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# Pi Lights

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The North Central Area Council

Invites you to  
2011 "Gem of a Convention"

Celebrating 75 Years of Pi State

April 29 – May 1, 2011, Doubletree Inn & Suites, East Syracuse, NY



Refer to the 2011 Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* or Pi State website for  
**REGISTRATION FORMS for CONVENTION and WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

- \* Convention Registration (Mail or e-mail with payment)
- \* Workshop Registration due April 1<sup>st</sup> (Form is on page 11.)
- \* Hotel Reservations – call direct 315.432.0200 (Hotel Directions are on page 12.)

### Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

2:00-10:00pm Registration & FDF Sales  
 5:30-6:30pm Optional Dinner  
 7:00-7:45pm Workshop Session #1  
 7:00-8:45pm Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00-8:45pm Workshop Session #2  
 9:00-9:45pm Welcome and Keynote  
 9:45-11:00pm Dessert Reception

### Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00am -4:00pm Registration & FDF Sales  
 7:00-8:30am Optional Breakfast  
 8:15-9:15am Executive Board Meeting  
 9:15-11:15am General Session  
 Noon-2:00pm Birthday Luncheon  
 2:30-3:15pm Workshop Session #3  
 3:30-4:15pm Workshop Session #4  
 6:00-10:00pm Founders/President's Banquet  
 9:30pm Receiving Line

### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00am Registration  
 8:00-10:00am Hour of Remembrance  
 10:15am-Noon Scholarship/Awards/  
 Grant(s)-in-Aid Brunch





*"Honoring the Past -  
Connecting to the Future -  
We Are Connected!"*

**Joan C. Slagle**

Pi State President 2009 - 2011



*Please accept our invitation to join us at the*

**Pi State Convention in East Syracuse  
at the Doubletree Hotel April 29-May 1, 2011.**

We are celebrating our **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary**  
*and it will be*

**"A Gem of a Convention!"**

Steering Chair **Sue Sharon**, *Sigma*, and her Committee have worked diligently to make it a special occasion. Registrar **Diane Bootie**, *Sigma*, is taking your registration for meals and **Karen Cunningham**, *Beta*, is taking your registration for workshops. It will be an opportunity to meet and learn from our International guest, Information Services Administrator **Linda Eller**. Details are in the last issue of *Pi Lights*. Please consider wearing a hat of any era from 1936 to the present to our *Birthday Luncheon* on Saturday, April 30; *gloves are optional!*

Chapter Presidents have been sending me their Annual Reports with details on how their Chapter has been doing over the past year. One of the persistent dilemmas is planning for meaningful meetings that are well attended. In my e-mail conversation to **Nancy Pankow**, *Theta*, who is looking ahead to next year, some ideas came to mind. Current members, even though retired in some cases, have had interesting careers - Could they do educational programs in their field at a chapter meeting? Could a chapter meeting highlight new technology - smart phones, cameras, e-readers - with some local tech savvy students doing a demo presentation? How about your Historical Records and Scrapbook Committee doing a memory lane presentation and have long time members contribute their input, too? Do you ever have a meeting where committees meet and discuss their roles and goals and share these with the whole membership? Some chapters have colleges in the area which might have people who would come and speak on an educational or cultural topic that would interest working teachers.

New members add to the pool of ideas. As busy professionals, they value meetings that include their interests. If your chapter is to remain vital, it is necessary to take in at least one or two new members each year. Now is a good time to be working on this.

I challenge each current member to think about what contributions they have made in the past and to plan how to connect to the future of our Society at every level but especially to the chapter. Perhaps you will be inspired by attending the **Northeast Regional in Hershey, PA, July 20-23**. It is an awesome experience to attend professional workshops, hear about the workings of the Society, meet members from Maine to Illinois and see a unique area of our country. *Consider yourself invited!*

## Membership & Expansion

Each state organization in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has a Membership Committee. *What are the Committee's jobs?* One of the main goals of membership committees in Pi State, as is true in International, is to help each chapter in the state as much as possible with any and all membership issues.

One issue all chapters are concerned about is growing their membership and keeping their members of all experience levels engaged in the work of their chapter and of the Society. Some chapters don't need much help in this area. They have established themselves as important parts of the school and community cultures and are always adding to their numbers. *We celebrate them!* For other chapters, adding new members and keeping an ongoing, enriching and active agenda of activities and fellowship is more of a challenge for various reasons.

