorktown Heights 10598, 914.248.5397, rvw20@optonline.net.

Applicants must be Pi State members in good standing for at least 3 years.

All applications must be in the Scholarship Chair's email inbox or postmarked by March 1, 2017.

Maybe this is the year that the time is right for you to pursue your own educational goals!

The Pi State Scholarship Committee is here to help.

Rosemary Van Wart

Travel and Study Stipend

The *Travel and Study Stipend Committee* will award travel and study stipends to active and retired educators and promote interest in Society Seminars, Conferences, Regionals or Conventions.

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 member of the Pi State and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the education profession.

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 achievements will be used in the future of DKG and in professional and/or personal growth.

All sections of the application must be completed in order to be considered. The *Travel & Study Stipend* application is due March 1, 2017 to **Patricia L. Turner**, Chair Travel and Study Stipend Committee, 7200 Brookside Drive, Lockport 14094, tunes14@yahoo.com, 716.434.0012. The application is available on the Pi State website.

Pat Turner

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. The application form is available on the Pi State website. Complete applications are due March 1, 2017 to Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees* **Harlene Gilbert**, P.O. Box 269, Geneva 14456, wilmacpeebles@gmail.com.

Harlene Gilbert

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

In 1967 Past Pi State President **Frederica Hollister** selected 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 Grant(s)-in-Aid 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 Grant(s)-in-Aid 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.*

Two \$1000 Grant(s)-in-Aid were awarded in 2015-16 to **Lori Lachowski** and **Alanna Pyke**. Lori is a member of Tuscarora Indian Nation and Alanna is a member of the Mohawk Nation, St. Regis tribe. Lori plans to become a history teacher. Alanna is studying biomedical engineering with minor in Native American Studies at Yale University and plans to teach at the university level and conduct research to find new and innovative ways to help people with injuries or disease. 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 Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee, 3 Sherwood Park Drive, Burnt Hills, 12027, aiddski@nucap.rr.com. The application form is available on the Pi State website.

Completed applications must be postmarked by the deadline March 1, 2017

Arlene Ida

Bea Small Award

Chapters are encouraged to submit an application to support a current project to the *Bea Small Award Board of Trustees* Chair **Karen Butters**, P.O. Box 136, Blue Mountain Lake 12812, kbutters@frontier.com, 518.352.7726 **by the deadline of March 1, 2017**. Forms are available on the Pi State website. The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the April 28-30 *Pi State 2017 Convention* at the Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown.

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 Nu** "Healthy Minds – Healthy Bodies;" **Alpha Nu** "Literacy for Early Readers;" **Beta** "WEB;" **Beta Mu** "Books for Babies."

The submitted project must have been originated by the Chapter and be ongoing for a minimum of two years. The application must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application. The Award consists of a certificate and a monetary amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees. There is a Post-Project Report Form that is to be submitted by March 15. The Award will be publicized in issues of *Pi Lights* and on the Pi State website.

Karen Butters

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* in honor of or in memory of someone who recognized your leadership potential and recommended you for membership.

Diane Battaglia

July 5-9, 2016

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Photographs Courtesy of Music City Live



Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters



Guest Author & Humorist Judith Viorst



*Past Pi State President Anne-Marie Carlson
(second from rt.)
with Golden Gift Sisters Class of 1980*

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

*~Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid
DKG International President 2014-2016*



*Pi State President Deborah
Bedard with Northeast
Region Presidents*

“Fond Memories of Nashville”
From Pi State President Deborah Bedard
& First Vice President Karen Butters

There was a **WARM** welcome awaiting Pi State sisters arriving in Nashville the first week of July. The Gaylord Opryland Hotel was a beautiful and spacious venue to host around 1800 members from all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and Central America, Europe and Japan. Temperatures hovered in the 90s all week.

Some sisters arrived in time to celebrate July 4 with a street fair and fireworks in downtown Nashville. Tours included sites like Andrew Jackson's homestead, The Hermitage; Belle Meade, a horse farm and winery; and, of course, the Grand Ole Opry and Ryman Auditorium.

The Opening Session began with the Presentation of the Flags. Pi State First Vice President **Karen Butters** was invited to perform with the International Music Chair Shirley Newhart. Violinist and inspirational speaker, **Kai Kight**, was the keynote speaker. His music was innovative and his message was to strive to be original. *Tennessee Night* was a welcome performance of great country standards by a group of some of the best studio musicians around Nashville.

Many Pi State members are familiar with **Mike Figliulo**, thoughtLEADERS founder and author, who was the keynote speaker for the Second General Session. The Market Place and Breakout Sessions completed the day. *New York Dines Out* was that evening at the Nashville Dinner Theater with a great meal and excellent country music. Appreciation goes to Pi State Second Vice President **Sue Kenoyer** for organizing the event.

Regional Forums followed the Third General Session, with the “*Be the Change*” Luncheon ending the official business of the day. Several sisters attended the “*Call Me Country*” night at the Wildhorse Saloon in downtown Nashville. Barbecue and line dancing made for a fun evening. This was a major fundraiser for the DKG International Educational Foundation.

