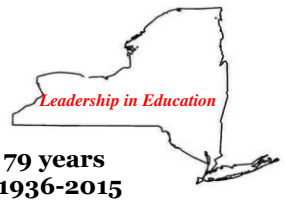




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Join Pi State Sisters at the
Spring 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by Embracing Leadership”

April 29-30, 2016

The Sheraton Syracuse Hotel & Conference Center
801 University Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210

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

* ***Registration Forms and Hotel Information***

* ***Educational Excellence Committee's Workshops***

* ***Worksheet for Professional Development Hours***

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

Workshop Proposals for Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar due November 1, 2015
to Barbara Keis, Chair Educational Excellence Committee ... bkeis@aol.com

The *EEC Workshop Proposal* can be found online at the newly reconstructed Pi State Website,
www.deltakappagamma.org/NY in the “Application Forms” box.



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

March 1, 2016

More details on pp.4-7 of this issue

*Refer to the Pi State website
“Application Forms” box.*



“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”

Deborah Bedard

Pi State President 2015 - 2017

See you at the April 29-30, 2016

Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar

***at the Sheraton Syracuse Hotel and the January 22, 2016
CTAUN Conference at the United Nations, NYC!***

I received my ***“Invitation of Membership”*** to our Society in the spring of 1998 from a fellow educator in my building whose passion for teaching I admired. After attending an Orientation Tea to learn about Delta Kappa Gamma International, I accepted my ***“Invitation of Membership”*** and joined as a member of *Alpha Epsilon* Chapter.

This was certainly not an easy decision for an active teacher and mother of three, who was also commuting two hours a day! However, this simple act has changed the course of my life both professionally and personally. My involvement in DKG began as an opportunity to take 6 nights over the course of the year to enjoy fellowship, stimulating dinner conversation and a chance to grow professionally. During my first couple of years of membership, I formed friendships with fellow educators from neighboring schools, both retired and active, served on Chapter committees and assisted in completing the business of our Chapter, participated in fundraising to aid women beginning their training in education and became involved in our Chapter service projects.

Soon I was asked to take on a minor leadership role which led to many other leadership opportunities. As I advanced through the offices of my Chapter, I began to become aware of the levels of our Society beyond the Chapter. As First Vice President, I represented my Chapter at my first Area Council Meeting. Throughout my years in working with the Capital Area Council, I have become acquainted with many, wonderful friends and educators. Networking at the Area Council level has enhanced my classroom. Accepting the office of Chapter President I began learning about yet another level of our Society, Pi State.

Over the two biennia of my Chapter Presidency, I attended the President's Leadership Seminar, participated in Pi State Fall and Spring Business Meetings/Seminars and enjoyed two wonderful Conventions. After four years as Chapter President, I passed the torch to our next Chapter leader but continued to serve as my Chapter's Corresponding Secretary and Member-at-Large for Capital Area Council.

In the meantime the leadership skills I gained from DKG led me to accept the role as Union President of our local during a stressful three years in our district. As Union President I was able to meet the challenges facing the teachers and students of our district and assist in helping to resolve the situation. Today I continue to serve as our district's Chief Negotiator for our APPR Plan.

My story could easily be the story of many Pi State Sisters.

Our membership in DKG offers opportunities that can be found in no other professional education organization. Our Society offers today's educators a place to celebrate their profession, gain leadership skills, become involved in International and local projects, advocate for legislation, be mentored, enjoy the fellowship of peers and grow professionally ... *to name but a few!*

My challenge to you is to think back to your ***“Invitation of Membership.”*** The reasons you joined are just as valid today. Celebrate your decision to join our Society by engaging more fully in the opportunities offered in your Chapter, Area Council, State or even the International levels. In your Chapter attend as many meetings as possible and add your voice. **Join me and your Pi State Officers** for your Area Conference or attend one of our State Meetings. How about joining your fellow Pi State Sisters in July as we ***“Celebrate”*** in Nashville during the International Convention? Most importantly I urge you to extend the ***“Invitation of Membership”*** to active teachers throughout our State.

Your simple act can change the lives of women throughout New York State!

Pi State Website Reconstruction

www.deltakappagamma.org/NY

Have you visited the Pi State Website recently?

You'll notice several positive changes when you do:

- * Boxes with titles in bold and contents listed so that you can easily locate the information you seek
- * Revised and up-to-date forms and information
- * Sections for all Pi State Committees and their web pages with Committee descriptions, members and goals for 2015-17
- * Section for Pi State Ad Hoc Committees and Pi State International Liaisons
- * Section for Application and Nomination Forms
- * New President-to-President Newsletter
- * Information for and about Chapter Websites, Presidents and Treasurers
- * Area Council Information and revised forms
- * Section for the Pi State Educational Foundation

One of Pi State President **Deborah Bedard**'s initial priorities at the start of her Biennium was to revise and update the Pi State Website. President Bedard and Pi State Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** created a template that utilized the boxes and html format that currently exists. Each box was assigned a title in bold and listed the contents. To reconstruct the Pi State Website, Pi State Webmaster **Barre Hall** redesigned all the boxes with these titles in bold and the contents listed. Editor Harvey collected former documents, updated, formatted or created them and sent to Webmaster Hall who posted them on the website. The result of almost three months' work is a website that we can all effectively use.

At the *Northeast Regional Conference* in Baltimore Editor Harvey attended trainings for Editors and Webmasters. It was announced that html format would no longer be supported, effective July 2016. International hosts our website. At the 9.14.15 Pi State Executive Committee Meeting, President Bedard appointed an **Ad Hoc Website Committee** to design a totally new Pi State Website. The Committee Members are President **Deborah Bedard**, *Alpha Epsilon*, Webmaster **Barre Hall**, *Gamma Epsilon*, Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey**, *Omega*, and **Heidi Himes**, *Gamma Delta*, a Technology Specialist and Chapter Webmaster. A report of the Committee's progress will be presented at the *Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* in Syracuse on April 29-30.

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

Pi State Visitations 2015-16

Fall 2015	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
October 17	North Central Area Conference	Sue Kenoyer
October 20	Alpha Psi 54th Anniversary	Deborah Bedard
October 24	Capital Area Council	Karen Butters
October 25	Alpha Beta 60th Anniversary	Deborah Bedard
October 27	East Central Area Council	Karen Butters
November 14	Alpha Iota 56th Anniversary	Mary-Martha Harvey
November 18	Alpha Nu	Jennifer Lee-Alden
November 19	Beta Delta 50th Anniversary	Karen Butters

Spring 2016	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
April 27	Alpha Tau	Ellie Robinson
May 5	Alpha Chi 54th Anniversary	Deborah Bedard

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

Dates to Save

April 29-30, 2016

Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars
Sheraton Syracuse Hotel &
Conference Center, Syracuse

July 5-9, 2016

2016 DKG International Convention
Gaylord Opryland Resort &
Convention Center, Nashville, Tenn.

October 14-15, 2016

Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminars
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport

April 28-30, 2017

Pi State Convention/Executive Board /Seminars
Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: March 1, 2016

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.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
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, 2016

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
<https://www.dkg.org/category/committee/scholarship>

Pi State Achievement Award

*Have you watched in wonder as one of your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters never says, "No,"
 always finds the energy to do one more thing for Pi State and has left her mark on Pi State?*

In keeping with our Society's second purpose, "*honoring women educators*," there is a way to honor such women through the prestigious **Pi State Achievement Award**. The Award, a small pin in the shape of a Tudor rose, is presented at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar.