Regional Breakfasts began the day Friday and raised funds for the International Emergency Fund. The US Forum followed. Ballots for the NE US Forum Representative were filed by members. Results were not announced until Saturday morning. The Northeast Region elected our own **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn** as representative to the US Forum. **Judith Viorst**, author and humorist, was the keynote speaker at Friday's General Session. Breakout sessions followed and some took advantage of the Cyber Center for some small-group discussions.

A very moving *Celebration of Life* was held prior to the final General Session. CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, **Anna Maria Chavez**, gave the keynote address. Local Girl Scouts provided Honor Escorts for the Retiring of the Flags Ceremony. The busy week concluded with the “*Passages*” Banquet Saturday evening where our Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** was presented with the Northeast Region Presidents. Installation of Officers for the next International Biennium was held. A performance by the Convention Choir with Pi state members **Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum** and **Karen Butters** participated. The entire assembly sang and danced their way around the Ballroom to “*I've Had the Time of My Life*,” giving hugs and saying farewells to old friends and new acquaintances.

The 2018 International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas

July 16 – 20, 2018 at the JW Marriot Austin.

Save the Date!

Photographs Courtesy of Deborah Bedard



Past Pi State President Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi, with Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters, Beta Mu, at “Be the Change” Luncheon



Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta, Primary Representative CTAUN, Member EEC and CTAUN Secretary at “HOT TOPICS” Session



The International Chorus

*Photographs Courtesy of Deborah Bedard's Camera & Friends
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Past Pi State Presidents Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi, and Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa, with Pi State President Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon

On their balcony at the Gaylord Opryland Resort



Carol Lord, Beta Delta, Kebby Clute, Beta Theta, & Jane Crosby, Alpha Tau



Pi State President Deborah Bedard with Executive Secretary Karen Crumley at the "Passages" Banquet



Pi State President Deborah Bedard casting final ballot for Pi State



Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, Judy Fuller, Alpha Alpha, and Sue Norris, Beta Mu

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Margaret Connolly, Delta, Mary Brassard, Psi, and Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer, Psi, at "Be the Change" Luncheon



Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau, with Pi State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega, at the "Be the Change" Luncheon



Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters, Beta Mu, Pi State President Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon, and Pi State EEC Co-Chair Sue Norris, Beta Mu

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Our Pi (New York) State Delegation



Pi State FDF Administrator & Past Pi State President Joan Slagle, Beta Omega; Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer, Psi; First Vice President Karen Butters, Beta Mu; State President Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon; State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, Omega; and State Executive Secretary & Past Pi State President Karen Crumley, Tau

“New York Dines Out” at the Nashville Nightlife Theatre



*Carol Frost, Chi,
Pi State Facebook Manager*



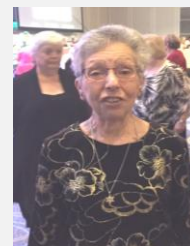
*Margaret Connolly,
Beta Omega (Delta)*



*Pi State Second Vice
President Sue Kenoyer, Psi,
and Mary Brassard, Psi*



*Shawn & Suzanne
Patrick, Rho, Pi
State Treasurer*



*Dr. Roz
Freedman-Baum,
Alpha Alpha*

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Pi State Members Caucus



Pi State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, Rho, and her husband, Shawn, head home to NY State on their favorite mode of transportation



Pi State Past President Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau; Northeast Regional Director Kay Clawson; Pi State President Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon; and Pi State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, Rho at the "Passages" Banquet



**Carolyn Pittman
Elected
DKG International
President
2016 – 2018**

***"The Butterfly Effect
and Our Vision:
I MAKE A
DIFFERENCE;
WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE"***

In her address at the "Passages" Banquet, President Pittman stated that "Each of us has opportunities to make lasting differences. How we act as individuals makes a difference. Actions of individuals synergizing with actions of others is powerful. Small acts multiplied by thousands can transform the world.

Coach Vince Lombardi said, 'What makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work is individual commitment to a group effort.' We are members of that kind of organization.

... If each of us shapes our membership by our Purposes, our Mission and our Vision, we are an army of 'butterflies' fostering and creating the best opportunities making this a thriving, meaningful Society that contributes to a strong future."

**The 2018 DKG
International Convention
will be held
July 16 - 20 at the
JW Marriot Austin
in Austin, Texas.**

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

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International
VISION STATEMENT:**
*Leading women educators
impacting education worldwide*

Cooperstown or Windsor or CTAUN??

Members of the *Travel and Study Stipend Committee*, chaired by Patricia Turner, *Alpha Theta*, wish to encourage all Pi State members to think about attending the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario, the Pi State Convention in Cooperstown or CTAUN.

Last year's recipients were **Janet Jury**, *Nu*, and **Na'Ama Rosenberg**, *Alpha Phi*. They both were able to attend the International Convention in Nashville in July. They both expressed much appreciation for Pi State in giving them this wonderful opportunity. Look for their articles in the winter mailed issue of *Pi Lights*.

More information is on page of this issue on page eleven and the Pi State website, www.dkgstate.org.

Committee members are: **Elaine McNulty**, *Pi*; **Fran Romeo**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Marcia Swiatek**, *Alpha Lambda*; and **Wanda Ward**, *Alpha Alpha*. Pat states: "We hope to be overwhelmed with many applications this year."

Patricia Turner



Pi State US Forum Update, Fall 2016

This fall it is time to remember our rights as voters. NY Local and State Primaries were held on September 13th and now we need to prepare for the General Election on November 8th. Please remember to get out to vote!