To nominate that individual who has made a significant contribution to Pi State, an individual or a Chapter should complete the application form found on the Pi State website in the "*Application Forms*" box. The nominee's Chapter President must also submit a letter of recommendation. Letters from three state members who have worked with the nominee will complete the application.

The Nomination Form and all letters should be sent to the **Pi State Achievement Award Chair, Agnes Becker**, 3448 East River, Grand Island 14072. 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. Completed applications are due by March 1, 2016. All information received by the Committee is considered confidential. Applications are kept and considered for two consecutive years.

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, 2016, is available on Pi State's website in the "*Application Forms*" box.

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. Go to the Pi State website and in the *Committees Subject to Endowment* box, look up *Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award* to see all of the criteria.

If you know a woman who qualifies, contact **Sue Kenoyer**, sue.kenoyer@charter.net, 518-561-4538. The application form for the **Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award** may be printed from the website. Look in the "*Application Forms*" box.

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

Sue Kenoyer

Pi State Scholarships

Is there continuing education or a degree in your future?

If so, Pi State has scholarship opportunities for you!

Pi State offers scholarships for 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 in the "Application Forms" box.

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, rvw20@optonline.net, 914-248-5397.

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, 2016.

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, 2016 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 in the "Application Forms" box.

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 in the "Application Forms" box. Complete applications are due March 1, 2016 to Chair of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Board of Trustees* **Harlene Gilbert**, P.O. Box 269 Geneva, NY 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 \$500 Grant(s)-in-Aid were awarded in 2014-15 to **Kaitlyn Lauzon** and **Alanna Pyke**. Both Native American women are members of the Mohawk Nation, St. Regis tribe and reside in Hogansburg, NY. Kaitlyn is attending SUNY Canton in the Nursing Program. Alanna plans to study biomedical engineering with minor in Native American Studies. 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 in the "Application Forms" box. **Completed applications must be postmarked by the deadline June 1st for the Fall semester and January 15th for the winter/spring semester and sent to Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair.**

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, 518.352.7726, kbutters@frontier.com **by the deadline of March 1, 2016**. Forms are available on the Pi State website in the "Application Forms" box. The Chapter recipients will be recognized at the April 29-30 *Pi State 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* at the Sheraton Syracuse Hotel & Conference Center.

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: **Alpha Iota** "Serving Children from Head to Toe;" **Alpha Zeta** "Grace Smith Literacy Project;" **Beta Omicron** "Treasure Totes for Tots;" **Gamma Delta** "Seneca Street Reading Camp;" **Psi** "Welcome Bags for New Teachers."

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 8-11, 2015

Hyatt Regency Baltimore on Inner Harbour

Photographs Courtesy of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas



(right) Past Pi State President and Pianist Dr. Andrea Morris, Alpha Beta, with her assistant Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta, provided entertainment before the "Advancing Children" Session on Saturday morning.



Pi State First Vice President Karen Butters conducted the NERC Choir at the "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday evening.



Jane Crosby, Alpha Tau, visited the DKG Bookstore and Marketplace on Friday, 10 July.



Pi State Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed enjoyed a break between Breakout Sessions with NERC attendees on Saturday.



Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors Chair Ginny Dudko with her husband at the Reception for the "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday evening



Past Pi State President and current BYLAWS & Rules Chair Karen Crumley at the Reception before the "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday evening, July 11

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

~ Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, International President 2014-16

Photographs Courtesy of Deborah Bedard



Margaret Connolly, Delta, Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, and Pat Odessa, Alpha Beta, at Reception for "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday evening.



Pi State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson and Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors President Ginny Dudko



Past Pi State President & Leadership Development Chair Jeanne Schenk relaxes between workshop sessions with another NERC State Liaison.

Photographs Courtesy of Deborah Bedard

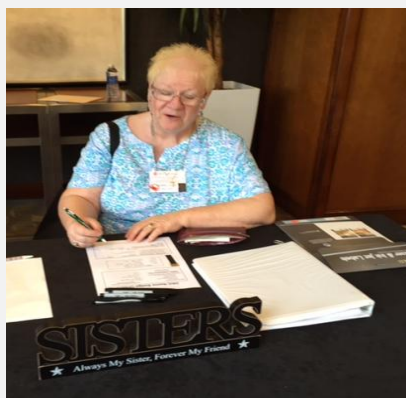


NERC Choir Entertains at "Advancing DKG" Banquet on Saturday Evening, July 11

(in left picture, front row starting 3rd from left) **Pi State Secretary Beryl Szwed, Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum; NERC Choir Director First Vice President Karen Butters;** (in center picture, front row center) **Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson;** (in right picture, front row 3rd from left) **Dr. Andrea Morris**



Pi State Past President and BYLAWS & Rules Chair Karen Crumley presented Breakout Session, "From NOW to WOW: Your Life Legacy," on Saturday.



Kebby Clute, President of Beta Theta, was one of the volunteers at NERC.



Karen Crumley, International Member of the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund Committee, introduced Judge Susan Hazlett at the "Advancing Children" Session on Saturday morning.



Pi State Educational Foundation Board of Directors President Ginny Dudko with Pi State Membership Chair Melanie McDonald



Leslie Chambers, Alpha Sigma, presented two Breakout Sessions on creating and personalizing Chapter Websites on Saturday.



Past Pi State President and Member of the International Educational Foundation Board of Trustees Jane Tanner, was an "Advancing Change" Panelist at the "Advancing Possibilities" General Session on Thursday afternoon.

Photograph Courtesy of
Photographs by Jim, Floresville, Texas

**The Northeast Regional raised \$6394 for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Emergency Fund.
607 Sisters attended 2015 NERC.**

President's Memories of NERC 2015

The North East Regional in Baltimore was well attended and supported by Pi State Sisters. During July 8-11, 44 New Yorkers experienced “*Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*” and all that Baltimore Inner Harbor had to offer!

Special thanks to our Pi State attendees:

Alpha Alpha - Ester Blackman, Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum
 Alpha Beta – Dr. Andreá Morris, Grace Murphy, Patricia Odessa
 Chi – Terri Palmiero
 Delta – Beverly Jefferson, Ruth McCalla, Margaret Misner, Eileen Venezia, Ann Walker
 Alpha Epsilon – Deborah Bedard
 Alpha Eta – Lochie Musso
 Alpha Lambda – Dr. Sharon Kulhanek, Marcia Swiatek, Dr. Susan Dunkle
 Alpha Pi – Jan Antonucci, Joanne Carroll, Rosemary Van Wart
 Alpha Tau – Jane Crosby, Jeanne Schenk
 Alpha Theta – * Susan Richards, *Pat Turner
 Beta – Barbara Bostwick-Quinn
 Beta Delta – Harlene Gilbert
 Beta Epsilon – Mary Hebert
 Beta Kappa – Jane Tanner
 Beta Mu – Karen Butters, * Susan Norris, Beryl Szwed
 Beta Omega – Melanie McDonald, Joan Slagle
 Beta Psi – Phyllis Voegeli
 Beta Theta – * Kebby Clute
 Chi – Doris Boliver, Carol Frost
 Delta – Margaret Connelly
 Gamma Delta – Ellie Robinson
 Omega – Mary-Martha Harvey
 Phi – Anne-Marie Carlson, Barbara Keis
 Psi – Mary Brassard, Sue Kenoyer
 Tau – Karen Crumley, Ginny Dudko (* First Timers!)