Websites of Interest

For information on the New York State Legislature and Pending Legislation, these websites are extremely valuable: www.assembly.state.ny.us, www.nysenate.gov and <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menuf.cgi> (Bill text, status, summaries, sponsor memos, and floor votes).

Organizations Promoting Legislation on Women and Children

One of the goals of the US Forum is to provide members with information of like institutions. Two organizations that actively inform and promote legislation in the interest of Women and Children are the **AAUW** (*American Association of University Women*) and the **NYSLWV** (*New York State League of Women Voters*). Both are actively informing programs that promote women in Leadership positions.

AAUW Legislation

AAUW, in the interest of promoting more women in Leadership positions, addresses the Gender Gap and Equal Pay. They have created a leadership program that teaches young women graduates how to negotiate while firmly supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Family Act. Information on Public Policy and Government along with their program "2-Minute Advocate" can be found at Voter@aauw.org.

NYSLWV

The **NYSLWV** has an informative election site, www.VOTE411.org that gives you nonbiased information on what candidates are on the ballot in your District, where to vote and what some of their positions are. It is open to members and non-members. Like the AAUW, they are active in their support for fair pay reforms.

Northeast Regional Representation to US Forum

I have been given the great honor to not only be the NY US Forum Representative but also to perform the role of NE Regional Representative to the US Forum. I will be actively involved in developing the US Forum program and resources for our Northeast Regional in 2017 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. I hope that our NY sisters will join us at the event. Please feel free to contact me for further information and updates at barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

ONTARIO Site of 2017 NERC

The Steering Committee for the 2017 Northeast Regional Conference announced that it will be in ONTARIO. The 2000 NERC was held in ONTARIO.

Watch for more information in *DKG NEWS* and on the website, www.dkg.org.

For travel ideas while in ONTARIO, refer to "Tourism Ontario – Yours to Discover," www.ontariotravel.net.

Hope to see many Pi State Sisters there!

Pi State Leadership Development Seminar **“Celebrating Chapter Presidency”**

August 1 - 2, 2016, Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse

The Leadership Development Committee Chair **Jeanne Schenk** sends *special thanks* to her Committee (*Pi State President Deborah Bedard, Diane Bootie, Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters, Pi State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey, Pi State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, Jean Sekel, FDF Administrator & Past Pi State President Joan Slagle, Beryl Szwed, Pi State Executive Secretary-Elect Karen Crumley, Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum, and ex officio Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer*) who worked diligently over this past year in developing the *LDS for Incoming & Returning Presidents*. The Committee held several *Go-to-Meetings* to plan and develop a meaningful, relevant Seminar.

The Seminar was held on Monday, August 1st and Tuesday, August 2nd. Presidents received detailed information about the Chapter Presidency position, its possibilities, leadership potential and materials from Pi State and DKG International, including a notebook of Pi State resources, “*Go-To Chapter Guide*,” “*Guidelines for Chapter Presidents*,” and International brochures and flyers. Presidents heard Pi State speakers who are their resources for Pi State business.

Topics for presentation and discussion by the Pi State LDC Committee and Pi State Executive Committee included: overview of Chapter President’s responsibilities, communication, reports, forms, Pi State resources and new website, International website resources, Area Councils, Chapter Meetings (including agendas, Parliamentary procedure, minutes, budget, programs, Standing Rules, membership), Pi State Educational Foundation, important dates ... and *lots more*.

Guest Speaker: Nita Scott

“Membership”

Nita Scott, Member Services Administrator at DKG International, presented International’s new membership initiative and provided ideas on how to develop Chapter leadership in a Go-to-Meeting. She also used the International website, www.dkg.org, to point out valuable Chapter resources, videos and presentations.

Guest Consultant: Sandy Voigt

“Recognizing Leadership Styles: Yours and Others”

An award from the *Pi State Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund* (Chair **Diane Battaglia** and members **Diane Bootie** and **Phyllis Frantel**) made it possible for Pi State to include Educational Consultant **Sandy Voigt** in the *LDS for Incoming & Returning Presidents*.

The “*Recognizing Leadership Styles: Yours and Others*” three sessions focused on understanding and recognizing leadership styles of self and others and developing strategies to flex personal leadership styles through overt behaviors. Sessions included active participation.

Sandy Voigt is a graduate of SUNY Oswego with Bachelors *cum laude* and SUNY Brockport with SDA in Educational Administration and has 30 hours from Nazareth College. She is currently an Educational Consultant – *Learning Ventures* – and Trainer for *People Skills Institute*, Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES. She was Director for Development, Herkimer BOCES; Staff Trainer & Instructional Specialist for Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES; Elementary Principal for

Holley CSD; Director of Student Learning for Churchville-Chili CSD; Goals 2000 Consultant for Herkimer BOCES; Adjunct Professor at Roberts Wesleyan College and SUNY Brockport. She has taught grades 3-5 for Canandaigua CSD and Social Studies Grade 5 for Maine-Endwell School District.

Jeanne Schenk



Nita Scott



Sandy Voigt



Presidents shopped



Ellie Robinson assisting Joan Slagle w/counting

FDF Administrator Joan Slagle had the Pi State Store open for sales with help of Sue Norris and Suzanne Patrick.