My *President's Training* began on Monday, July 6, and ran through Wednesday afternoon. I greatly benefited from learning about my new role as State President from International representatives and other State Presidents. It was wonderful to learn about the happenings in DKG from our neighboring states.

Listening to the concerns and challenges expressed by many of the other State Presidents, I felt proud that we have such an organized State with dedicated, involved sisters who are always willing to step up to the plate! I am very fortunate for the insight and wisdom from previous Pi State leaders that have built a solid foundation to enable me, during my role as President, to reach out and meet the needs of our New York Area Councils, Chapters and Sisters.

Other Pi State leaders received training from International on their roles they will be assuming during the 2015-2017 biennium:

Beryl Swed- State Secretary

Mary-Martha Harvey-State Editor, State Webmaster

Sue Kenoyer-attended State Treasurer's training for Susan Patrick

Barbara Keis-Educational Excellence

Melanie McDonald-Membership and Expansion

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Pi State President Deborah Bedard (center) with NERC First Timers Susan Richards (left), Alpha Theta, and Pi State Travel & Study Stipend Chair Pat Turner
 Photo Courtesy of Pamela Hayes

“Celebrating the Invitation to Membership”

~Deborah Bedard, Pi State President 2015-17



President Deborah Bedard was introduced as Incoming Pi State President 2015-17 at the State Organizations Presidents' Procession at the “Advancing Change” Session.

Photo Courtesy of Joan Slagle

President's Memories of NERC 2015

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Wednesday evening the first General Session of the Conference began with the President's Procession and ended with Maryland Night. New Presidents were introduced and escorted by the outgoing State President. **Jeanne Schenk**, Pi State President 2011 -2013, filled in for Immediate Past President **Dr. Joyce Tang**. First Time attendees gathered and began our evening with a "*Flash Mob Dance*". **Kebby Clute** and **Sue Norris** looked spectacular as members of the "*Mob*".

Thursday morning's theme "*Advancing Education*" featured the keynote speaker the 2014 *International Teacher of the Year* **Sean McComb**. He was both riveting and inspiring. All Conference attendees will agree he has certainly earned his title! Our lunch theme "*Advancing Possibilities*" featured **Cora Weiss**, 2014 International Honorary Member, championing "*Advancing Gender Equality*." **Karen Butters** joined her voice in a musical rendition of "*The Rose*." A panel discussion of "*Advancing Change*" featured **Jane Tanner**, Pi State President 2001-2003, as a contributing member. Thursday night found Pi Sisters enjoying *New York Dines Out* at Phillips Seafood in Baltimore Inner Harbour. We enjoyed wonderful dinners (*especially good crab cakes!*) while having a chance to relax and time to become better acquainted.

Friday's theme involved "*Advancing Members*." Over breakfast **Sandra Bull**, International Executive Secretary, discussed "*The Paradox of DKG Membership*". The breakfast was followed by the USA Forum "*Learn to Be An Advocate!*" by **Lisa M. Maatz**, one of AAUW's top lobbyists. During the Northeast Regional Info Fair, "*Members Making Connections*" New York again showed a strong presence with **Jane Tanner** and **Barbara Botswick-Quinn**. Friday night found a group of New York Sisters cheering on the home team, Baltimore Orioles as they won their game and others enjoying a diner out at Rusty Scuppers on the Inner Harbor.

Saturday morning's theme, "*Advancing Children*," featured a speaker introduced by **Karen Crumley**, Pi State President 2007-2009, **Judge Susan Hazlett**. We learned about Judge Hazlett's innovative program to assist juvenile offenders take stock of their lives and choices before a court of their peers. Saturday evening's closing celebration, "*Advancing DKG*," was led by a prelude performed by **Dr. Andreá Morris**, Pi State President 2005-2007, and featured entertainment by the 2015 *Northeast Regional Chorus*, directed by **Karen Butters** with New York members **Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum**, **Dr. Andreá Morris**, **Ellie Robinson**, and **Beryl Szwed**. It was wonderful music and at one point we were all up and dancing! International President, **Dr. Lyn Schmid**, spoke about "*Who are the women who will advance DKG?*"

Breakout Sessions for the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference were held during the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Past Pi State President 2011-13 **Jeanne Schenk** assisting in the coordination of workshops. Nine workshops were offered by six Pi State Sisters: **Karen Crumley**, **Deborah Bedard**, **Jane Tanner**, **Dr. Susan Dinkle**, **Lochie Musso** and **Leslie Chambers**. Workshop presenters were introduced by these New York Presiders **Jane Tanner**, **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, **Sue Norris**, **Ellie Robinson**, **Joan Slagle**, **Beryl Szwed**, **Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum** and **Sue Kenoyer**. **Jane Crosby** served as an escort for presenters.

As I think back over New York's involvement in the Baltimore Northeast Regional, the answer to **Dr. Lyn Schmid's** question "*Who are the women who will advance DKG?*" seems clear.....

NEW YORK WOMEN!

Deborah Bedard



Susan Norris, Beta Mu, attended her first Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore as the 2015 Pi State Travel & Study recipient.

Where Do We as DKG Members Grow?

Where do we as DKG members grow? We grow at Conferences like NERC, the one I was privileged to attend in Baltimore through a Travel and Study Stipend.

"85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators" was the theme of the *Northeast Regional Conference* held in Baltimore, MD, July 7–11th, 2015. There were 18 states and areas represented including Washington, DC and Ontario. Attending this Conference reinforced for me that there are so many compassionate, smart and focused women educators. Through networking I learned strategies to help my Chapter grow as well as

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Where Do We as DKG Members Grow?

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ideas that I can use in my classroom in the fall. I was excited to witness the support for the Common Core Standards and to realize that we are not alone as we do creative and interesting activities in our classrooms. It was wonderful to learn and to share with so many passionate women, including sisters from Pi State.

Part of what I learned is we are as powerful as we choose to be.

This Conference focused on ways we can work together to create change by advancing education, children and DKG members. The keynote speakers were inspiring. One of the keynote speakers was **Sean McComb**, 2014 Teacher of the Year. He spoke on four shifts that he sees happening.

1. **Sparkling hope.** He talked about Michelangelo who once said, *"I saw the angel in the block of stone and I carved until I set it free."*
2. **Teach students before content.** He said, *"My teacher gave me the best gift: believing in me."*
3. **Collaborative Culture is becoming stronger.**
4. **Teach the whole child.** He talked about students having individual opportunities as well as a collective responsibility.

I believe these four shifts are what we all aspire to in our schools and in our worlds.

The Honorable **Susan Hazlett**, District Administrative Judge for the Ninth District Court in Harford County, Maryland, spoke about a justice system model they have for helping delinquent, troubled youth in the criminal system between the ages of 11-15. The program offers these troubled youth a chance to stay out of juvenile detention if they take responsibility and make amendments in ways determined by their peers and overseen by volunteer judges. I found it hopeful because it gives them an opportunity to take responsibility and walk a positive path.

From the many choices of interesting workshops, I chose seven. ***"Just the Minutes"*** centered on taking meeting minutes correctly. Since the meeting minutes are legal documents, it was surprising what is excluded and what remains included. For more information you can order a booklet called ***"Spotlight on you the Secretary"*** from the National Association of Parliamentarians at www.NAP.org.

Another workshop, ***"Out of the Box: A Writing Route to Helping Students Reach their Potential in STEM"*** addressed the importance of writing in STEM as tied to the Common Core Standards. One of the most important suggestions was to use Project Based Learning. Students become engaged, use communication skills to discuss, question and state opinions. Can you explain in writing how to use a new cell phone to a 90 year old? It was a great opening activity that can be used in the classroom.

All the first timers to the Regional Conference gathered together opening day to get the lay of the land. It was an easy way to meet other educators when we learned dance moves to the song ***"Celebrate,"*** which we performed as a flash mob at the opening dinner. *What a fun way to get involved!*

We were staying on the beautiful Inner Harbor of Baltimore, which is in close proximity to other points of interest. I saw the early photos of Pluto being transmitted from New Horizons at the Science Museum's Planetarium. I also went to my first professional baseball game, the Baltimore Orioles vs. the Washington Nationals. It was great when the game ended with a home run hit from the Orioles, breaking a tie to win.

It was an honor to have been selected to receive the Pi State Travel & Study Stipend. I certainly encourage others to apply. I will be sharing more conference ideas and experiences with my Chapter and presenting information from this conference at my school as part of our Professional Development Day in the fall. *Thank you again for the opportunity to attend the Northeast Regional Conference.*

Susan Norris

DKG International 2014 Honorary Member Cora Weiss Guest Speaker

Cora Weiss, President of The Hague Appeal for Peace, was one of the Guest Speakers at the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore at the ***"Advancing Possibilities"*** Session. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2000 and 2001, Ms. Weiss has long been an advocate for human rights and for peace. As a member of the UN-NGO working group for Women, Peace & Security, she co-founded the Women's Peace Petition to the UN General Assembly in 1997. She currently serves as the UN Representative to the International Peace Bureau. Her multiple awards include the 1998 Aggrey Award of the Phelps Stokes Fund for her work with African students.

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



**Beryl Szwed, Jane Tanner,
Dr. Andrea Morris & Harlene Gilbert**

New York Dines Out

**July 9, 2015 at NERC
*A Pi State Tradition***

**Phillips Seafood at the
Inner Harbour, Baltimore**

*Photographs Courtesy of
Dr. Andrea Morris*



**Grace Murphy, Pat Odessa,
Susan Norris & Sue Kenoyer**



**Ann Walker, Beverly Jefferson &
Peg Misner**



**Ginny Dudko, Barbara Keis &
Lochie Musso**



Al & Deborah Bedard



**Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum &
Ellie Robinson**



**Marcia Swiatek, Dr. Susan Dunkle
& Dr. Sharon Kulhanek**



**Joanne Carroll, Rosemary Van Wart,
Jan Antonucci & Terri Palmiero**



**Norm & Joan Slagle,
Melanie McDonald & Kebby Clute**



**Jane Crosby, Karen Crumley,
Mary-Martha Harvey, Jeanne Schenk**



**Jane Tanner, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn,
Harlene Gilbert, Beryl Szwed, Karen Butters**

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!

2015 DKG Mentoring Conversations

"Will you accept this rose?"

If you have watched or heard about the reality TV shows, *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, you will recognize this invitation. At the predictably dramatic conclusion of each episode, contestants are selected to continue on in the process, provided they accept the proffered invitation. Accepting the rose indicates a willingness to stay on the show in hopes of finding true love.

During training for *State Membership Committee Chairs* at this summer's Northeast Regional Conference, **Nita Scot**, International Membership Services Director, presented an overview of the **2015 DKG Mentoring Conversations** opportunity. Chairs then received two cloth roses, one to wear during the Conference to prompt conversations about mentoring and one to give away to someone agreeing to accept the invitation to become a DKG mentor.

DKG Mentoring Conversations pair a veteran educator/DKG member (*mentor*) with a less experienced educator/DKG member (*mentee*) for monthly communications specific to the needs of the mentee. This communication may occur by internet, phone, face-to-face or through DKG social communities, depending on the team's choice of medium. Both parties agree to adhere to a relationship founded on confidentiality, openness and sincerity. Mentoring pairs are encouraged to maintain their relationship for two years.

The term "*mentor*" comes from Homer's epic poem, *The Odyssey*. Odysseus asks his friend, Mentor, to watch over his young son, Telemachus, while Odysseus is away fighting the Trojan War. Twenty years later, when Odysseus fails to return home, Telemachus begins an investigation into what happened to his father. Athena, Goddess of Wisdom, disguises herself as Mentor to provide Telemachus with guidance and advice. A 17th century French romance emphasized the character of Mentor and the word meaning "*wise counselor*" came into usage in both French and English. Mentors have been reaching out to the less experienced to share support and wisdom gained through experience ever since.

Will you accept this rose? While you may not think of yourself as a "Goddess of Wisdom," if you are a veteran teacher, you have much to offer our less experienced members. And if you are a newer teacher, DKG wants you to know that you are not alone. There are caring, supportive experienced members who want to support you as you continue your professional growth as a key woman educator.

DKG International will pair mentors and mentees who indicate interest. You may register to participate in a Mentoring Conversation Community when you create your member profile at www.dkg.org. Use your member ID number (*printed on your membership card*) as your user name and the default password: dkg2014society. Go the www.dkg.org website. Scroll down until you see the gray box. Click on the last link for "My DKG." Click on the drop-down link to "My Profile" to enter your profile information. If you wish, you may change your password after you have successfully logged in for the first time. To edit your information in each section, click on the pencil icon. For networking opportunities, join social and professional communities using the "*Communities*" button or link. Choose the groups you would like to join and submit a request.

If you prefer a less formal approach, consider how your Chapter might implement its own mentoring program. As an application of the *Support for Early Career Educators* initiative, mentoring is a powerful tool for relationship-building. Forming mentoring relationships could lead to increased Chapter membership. Mentoring could also be used as a leadership development tool within a Chapter to help newer members both contribute to their Chapters and take advantage of all that DKG has to offer.

How will you respond to this invitation? Will you accept this rose?

Melanie McDonald

Download DKG App from Play Store (android) and the App Store (iPhones)

The DKG APP has been redesigned and provides easy access to all the latest news from DKG, Blogs, Social Networks and Society projects. You can find information on Conferences and Conventions in the EVENTS section as well as information on speakers and the hotels. You'll be able to view photos from *Instagram* on iPhones. The MORE section has access to the DKG Supply Store, Society Videos, Headquarters Contact Forms, QR Scanner and Postcards. You can add pictures in SPACE.

The MY DKG section allows you to update your information and join DKG social and professional communities ... use your member ID for username and dkg2014society for temporary password.

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 in the “Application Forms” box.

The deadline for submitting workshop proposals for the Spring Seminars in Syracuse April 20-30, 2016 is November 1.

According to the *DKG International EEC News* (July/August 2014), DKG Committees use reports to determine where Chapters and State Organizations are in embracing goals, ideas and materials developed for their use. The **EEC 2012-2014 Biennial Report**, submitted in March 2015, provides evidence of what Chapters and State Organizations are doing to support *Educational Excellence* across the Society.