LDC member Jean Sekel and LDC Chair Jeanne Schenk assemble participant binders prior to the start of the Leadership Seminar.



***Diane Bootie preparing
Registration table***

Leadership Development Seminar

**August 1-2, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, E. Syracuse**

*Photographs Courtesy of
Judy Wadsworth and Deborah Bedard's
Camera & Friends*

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***Registrar First Vice President Karen
Butters with Suzanne Patrick, Diane
Bootie and participants***



Our Presidential Group at Work



***Karen Butters, Sue Norris, Jean Sekel
and Jeanne Schenk at lunch***



***Sue Kenoyer, Sandy Voigt, Ellie
Robinson and Suzanne Patrick at lunch***



***Omega Co-Presidents Kerry Smartt
and Mary Cherniss***



***Alpha Tau Co-Presidents Amy Zimmerman
and Karen Lahue with Chapter & State Past
President Jeanne Schenk***



***Pi State Second Vice President Sue
Kenoyer's table***



***Pi State President Deborah Bedard
welcomes LDS participants.***

Leadership Development Seminar

August 1-2, 2016, Hilton Garden Inn, E. Syracuse

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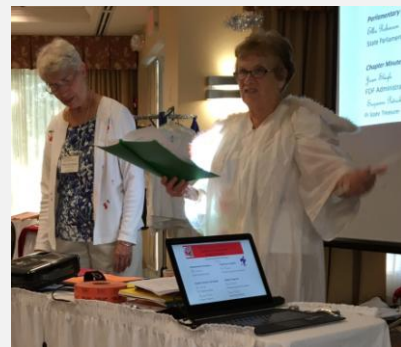
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*Pi State Leadership Development Committee's
Parliamentary Procedure Skit*



*Jeanne Schenk as
Parliamentary Angel*



*Ellie Robinson, skit author, with her
Parliamentary Angel, Jeanne*



*During the Seminar
Presidents had a chance to
place tickets for baskets of
their choice. President
Bedard & LDC member
Diane Bootie drew winners.*



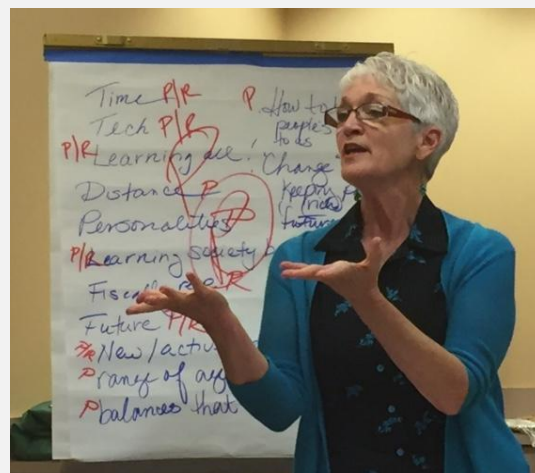
*Sandy Voigt, an Educational
Consultant – Learning Ventures –&
Trainer for People Skills Institute,
Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES,
led three sessions on
“Recognizing Leadership Styles:
Yours and Others.”*

Pi State Leadership Development Committee



*Front row: Pi State President Deborah Bedard, State Editor
Mary-Martha Harvey, State First Vice President Karen Butters,
FDF Administrator and Past Pi State President Joan Slagle
Back row: Diane Bootie, State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley,
Jean Sekel, LDC Chair and Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk,
State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer,
and State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson*

(Missing from photo are members Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum and Beryl Szwed.)



A Letter from State Award Chair Erin Merrill

Dear Pi State Sisters,

With your help, Pi State raised \$5,810 in Awards, Scholarship and Grants-in-Aid benefit tickets!

86% of our Chapters participated in the benefit drawing.

Congratulations to our recipients and *Special THANKS* to our participants!

Pi State President Deborah Bedard's Biennium theme is "*Celebrating the Invitation to Membership*." One important celebration of DKG membership is our own Pi State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid. There are many opportunities available to members and friends of education.

"How can I help achieve the goal?" you ask. Here are two ways...

1. **Become familiar with the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid.** Check out the Pi State website, www.dkgnystate.org under the menu drop-down for Pi State. Click on the link for the web pages describing each Award, Scholarship and Grant(s)-in-Aid and the Summary. Look in this issue of *Pi Lights* on pages 8 – 11 for articles by State Chairs for each Award, Scholarship 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 benefit tickets** at your Chapter meetings and Area Council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid fund.

2017 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket Supporting State Awards, Scholarships, Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name _____
Chapter _____
Phone _____

Drawing at Pi State Convention, Otesaga @ Cooperstown, April 28-30, 2017
Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

Look for tickets at your Chapter and Area Council meetings this year.

****A note to members who spend the winter away to please purchase your tickets this fall at your Chapter meeting.****

The power and pride of Pi State members is what makes "*Celebrating the Invitation to Membership*" easy!

Sincerely,
Erin Merrill

Pi State BYLAWS and Rules

When your Chapter revises their *Chapter Rules*, please send copies of newly revised *Rules* to the Pi State President, **Deborah Bedard**, Chair of the BYLAWS & Standing Rules Committee, **Jean Wagner**, 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, 2017** to the above listed people.