Here’s information the reports yielded:

(Percentages noted throughout this issue indicate % of total Chapters reporting.)

Goal 1: Advance excellence in education:

Components of this goal receiving the most recognition by Chapters included:

- ☐ ☐ Programs promoting educational excellence (80.3%)
- ☐ ☐ “Hot Topics” in education (68.08%)
- ☐ ☐ Programs supporting the SEE project (65.75%)

Based on these results, areas of focus for strategic planning might include:

- ☐ ☐ Programs/activities impacting educational law and policy
- ☐ ☐ Programs addressing pedagogical research

Goal 2: Empower women

Components of this goal receiving the most recognition by Chapters included:

- ☐ ☐ Personal growth of women/life-long learning (85.01%)
- ☐ ☐ Professional pride (72.41%)
- ☐ ☐ Arts, music and the humanities (71.8%)

Based on these results, an area of focus for strategic planning might include community leadership.

Goal 3: Increase global awareness

The component under this goal receiving the most recognition by Chapters was:

- ☐ ☐ Programs/activities designed to increase global awareness (56.5%)

Based on these results, areas of focus for strategic planning might include:

- ☐ ☐ Programs/activities focusing on the *DKG/UN relationship*
- ☐ ☐ Programs that inform and support the *Schools for Africa (SFA)* project

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

Barbara Keis

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

Leadership Development Seminar for New State Chairs

Photographs Courtesy of Mary-Martha Harvey



Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Leadership Development Chair, explains the Seminar Agenda and introduces participants to printed resources.

**July 27-28,
2015**

**Hilton
Garden
Inn,
East
Syracuse**



Pi State President Deborah Bedard welcomes State Chairs to their Leadership Development Seminar.



Membership Chair Melanie McDonald and Ad Hoc SAP Chair Barbara Bostwick-Quinn participate in "Celebrate What Chairs Do" Session.



BYLAWS & Rules Chair Karen Crumley, Communications & Publicity Past Chair Sue Genthner, FDF Administrator Joan Slagle and Pi State Achievement Award Chair Agnes Becker share reports.



LDC Chair Jeanne Schenk with State Editor and LDC Committee Member Mary-Martha Harvey



Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair Harlene Gilbert



State Chairs prepare reports on their responsibilities to present the group.



LDC Committee Member Jean Sekel (left) shares her Summary Charts of BYLAWS & SR references for their Roles and responsibilities with each State Chair.



LDS group participates in music break.

Celebrate Leadership

Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** welcomed the new State Committee Chairs to Syracuse on July 27-28, 2015. This Seminar gave each Chair the opportunity to meet, network and share ways to achieve President Bedard's theme, "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership."

Pi State First Vice-President **Karen Butters** served as Registrar for this event and Leadership Development Member **Diane Bootie** greeted the Chairs when they arrived at the Hilton Garden Inn in East Syracuse.

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During the Seminar, Chairs were given time to research their Committee using our State documents. Past State President **Karen Crumley** explained the difference between BYLAWS and Standing Rules. Each Chair used these documents to determine the responsibilities of their Committee. Later, Chairs were asked to share the information about their Committee with all Committee Chairs. LDC member, **Jean Sekel**, prepared a helpful sheet for Chairs that included every place in the BL/SR's where their Committee was mentioned.

Using a reference on the internet, Pi State Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** helped Chairs to find their leadership style and also encouraged Chairs to write articles for *Pi Lights*. Each Chair was given a list of important dates and some Chairs were informed about their responsibility to complete International forms. Then, Second Vice-President **Sue Kenoyer** and Pi State Secretary **Jennifer Lee-Alden** presented information on effectively working with Committees while delegating responsibilities.

State Parliamentarian **Ellie Robinson** presented information on State Committee structure while State Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick** gave everyone attending the opportunity to correctly complete a State voucher. **Beryl Szwed**, Pi State Executive Secretary, informed Committee Chairs about the State Directory and writing State Biennial Reports. Thanks to FDF Administrator **Joan Slagle**, who brought inventory from the State Headquarters, everyone had a chance to shop for DKG items.

Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum and the other members of the Leadership Development Committee, supported the Chairs when they were given time to prepare material for placement on the State Website. Chairs also set up a list serve for easy electronic contact with their Committee and the chance to share their ideas about Committee goals.

At the conclusion of the Seminar, Committee Chairs mentioned that they felt better prepared to take on the work of Pi State. Chairs appreciated Pi State President Deborah Bedard's positive, welcoming attitude. This seminar gave everyone a chance to share Deborah's vision and the opportunity to **"Celebrate Leadership!"**

*Jeanne Schenk**Photographs Courtesy of Deborah Bedard*

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair Arlene Ida, Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund Chair Diane Battaglia, Scholarship Chair Rosemary Van Wart and Audit Chair Ruth Ann Fultz



Everyone loved the musical breaks led by First Vice President Karen Butters.



(in front) Second Vice President & Chair of Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Sue Kenoyer and Travel & Study Stipend Chair Pat Turner



Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer & Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden present "Effectively Working with a Committee."



LDC Committee Member Diane Bootie, State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick and Finance Chair Noreen LeCann



State Editor & LDC Committee Member Mary-Martha Harvey led "Find Your Leadership Style."



The Pi State Audit Committee 2015-17 held its first meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Syracuse July 28, 2015. (l to r) Members are State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, ex officio, Jane Tanner, Beta Kappa, Jean Sekel, Pi, Chair Ruth Ann Fultz, Beta Gamma, and Carol Lamb, Beta Mu.
Photograph Courtesy of Deborah Bedard



President Deborah Bedard held a Leadership Development Seminar for Pi State Executive Committee on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Syracuse. 2015-17 Executive Committee Members are (l to r): President Deborah Bedard, Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden, Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, First Vice President Karen Butters, Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer and Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed.
Photographer is Editor Mary-Martha Harvey.

**Pi State = 79 years
 Honoring Key Women Educators**

Pi State Area Council Conferences Fall 2015

*Refer to Pi State website for Information, Updates
 and Registration Forms*

North Central Area Conference

October 17, 2015

**Cazenovia Library/Museum,
 Lorenzo Historical Site &
 Presentation "What Can DKG Do for You"
 Lunch at Brae Loch Inn, Cazenovia
 "Celebrate Cazenovia"**

9:00am-2:20pm

**Registrar Diana Grover
 2916 Fargo Rd., Baldwinsville 13027**

Capital Area Conference

October 24, 2015

**Powers Restaurant
 Clifton Park**

**Extended Workshop with Melanie McDonald
 "Moments of Being: Writing Your Life Stories"
 10:30am-2:30pm**

**Registrar Peggy Niforoso
 2 Penny Lane, Gloversville 12078**

East Central Area Conference

October 27, 2015

**Club 86, Geneva
 "Women's Health"**

5:00-8:00pm

**Registrar Cornelia Johnson
 4333 Rte. 96A, Geneva 14456**

**2016 Pi State Awards Benefit Tickets for State
 Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid will
 be sold at each Conference.**

Future Area Council Conference 2016 Dates

Northern Area Conference

August 2016

Blue Mountain Lake

Northwest & Southwest Area Conference

October 1, 2016

The Fox Valley Club, Lancaster

West Central Area Conference

October 22, 2016

South Central, Eastern and Southeastern Area Conferences

TBA



2016 CTAUN Conference at the UN

“Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the SDGs”

Friday, January 22, 2016

On Friday January 22, 2016, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) will be hosting its 17th Annual Conference, “*Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the SDGs.*”

Join educators, students and NGO Representatives in this day-long event with UN Delegates and experts to learn about the **new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, why they are important to all of us and the part you can play!