At the Spring Convention & Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, April 28-30, 2017, a vote may be taken on *Pi State Standing Rule* changes only.

If a Chapter Committee wishes to make *Pi State Standing Rule* changes for action at the Pi State Convention, please submit them to **Jean Wagner**, jvwagner@roadrunner.com, by **November 1, 2016**.

Jean Wagner

Pi State = 80 years Honoring Key Women Educators

Area Council Conferences 2015 - 2017

This round of Area Council Conferences is drawing to a close on October 31. Three Councils held their meetings in the Fall of 2015 and one held it this summer. The remaining Conferences are being held in September and October.

Make sure to get on the new Pi State Website

www.dkgnystate.org. Follow these steps:

1. Click on Pi State menu button
2. Click on Area Councils in the drop-down
3. Clicking on **Area Council and Conference Chart** to get to the link and see information about the Area Council Conferences for this Biennium.

Remember that you are welcome to attend any Area Council Conference. There is much to gain from attendance, fellowship with your DKG Sisters, knowledge on many topics, and personal growth.

The new State Website has many documents to help you from the beginning to the end in planning, holding, evaluating and filing the financial report about your Conference. Since most Area Councils will be forming new Committees soon, it would be a good idea to read the Guidelines document that tells you how to get started. There is also an **Area Council Rotation Chart**. There is information on how to form the Committee, forms that need to be filed before and after you hold the Conference, and a sample evaluation form. You can even post a flyer and registration form advertising your Conference! Please send to Website Editor **Katja Stevens** katja_stevens@outlook.com.

Your Area Council will need to get the proposed date for the Conference approved by the Pi State President and request a visitation by a Pi State Representative. Those forms are also on the State Website.

If you have any questions regarding holding your Area Council Conference, please contact your Pi State Second Vice President, **Sue Kenoyer** at sue.kenoyer@charter.net.

Sue Kenoyer

Congratulations to our Fall 2015 Area Conferences

North Central Area Conference, October 17, 2015

Cazenovia Library/Museum, Lorenzo Historical Site & Presentation *"What Can DKG Do for You?"*

Brae Loch Inn, Cazenovia, *"Celebrate Cazenovia"*

Capital Area Conference, October 24, 2015

Powers Restaurant, Clifton Park

Extended Workshop with Melanie McDonald

"Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories"

East Central Area Conference, October 27, 2015

Club 86, Geneva

"Women's Health"

Pi State Area Conferences Summer - Fall 2016

See page twenty-four of this issue for articles on the following Conferences:

Northern Area Conference

August 9, 2016

Blue Mountain Lake and Raquette Lake
"Celebrate Two Great Camps: The Hedges and Sagamore"

Capital Area Summer Workshop

August 19, 2016

Joan Slagle's Home, Ballston Spa
"Awakening the Leader in You: The Reality of Leadership"

Look for articles on following Area Conferences in winter issue of Pi Lights:

Eastern Area Conference

September 24, 2016

Washingtonville School District
"Learning to Live Well"

Southeastern Area Conference

September 24, 2016

Camaje Bistro
"What's in Your Shopping Cart?"
Dr. Birgit Woelker
"Healthy Eating"

Northwest & Southwest Area Conference

October 1, 2016

The Fox Valley Club, Lancaster
"A.B.C's of EDUCATION: Vitamins for the Brain ..."

A teacher cannot survive on apples alone!"

South Central Area Conference

October 1, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn, Elmira
"The Lost Boys of the Sudan, Gabriel Boi Deng"

West Central Area Conference

October 22, 2016

Yard of Ale, Piffard
"Celebrating Courage: Marlies Adams DiFante"

*2017 Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid and items from **Pi State Store, FDF** will be sold at each Conference.*

Northern Area Council Visits Two Great Camps: The Hedges and Sagamore



The Schoolhouse at Great Camp Sagamore at Raquette Lake

Being in the Adirondack Mountains, walking and dining at two Great Camps, learning history and sharing with DKG friends! *What could be better?* Nothing! **Northern Area Conference was held August 9th, 2016 at The Hedges in Blue Mountain Lake followed by a tour of Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake.** The lunch was delicious; the talks were insightful; and the new and renewed friendships were wonderful. Hosted by *Beta Mu*, thirty-two women attended. We were honored to have DKG guests from Grand Island to Plattsburgh to New Rochelle.

Both **The Hedges** and **Great Camp Sagamore** were built in the late 1800's and were used year round for the rich and famous, such as the Vanderbilt family. Because of the location in the middle of the Adirondack Mountains, each camp was self-sufficient, having staff for cooking, cleaning and gardening as well as a blacksmith, Adirondack guides and even a school teacher for the workers' children. Today, Sagamore is a Conference Center and hosts workshops for a variety of programs, such as "*Grandparents and Grandchildren*", "*Mountain Music*" and outdoor adventures. The Hedges has housing for up to 85 people in cottages and main buildings. Some families have a tradition of coming every summer. We had a wonderful day with our adventurous DKG sisters.

Sue Norris

Awakening the Leader in You: The Reality of Leadership *A Capital Area Summer Workshop*

On August 19th, **Capital Area** celebrated leadership with a summer workshop. Presenters and attendees enjoyed a brunch at the home of Joan Slagle, Pi State FDF Administrator and Past Pi State President, *Beta Omega*, courtesy of the Capital Area Planning Committee.

The Summer Workshop's theme was "*Fostering Leadership within the Capital Area Chapters for the Next Biennium and Beyond*." With that theme in mind members of the 2014-2016 Area Council presented a synopsis on each of the Chapter Offices. **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, Capital Area Chair, President of *Beta Omega* and State Secretary, discussed how the Capital Area Council could help attendees in their Chapters and their role in the State hierarchy. Two round tables were held to encourage the attendees to discuss their concerns as future leaders and share programs that work with each other. This was an opportunity for the attendees to interact with each other and the presenters.

Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** spoke about the importance of attending Pi State meetings, the old and new Pi State Websites and the assistance available from International. Deborah also encouraged members to sign-up and work at the 2017 Convention in Cooperstown as well as encouraging their Chapter members to attend. A small Convention token was given to each attendee.

Presenters were Pi State President **Deborah Bedard**; *Alpha Psi* Treasurer **Leslie Hooper**; Capital Area Chair, *Beta Omega* President and State Secretary **Jennifer Lee-Alden**; *Delta IPP* **Sharon Patrick**; 2017 Convention Co-Chair and *Pi IPP* **Jean Sekel**; *Alpha Nu IPP* Pat Wharton; and *Alpha Epsilon* President **Tracy Watson**. **Joan Slagle** closed the workshop with a presentation, "*Motivation to Succeed in Leadership*."

Jean Sekel



The 18th Annual CTAUN Conference at the UN

“Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge”

Friday, January 27, 2017

9:30am – 4:00pm

Conference Room 4

Note: CTAUN *Excellence in Education Award* nominations are due November 1, 2016.

Refugee crises are not new in world history. Millions have been uprooted over centuries, fleeing their homes due to fears of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Yet, today we face the largest refugee/migrant movement since the Second World War and, wherever we turn, we are bombarded by media images of desperate but determined faces of people on frightening journeys to overburdened and increasingly unwelcoming countries.

How do we bridge the fear on both sides? What are the cross-cultural issues involved in assimilation and the challenges to host nations? What are the implications of a generation deprived of its education and what can we, as individuals and educators, do to remedy that?

The **Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN)** will address these questions on **Friday, January 27, 2017**, at our **eighteenth annual conference at the UN Headquarters in New York**. The Conference theme is **“Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge.”**

CTAUN’s conferences speak to DKG’s Purpose #7 “to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.” Join educators, students, NGO representatives in this day-long event with UN delegates and experts. Come learn from UN and Non-governmental organization representatives on the scene and hear the personal experiences of refugees.

Did you apply in your classroom or community something you learned from a previous CTAUN Conference?

You may be eligible for the **CTAUN BEST PRACTICES AWARD**.

Projects selected for the Award(s) will be recognized at the CTAUN Conference & will be posted on the website.

For information and registration details go to www.teachun.org.

Lochie Musso, UN-NGO Representative

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 International Websites. Let’s *invigorate* this program in 2016-17.

Emilie Stris

Important Reminder for Pi State Chapter Webmasters

Compliance Assurance Forms for all Chapter websites are due to International by October 31, 2016.

When all *Standards for Society Website Compliance* are met, Chapters receive a seal of compliance from International. This is issued to the Chapter Webmaster and must be placed at the bottom of the Chapter’s home page.

Please notify *Pi State Webmaster Heidi Himes*, *Pi State Website Editor Katja Stevens* and *Pi State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey* when you have received International’s certification. Pi State Webmaster Heidi Himes will link all certified Chapter websites on the Pi State site. International will also link certified Chapter websites on International’s website.

Marv-Martha Harvey

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by your membership dues and donations so keep those funds coming in!

It felt wonderful to write that \$250 check after 25 new members joined the Foundation and met my President's Challenge for this past year! *But let's not stop here . . .* there are still far too many Pi State sisters who do not belong to the Educational Foundation. A lifetime membership is only \$25.

A tax-free donation is also a great way to honor a friend or family member for a special occasion. With the holiday season approaching, consider recognizing a family member, friend or colleague by making a donation to the Pi State Educational Foundation in his or her honor. We will send a card notifying them that you have done so. Many of us have too many "*things*" already and really appreciate getting a gift that helps others instead!

A fourth Foundation grant was awarded during the May 2016 funding round that was not reported earlier. "*International Partnership in Teaching: School at Ariang, SUDAN*" is Beta Chi's Chapter project with a multi-Chapter involvement. They are creating an international partnership with a newly-founded school in the Sudan to link their Chapter and others through their Area Conference with aspiring girls and women in the Sudan. These girls have been denied access to an education due to the patriarchal culture there. They plan to support teachers with books, lesson materials and school supplies at the school there. The project director is **Susan St. John-Jarvis**.

Remember that applications for grants are due November 1st or May 1st. Applications can be found on the Pi State Website on the Educational Foundation section and may be for individual or Chapter projects.

What do you say, Pi State? Can we together promote literacy through the Foundation?

Ginny Dudko

Foundation Project Grant Applications due November 1, 2016 and May 1, 2017

ATTENTION: FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the Pi State 2017 Convention at the Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown April 29, 2017.