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

Pi State Communications & Publicity Committee

Hello! Pi State!

The *Pi State Communications & Publicity Committee* is anxious to “interconnect” with **YOU!**

Initially, and with the assistance of **Carol Frost, Chi**, we are going to begin a *Facebook Page*! **Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, Alpha Nu**, has volunteered to represent us on the *Pi State Bea Small Award Board of Trustees Committee*. We are off to a strong start with more than a baker’s dozen on this Committee.

As a group, we will continue to encourage and assist Chapters, in need, to create a web page. We have Pi State Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** and Pi State Webmaster **Barre Hall** in our corner for that!

We can’t emphasize enough, the need and importance to document, record and maintain the history of your Chapter. Please tell us the ideas that are working for you. Please share your Chapter Newsletter with me and send to Pi State President and Editor.

Finally, please share successful pathways that encourage an optimum level of commitment and attendance in your Chapter and Area Conference meetings. We all need these!

Contact Information: Chair **Maria Weimer**, 716-864-5511... mariaweimer@rocketmail.com

George Bernard Shaw stated, “*The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion it has taken place.*”

Let’s be sure to talk to each other this year.

Maria Weimer

Attention: Pi State Chapter Webmasters

Important Reminder

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 **Deborah Bedard**, Pi State Webmaster **Barre Hall** and Pi 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.

Welcome to Pi State's Newest International Liaison

The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts is an opportunity to showcase the creative talents of our members. The fourth Gallery is currently displayed on the International website, www.dkg.org. The Arts and Humanities Jury is working towards a goal to have artwork displayed representing every State Organization.

Judy Corigliano, a member of *Psi* Chapter, is our Pi State Liaison to the Jury and a member of our *Pi State Educational Excellence Committee*.

Judy's role as State Liaison will be to encourage and assist Pi State Sisters in submitting work for possible inclusion in *The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts*. The International Arts & Humanities Committee page has submission information, applications, resources and Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.dkg.org/category/committees/arts-and-humanities-jury>

I know New York State is filled with creative, talented members! Please consider contacting Judy and submitting your talent for all to enjoy. Judy can be reached at jcorigliano9915@charter.net or 518-834-9915.

Deborah Bedard

"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 Spring *Pi State Executive Board Meeting & Seminar on April 29th and 30th in Syracuse?*

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

Our rehearsal will take place on Friday, April 29th 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 if you are able to sing or play or for further information.

Bridget Bishop



Special Thanks for a Successful & Informative LDS for New State Chairs to the 2015-17 Pi State Leadership Development Committee:

(seated l-r) **Jean Sekel** and Past Pi State President & FDF Administrator **Joan Slagle**;

(standing l-r) **Pi State Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed**, **Pi State First Vice President**

Karen Butters, **Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer**; **Diane Bootie**; **Pi State**

Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson, **LDS Chair & Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk**.

Missing from the photograph are **Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum** and

Pi State Editor Mary-Martha Harvey

Photo Courtesy of Deborah Bedard

Congratulations to **Gamma Epsilon**, our newest Chapter website, and Webmaster **Cindy Wells**.

Gamma Epsilon's website received certification from International in September 2015.

To view *Gamma Epsilon's* website, go to dkggammaepsilon@weebly.com

or go to Pi State website, www.deltakappagamma.org/NY; click on

NEW! Chapter Websites, scroll to **Gamma Epsilon** and click on website.

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, **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, 2017** to the above listed people.

At the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, April 29-30, 2016, 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 **Karen P. Crumley**, kcrumley@hvc.rr.com, by **November 1, 2015**.

Karen P. Crumley

Pi State Job Opening for Executive Secretary Reminder: Deadline March 1!

It is not too early to think about applying for the **Pi State Executive Secretary** position. This is a four-year term, commencing July 2016, and will be voted on by the Pi State Executive Board at the Spring Meeting, April 30, 2016 in Syracuse. The application is available on the Pi State website in the "Application Forms" box and the "Job Description" is in the Elected Personnel box.

For further information contact Chair Pi State Personnel Committee Sheila Brady-Root, sroot@sjfc.edu, 585.218.9642.

Sheila Brady-Root

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> 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 and Area Council Meetings.** The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid Funds.

2016 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name _____
Chapter _____
Phone _____

Drawing at Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar
April 29-30, 2016

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 makes "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership" easy!

Erin Merrill

Benefit Ticket Sales Challenge

The 2015 total raised was \$6775 which exceeded Dr. Tang's challenge of \$6334. As is tradition, President Bedard has set the 2016 goal at \$6335.

Reminder: If you are spending the winter months away from your Chapter, please purchase tickets before you leave. This is one way of "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership."

A Note from the Pi State Awards Chair, Erin Merrill

This is a correction to the listing that appeared in the 2015 summer issue of *Pi Lights*. Please add the following patron donations.

2015 Pi State Awards Benefit Patrons

Beta Eta
Beta Eta Chapter Members
Susan Moses
Barbara Brooks Quinn
Mary Anna Russo

A Special Music Thank You

Music Representative **Bridget Bishop**, *Alpha Alpha*, would like to *thank* all of her Pi State sisters who participated in the many musical performances throughout the recent 2015 Pi State Convention: **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*; **Jean Sekel**, *Pi*; **Noreen LaCann**, *Beta Xi*; **Dr. Roz Freedman-Baum**, *Alpha Alpha*; **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*; **Vicky Stockton**, *Alpha Chi*; **Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*; and **Dr. Andrea Morris**, *Alpha Beta*.

A special *thank you* goes to Jennifer Lee-Alden for her accompanying and continued support and to Dr. Andrea Morris for her accompanying and beautiful music at the *Hour of Remembrance*.

All Pi State members are encouraged to join the Pi State Choir or play an instrument at our next Executive Board Meeting/Seminars in Syracuse April 29-30, 2016.

Bridget Bishop

More Benefits of DKG Membership: VPI Pet Insurance

Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI) by the Nationwide Insurance Company provides health and accident insurance for cats, dogs, birds and a variety of exotic pets. In addition, pet insurance provides protection for a pet and peace of mind for a pet owner. Mention that you are a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and you will receive a 5% discount.

There are a variety of types of coverage, including:

Comprehensive - covers accidents, illnesses and hereditary issues: \$25 to 35 per month*

Economical - covers basic medical coverage: \$19 to 27 per month*

Everyday Care - covers vaccinations, flea control and more: \$18 to 34 per month*

Emergency - Covers accidents only: \$10 to 11 per month*

*Premiums vary based on the age of the pet, species, size (*as an adult*) plan type, deductible and state of residence.

Bird and Exotic Pet Insurance: This affordable exotic pet insurance plan covers accidents and illnesses as well as examinations, lab fees, prescriptions, X-rays, hospitalization and more. They cover most birds and a wide range of exotic pets, including:

amphibians	chameleons	chinchillas	ferrets
geckos	gerbils	goats	guinea pigs
hamsters	hedgehogs	iguanas	lizards
mice	opossums	potbellied pigs	rats
rabbits	snakes	sugar gliders	tortoises
turtles			

To enroll in the Avian & Exotic Pet Plan, please call 888-899-4VPI.