The Agenda and time will be announced.

Watch for information in the winter issue of Pi Lights

Pi State Foundation Directors

2014-18

Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau, Chair*

2015-19

Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa, Treasurer*

2016-20

Jean Sekel, *Pi, Secretary*

Sheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*

Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

Educational Excellence Committee

The EEC Committee will support programs of action that promote the personal well being, intellectual growth and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on arts at State Conventions and Seminars; and develop strategies that will enable Chapters to empower leadership in members. The Committee shall urge Chapters to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation and suitable endeavors in the interest of education and woman educators such as *US Forum*, *CTAUN*, *Schools for Africa* and *Early Career Educators*.

One of our tasks as a team is to select and schedule workshops for the spring and fall meetings/conventions. On the international EEC link at www.dkg.org there are ideas for programs that "*advance excellence in education, empower women and increase global awareness.*"

The **EEC Workshop Application** is available on the Pi State website, www.dkgnystate.org.

The deadline for submitting workshop proposals for the
Convention in Cooperstown April 28-30, 2017 is November 15.

Let's continue the hard work that Chapters and State Organizations are doing to increase educational excellence.

Barbara Keis and Sue Norris

Did you know that Eleanor Roosevelt was a DKG International Honorary Member?



Della Ludwig

Omega Honoree

Della Ludwig, *Omega*, has completed her licensing process, which she began in March of 2015. She has been appointed the Pastor at Milo Center United Methodist Church, located south of Penn Yan. She is completing her four-year course of study through Wesley Seminary in Washington DC through a satellite program in Buffalo NY.

Congratulations to Della on her Pastorship and continued studies.

Mary Cherniss

Chi Officers Installed 2016-18



President Elizabeth Kuhl, Parliamentarian Kimberley Pierce, Corresponding Secretary Carol Frost, Recording Secretary Sandra Geiss, Vice President Kathleen Evans, and Vice President Lyn Perry

Photo Provided by Carol Frost

Article Published

Congratulations to **Dr. Audrey Figueroa Murphy** for her article in the 2016, Volume 82-5 Issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Journal*, entitled "Implementing and Maintaining a Dual Language Program: The Nuts and Bolts of a Pathway to Academic Excellence." She is a member of Pi State's *Alpha Phi* Chapter.

Sandra Smith Bull

Lambda Officers, Members & Initiate



Front Row (l to r): Treasurer Kathy Landravage, Parliamentarian Janine Manley, Vice President Carol Rossi-Fries, President Stephanie Allen, Corresponding Secretary Brooke Santamont, Recording Secretary Judy Austin

2nd Row (l to r): Initiate Nicole Conant,

Initiate Elaine Driscoll and Past President Pat Fanning

Back Row (l to r): Members Paula McDougal, Ginger Armpriester, Darlene Bissonette, Molly Pressey, Sue Stubbs, Laura McGrath, Pam Claus

4th Row (l to r): Members Diane Drummond, Denielle Baxter, Penny Varney, Mikey Rose, Barb Santamont

Photo Provided by Stephanie Allen

Congratulations to:

..... **Sita Fey**, *Rho*, who will be working with Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul in the Executive Chamber as part of the *Empire State Fellows Program*, starting this new adventure on September 8th

Sita is leaving her teaching position for the 2016-17 school year to participate in the *Fellows Program*.

..... **Stephanie Jordan**, *Beta Gamma*, who was awarded her National Board Certification

..... **Sheila Brady-Root**, *Alpha Alpha*, who was recognized by the Rochester Museum and Science Center, Rochester, for her outstanding contributions in the field of STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*)



Gamma Delta Awards & Project



Awards were given by Mary Lorich (far left) and Joan Holesko (far rt). High school seniors Tori Aronica (2nd from left) and Layla Kaiser (2nd from right) received \$500 grants toward their college costs. Michele Kogo (center) received the Chapter's "Good Apple Award."

Photo & Article Courtesy of Ellie Robinson

Chapter Project

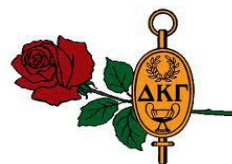
Retired sisters of Gamma Delta Chapter hosted a "Welcome Back" picnic for the teaching sisters on Aug. 30th. The Chapter created 12 "teacher bags" to be distributed to new teachers in North Tonawanda and Grand Island School Districts. A *Journey for Life* DKG brochure was included in each bag.

Pi State Membership

(June 15, 2016)

Active	2017
Reserve	217
Chapter Honorary	56
Active Life	4
Initiates before 4.16	71
Initiates after 4.1.16	36

Suzanne Patrick



"When you received your invitation to membership to DKG, someone saw your leadership potential and empowered you to believe in yourself in your journey to leadership."

~Karen Crumley, April 29, 2016

Tau



Fallsburg Alumni President Regina McKenny-Snead, Fallsburg Alumni Secretary Mona Lee Bogan and Connie Stangel, Tau

(Connie was both Mona's & Regina's kindergarten teacher.)

On July 23, 2016, the Fallsburg Alumni Association recognized **Connie Stangel**, Tau, a 46-yr. DKG member who retired in 1983 after 27 years, for her dedication to education and service to her community as a retired staff member as well as a member of the community who has also graduated from Fallsburg Central School. Connie is a member of Sullivan County Retired Teachers and the Calico Geese quilting group who have made over 2500 quilts and have given them all away.