There is page with a listing of what is not covered on the web site. There is also a page with customer reviews. One customer saved \$9070 on his dog!

Visit www.petinsurance.com or call 1-888-899-4VPI

DKG Medical History Bracelet

A second benefit, relatively new, is the **DKG Medical History Bracelet**. The bracelet has the DKG rose logo on a black bracket. The opposite side of the bracelet is a USB Flash Drive. It has a USB 3.0 drive Premium e-Manager Software.

You can download all your family and personal medical history; a list of your doctors, their phone number and faxes; your medications with dosage and time of day you take them; any allergies or medicines to which you are allergic; your health care proxy; who to contact with phone numbers, etc.; and past procedures, operations, vaccinations and other pertinent information a doctor might need to treat you.

These bracelets are available on the DKG web site, www.dkg.org. At top of home page, click on "Store." At STORE home page, click on bracelets. This possible life saver only costs \$20.

Jean Sekel



For further information on Benefits of DKG Membership, please refer to the mailed summer 2015 issue of *Pi Lights* on page 28.

Second Phase for Pi State SAP Committee Announced

The *Ad Hoc SAP Committee*, formulated during Dr. Joyce Tang's Presidency, is now commencing its second phase. The charge is to focus on the **goals set for the 2013-15 Biennium**:

- 1. To grow membership**
- 2. To enhance the efficiency of Pi State**
- 3. To enrich the contents of Pi State programs**

AREAS OF FOCUS

These are areas identified in *Pi State Strategic Action Plan 2nd Version 12.29.14*:

- ❖ Membership recruitment and retention
- ❖ Programs to meet the needs of active and retired members
- ❖ Communication and use of social media
- ❖ Leadership training for Chapters, Area Council and State leaders.
- ❖ Area Councils, use and configuration

It was recommended that the Committee continue with seven members. After review of the information, 2015-17 President **Deborah Bedard** has selected the following members to participate our Committee: Pi State President **Deborah Bedard**; Pi State First Vice President **Karen Butters**, Pi State Second Vice President **Sue Kenoyer**, Pi State Past President **Karen Crumley**, Pi State Membership Chair **Melanie McDonald**, Pi State Communication Member and 2013-15 Chair **Sue Genthner** and US Forum Liaison **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, Chair.

This biennium we will be using focus groups to assist us in crafting our document. The three major focus groups will be the Pi State Executive Committee, Past Pi State Presidents and the Area Councils. It is the intent to present our findings to these groups throughout the process for input and feedback.

Member input is important. Please feel free to email Ad Hoc SAP Committee Chair Barbara Bostwick-Quinn at barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com with questions, suggestions and concerns.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and Chapters. These projects are supported solely by your donations.

Take a look at the newly-revamped Foundation section on the Pi State website! You can find membership and donation forms there, as well as grant applications. There were no grant applicants for the May 1st deadline; hopefully that will change by the November 1st deadline.

Your Directors each pledged to donate \$5 for every new Educational Foundation member in the year that ended on July 1. We added only 7 members, so the Foundation Directors' Pledge was \$35 each for a total of \$175. We would've loved to add even more!

I am issuing an ***Educational Foundation President's Challenge*** for this coming year . . . I will offer this same \$5, and will double it to \$10, if we can add 25 new members to the Foundation.

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

Ginny Dudko

Foundation Project Grant Applications due November 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016

ATTENTION: FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the Pi State Educational Foundation will be held at the Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at The Sheraton Syracuse Hotel & Conference Center in Syracuse April 30, 2016.

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

Terms Ending 2016

Jean Sekel, Pi, Secretary

Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Alpha

Agnes Becker, Gamma Delta



US Forum Update

The *US Forum's* purpose is to inform members of legislation that affects the purpose of the Society and promotes women and children.

The Forum is nonpartisan and encourages DKG Members to be active in legislation and government.

US Treasury promotes a woman for the ten dollar bill

On August 31st, US Treasurer **Rosa Rios** conducted a town meeting at the Women's Rights National Park in Seneca Falls to discuss the design for the new \$10 bill. The bill will mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. Four key New York Women are in consideration: Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Treasury Secretary **Jack Lew** has stated that public input is welcome. The Treasury is using social media for input. Interested members can voice their choice on social media, [https:// #TheNew10.treasury.gov](https://#TheNew10.treasury.gov); Twitter - <http://twitter.com/USTreasury>; Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/ustreasury>; YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/ustreagov>. You can also contact the Treasury by mail at Department of Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220 ... Attn: Next Ten Campaign

19th Amendment

Your right to vote is important! Your impact on the local, state and national levels help to shape the future. It should not be taken lightly. The League of Women Voters has an excellent website www.vote411.org that provides information in a non-biased format. You can obtain a local voting guide addressing the candidates.

National Legislative Seminar

Interested in more involvement in legislative action? Members can join their DKG sisters at the **National Legislative Seminar, March 13-16, 2016**, the Holiday Inn at the National Airport, Crystal City in Arlington. Information can be found at the US Forum section on the DKG website <http://www.usforumdkg.org> or the US Forum Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>.

Pending Legislation

Education Tax Relief - Currently tax deductions for educators expired in 2014. Congress has two bills to address this: The Educator Tax Relief Act of 2015 (HR2940) and The Tax Relief Extension Act of 2015 (S.1946). You can stay updated at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov.

Interested in voicing your concerns? You can contact your Senator and your local Congressman through these sites or use the toll free Congressional Switchboard at 1-866-327-8670.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn

HIGHER EDUCATION PLANNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The 2015 College & Trade School Fair for Students with Special Learning Needs
Mephram High School, Bellmore, NY – November 16, 2015, 6:30-9:00pm

If you know a high school student with special learning needs and are wondering what opportunities are available for them upon leaving high school, the *Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District*, in conjunction with *Bellmore-Merrick SEPTA* and *Community Parent Center*, is hosting an event you should not miss.

The *2015 College & Trade School Fair* will offer 8 workshops as well as over 50 vendors (*colleges, agencies, trade schools and universities*) presenting information to help you better understand options after high school. This will take place on Monday November 16, 2015 at Mephram High School (2401 Camp Ave, Bellmore New York 11710) from 6:30-9:00pm. This has been a very popular event in the past (*with over 300 attendees at last year's event*) and is expected to be even better this year.

For more information log on to Bellmore-Merrick SEPTA Upcoming Events at <http://www.bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us/parentsstudents/septa> or call 516.987.0684.

Cheryl Gitlitz

Congratulations to Author, Lorraine Michels



Author Lorraine Michaels, Alpha Delta, was recognized at her book signing in Cherry Grove. her book, The Invasion of the Pines ~ 40 Years of Fun, Frolic & Fantasy ~ 1976-2015 is available from FIG (Fire Island Goods), 160 Main Walk, Cherry Grove 11782, 631.597.6842.

Photo Courtesy of Parker

Alpha Pi Honoree



Jan Antonucci

Jan Antonucci is a sixth grade Social Studies teacher and a member of Alpha Pi Chapter. Jan is beginning her 41st and last year of teaching at Somers Middle School in Somers, New York. She has spent her entire career in Somers, beginning with her student teaching experience.