Photo and Article from Pat Segar

Omega Past Presidents Luncheon: A Tradition



The Biennial Luncheon was held August 17 at Nolan's in Canandaigua.

L to R: Marguerite Wiegand 2006-2008;
Deborah Trombino 2004-2006;
Lois Ludwig 2000-2002; Mary- Martha Harvey 2014-2016;
Della Ludwig 2012-2014; Lynda John 2010-2012;
Linda Coons 1996-1998; June Renner 1992-1994

Photo Provided by Lois Ludwig

"Celebrating the Invitation of Membership"

2015 – 2017 Biennium Theme

Nominations/Applications Reminder

The deadline for Nominations/Applications for State Offices of **President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary** and members for the **Finance and Nominations** Committees is **November 15, 2016** to Chair, Pi State Nominations Committee Chair, Dr. Valerie Lagakis.

Links, regarding responsibilities and duties of each Officer's position, and Application and Nomination Forms may be found on the Pi State Website: www.dkgnystate.org.

Officer Application Forms may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on **Officers**
- * Click on drop-down **Pi State Officers & Elected Personnel**
- * Click on link for **Pi State Application Form for Officers** in Pi State Officers section

Job Descriptions for Pi State Officers and Elected Personnel may be found on State Website Menu:

- * Click on **Officers**
- * Click on drop-down **Pi State Officers & Elected Personnel**
- * Click on link, **Job Descriptions for Officers & Elected Personnel**

Pi State Officer Nomination/Application

Applications must include a photograph for use in Awards programs, *Pi Lights* and on State website. The photograph may be sent electronically to *Chair of the Nominations Committee* Dr. Valerie Lagakis, valerie.lagakis@gmail.com or a print included with the application.

Nominations/Applications for **President** must include a mission statement defining her vision or goals for her biennium, not to exceed 250 words.

Letters of Support for Pi State Officer Nomination/Applications must be received by the Chair Nominations Committee Dr. Valerie Lagakis by November 15th.

Nominees for Pi State Officers will have their photographs and biographies included in the winter issue of *Pi Lights* and on the website and will be voted on by the Executive Board at the Pi State Convention.

All sections of the application must be completed in order to be considered.

Finance Committee

Nominations to the **Finance Committee** for four-year terms are needed from **Northern, Capital, South Central, North Central and Eastern Area Councils**. Nominees for *Pi State Finance Committee* must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the Pi State Executive Board.

Application Forms for Finance Committee may be found on Pi State Website Menu:

- * Click on **Pi State**
- * Click on drop-down **Area Councils**
- * Click on link, **Nomination Form for Finance Committee**

Nominations Committee

Nominations to the **Nominations Committee** for four-year terms are needed from **Southeast, East Central, Northwest, Southwest and West Central Area Councils**. Nominees for *Pi State Nominations Committee* must be nominated by the Area Council in which they hold Chapter membership and are elected by the Pi State Executive Board.

Application Forms for the Nominations Committee may be found on Pi State Website Menu:

- * Click on **Pi State**
- * Click on drop-down **Area Councils**
- * Click on link, **Nomination Form for Nominations Committee**

All complete nominations/applications with supporting documents must be postmarked by November 15th to the Chair of the Nominations Committee Dr. Valerie Lagakis, 56 Tain Drive, Great Neck 11021, 516.504.5368, valerie.lagakis@gmail.com.

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!

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Pi State Due Dates 2016-17

November 1 - Pi State BYLAWS & Standing Rules Recommendations for Changes due to BYLAWS & Rules Committee Chair

November 1 – Pi State Educational Foundation Grant Application due

November 10 – All Chapter dues/forms to Pi State Treasurer

November 15 – IRS Form 990 due to IRS by all Chapters

November 15 - Workshop Proposals due to EEC Chair for *Pi State 2017 Convention*

November 15 - Pi State Officer Nominations Forms & Support Letters due to Pi State Nominations Chair

November 15 - Nominations for Pi State Finance Committee from

Northern, Capital, Central & Eastern and **for Pi State Nominations**

Committee from Southeast, East Central, Northwest and West Central

due to Pi State Nominations Committee Chair

February 1 - Chapter Annual Report due to Pi State President

February 1 – Chapter Annual Necrology due to Pi State Membership Chair

March 1 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms due to Committee Chairs (*See Summary on Pi State Website & Pi Lights.*)

June 30 – Chapter Standing Rules due to State BYLAWS & Rules Chair

Save the Dates:

The **2017 CTAUN "Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge"** will be held at United Nations in NYC January 27, 2017, 9:30am-4:00pm.

The **2017 Northeast Regional Conference** will be in Windsor, Ontario, Canada July 12-14, 2017 at Caesars Resort & Conference Centre.

The **2018 DKG International Convention** will be held in Austin, Texas July 16-20, 2018 at the JW Marriot Austin.

Information for Winter Issue of Pi Lights (mailed)

Due December 1, 2016

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

Mary-Martha Harvey mharvey@frontiernet.net ... **subject line – DKG**

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2016-17

December 1, 2016 ... March 1, 2017 ... June 1, 2017 ... September 1, 2017