At her "Last First Day of School" opening staff meeting, Jan was given an unexpected honor. She was presented with a beautiful plaque by the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education and the Principal of the Middle School. Her colleagues responded by giving her a standing ovation!

In addition to teaching in Somers, Jan is a long time resident and is very active in her community. She is a Board member of the Somers Land Trust and can often be found volunteering at the Angle Fly Preserve.

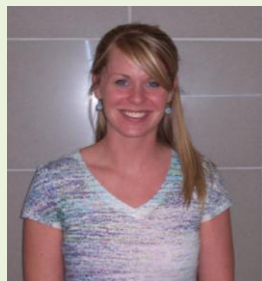
As fellow teachers, we are thrilled that Jan's many years of devotion to her students was acknowledged in such a meaningful way.

Joanne Carroll

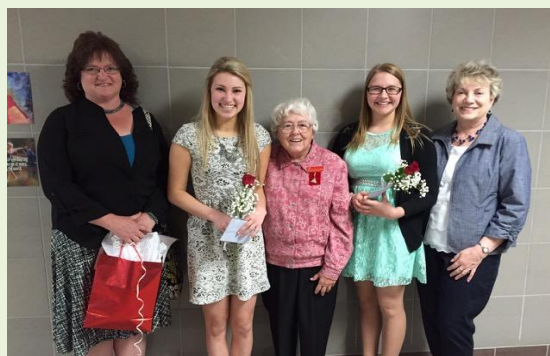
Gamma Delta Awardees & Initiates *Photos Courtesy of Ellie Robinson*



MaryJane Fonte was presented with 2015 Woman of Distinction Pin & Certificate by Agnes Becker.



Initiate Sarah Boland is an Occupational Therapist in North Tonawanda Schools.



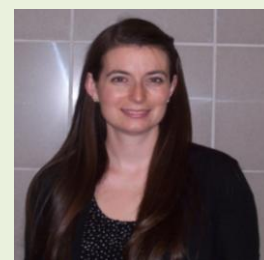
(l to r) Gamma Delta presented Chapter's Good Apple Award to Middle School Secretary Patty Stolfe & Grants-in-Aid to seniors Katherine Fonte, Grand Island presented by Mary Lorich, and Jacqueline Bors, North Tonawanda, presented by Joan Holesko.



Heidi Himes was given a "DKG Hats Off" Congratulations for being appointed to the Pi State Ad Hoc Website Committee. She is Gamma Delta's Webmaster.



April Carere, Instrumental Music Teacher in North Tonawanda, was elected President of Niagara County Music Educators Association.



Initiate Ginny Hendra is an Instrumental Music Teacher in North Tonawanda Schools.

Happy 65th to Pi Chapter



Pi Chapter President Jean Sekel and 64-Yr. Member Marion Bonnie Buchner with the Chapter's 65th Birthday Cake
Photo Courtesy of Jean Sekel



Alpha Delta Initiates Mary Jane Judge Tufano and Yanick Frederic at Initiation Ceremony in June

Photo by Barbara Keis



Alpha Omega Grant(s)-in-Aid recipients Caeley Gwilt to attend St. John Fisher and Olivia Procopio to attend Syracuse University

Photo by Charlotte Munoz



Beta Initiates (l-r) Megan Turshman, Caitlin Neske, Linda Scofield, Dedrea Scalza, Cindy Troy and Christine Gregory

In honor of Beta's 77th Anniversary, the Chapter initiated twelve educators on May 19, 2015. Inductees represented several greater Cortland area schools, organizations and colleges.

Michelle Bassett, Caitlin Goodwin, Allison Keiser, Caitlin Neske, Linda Scofield and Megan Turshman are educators in the McGraw Central School District. **Karen Curran, Bonnie Meldrim and Dedrea Scalza** are teachers in the Cortland City School District. **Cindy Troy** taught at Homer High School. **Christine Gregory** is an Adjunct Lecturer at SUNY Cortland. **Sara Earl** is the Program Director and Instructor for the Cortland YWCA.

Photo by Barbara Bostwick-Quinn



2015-17 Pi State Biennium Theme: "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership"

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

Pi State Chi Chapter with Beta State Ontario Nu Chapter at Joint Meeting in August in Clayton



(front row) Pi President Deorah Bedard, Chi President Judy Walligory, long-time Chi member June Walker and Nu President Kathryn Derby

In August 2015 sisters enjoyed an outdoor lunch at the new 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in Clayton, a tour boat ride with a surprise rain storm and a visit to a Rock Island's lighthouse. In July the two Chapters met for a catered lunch and a musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*, St. Lawrence River style, at the 1000 Islands Playhouse in Gananoque, Ontario.

Photo by Carol Frost

Gamma Alpha Initiates



Secretary Patricia Kelly (center) with

(left) Initiate Deborah Fudge-Rhem, retired NYC Elementary Teacher, District 11, Bronx P.S. 108 and Adjunct for College of New Rochelle, and

(right) Initiate Deborah Ottenberg, Speech-Language Pathologist, New Jersey School for the Deaf

Photo by Joan Goldstein



(Front Row) Girl Scout Brownie members Gabriella Locker and Alissa Murdoch; (Back Row) Barb Amedro, Alpha Iota, Beth Hallinan, Alpha Iota & Board of Director member for Northern Oswego County Health Services Inc. (NOCHSI), Dr. Scott Van Gorder, DO Associate Medical Director NOCHSI and Linda Farden, Alpha Iota

Photo by Karen Miller

Alpha Iota Provides Activity Bags

Last June, *Alpha Iota* members **Beth Hallinan**, **Barb Amedro** and **Linda Farden** delivered 50 activity bags to the Oswego Health Center.

Beth Hallinan is on the Board of Directors Oswego County Health Center and was instrumental in coordinating this event. **Barb Amedro** and **Linda Farden** are Committee Co-Chairs.

Members of *Alpha Iota* created these activity bags and filled them with items that would keep young patients at the Northern Oswego County Health Services occupied while waiting for their appointments.

A special thanks goes to the Oswego Walmart for providing discounts on the items purchased by *Alpha Iota* members as well as to Girl Scout Brownie Troop 10436. Under the leadership of **Cynthia Sindoni** and parent volunteer **Karen Murdoch**, the Scouts decorated the bags as a community service project. **Tricia Clark**, Director of Operations at NOCHSI, provided the donors with a wonderful tour of the facility. All staff members at the Health Center greatly appreciate the efforts of *Alpha Iota* in providing these activity bags again this year.

Karen Miller

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(l-r) 2015 Grant(s)-in-Aid recipient Nicole LaVancha, Inclusive Childhood Education major at SUNY Cortland, with Omega IPP & Nicole's MS English Teacher Della Ludwig and Omega Scholarship Chair Peg Snyder

Photo by Lois Ludwig



View from 9th Floor of Hyatt Regency Baltimore for NERC July8-11, 2015

Photo by Mary-Martha Harvey

Pi State Membership

(June 26, 2015)

Active	2185
Reserve	202
Chapter Honorary	51
Active Life	5
Initiates	47

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"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.

If you would like to receive a PDF version by email, please contact

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Information for Winter Issue of Pi Lights (mailed)

Due December 1, 2015

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

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2015-16

December 1, 2015 ... March 1, 2016 ... June 1, 2016 ... September 1, 2016