The Membership Committee tries to reach out to the chapters who need help, sometimes using the more active and successful chapters' best practices as a model or inspiration. With the help of chapter Presidents and our Pi State officers, we have compiled a brochure to address this. *Please let me know if you don't have this brochure.*

Chapter success can ebb and flow so a chapter can be looking healthy, but then run into trouble. If a chapter is struggling, even if that is a sudden turn of events, it should reach out to the Membership Committee. We will work with that chapter in any way that could help. We have ideas and "*We are connected,*" as our President, **Joan Slagle** reminds us!

Another important purpose of the Membership Committee is to keep a record of how many members are added to the various chapters and to record members who pass away. It is the privilege of the Membership Committee to honor the memory of our deceased sisters for the devotion each one gave to the career we all love and for her commitment and contributions to her chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma.

This spring, *The Hour of Remembrance*, will be held at the Pi State Convention in Syracuse on Sunday morning, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am. All are welcome to attend and honor our DKG sisters who passed away in 2010.

Special thanks to my Committee members: **Beverly Anker**, *Gamma Delta*, **Bridget Tierno**, *Beta Pi*, **Martha Strever**, *Alpha Zeta*, **Corrine Wynn**, *Alpha Pi*, and **Beryl Szwed**, *Beta Mu*.

As always, the Membership Committee welcomes your comments, your success stories and any questions with which we can help. You may contact me: 914.248.5397 (*Best time is evening until 10pm.*) or e-mail at [rvw20@optonline.net](mailto:rvw20@optonline.net).

*Rosemary Van Wart*

## Historical Records/Scrapbook

*Keeping your chapter's history and memories is now easier than ever!!*

Most members have digital cameras. Taking a few pictures at each meeting or event can result in a digital scrapbook.

Workshops on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Session #1-B, "*Digital Scrapbooking*" with myself and on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Session #4-C, "*Creating a 'Simple and Easy' Chapter Picture Directory*" with **Barb Amedro**, *Alpha Iota*, will give you more information. Please bring your cameras & instruction book to the Convention Workshops!

Putting your meeting photos on line will keep all members informed of chapter happenings with a click of a mouse.

*Linda Evans*

## Personal Growth & Services

Following a tradition that Pi State has celebrated for the past ten years, the **Personal Growth & Services Committee** will honor one member from each chapter as a "**Woman of Distinction.**" The certificates will be presented at the Luncheon on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Pi State Convention. These recognitions showcase the invaluable, creative but often unsung qualities of a chapter member. Please e-mail **Grace Murphy** at [gracemm630@aol.com](mailto:gracemm630@aol.com) as soon as possible if you have not sent your chapter's honoree.

Committee members, **Anne-Marie Carlson**, *Phi*, **Dr. Rita King**, *Gamma Alpha*, and **Grace M. Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*, continue to serve as NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Representatives to the United Nations for DKG. It is their job to familiarize members with the activities and programs of the UN, especially those relating to education and human rights.

Archived on the DKG website is [DKG@theUN](mailto:DKG@theUN). For other information, contact **Grace Murphy**. The Reps attend weekly *Briefings* by the UN Department of Public Information. Recent topics have included:

- \* "Understanding and Managing Cyber Crime: The Virtual Criminal" and
- \* "Unexpected Saviors: The Role of Turkey in Assisting Victims during the Holocaust."

Other Pi Staters who are also NGO Reps to the UN are **Joan Goldstein**, *Gamma Alpha*, and **Lochie Musso**, *Alpha Eta*. On Saturday, April 30, Workshop Session #3-C, "*DKG and the United Nations,*" will give you much more information!

*Grace Murphy*

**“Pi State Sparkles!”**

You can help celebrate the **75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pi State** by obtaining tickets for the benefit drawing from your Chapter President. Only then will you have a chance of winning one of our dazzling baskets, including:

“*Nice Ice*,” “*Silver City*,” “*Bubbles of Red*,” “*Sparkling Times*,” “*Kay Jewelers*,” “*Tiffany’s*,” “*Golden Links*,” “*Shimmery Silver and Gold*,” or “*Add Sparkle to Your Life - Let’s Go to Dinner*.”

Drawings will be held at the Pi State Convention in East Syracuse, April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. All monies raised go toward the Pi State awards, scholarships and grants-in-aid programs. Without your support, many deserving women would go unrecognized.

*Mary Kula*

**Legislation**

Are you aware that your State Legislation Committee has been publishing **Legislation Matters**, a newsletter dedicated to current educational, health and women’s rights issues? Each Chapter President and/or Legislation Chair has been receiving this periodically during their biennium to share with members. They can be read at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY/oelm.html>.

If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list of **Legislation Matters**, contact **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*, at [tannerj@sunyocc.edu](mailto:tannerj@sunyocc.edu).

Sometimes the Legislation Committee e-mails information about important legislative issues requiring immediate action. You too can receive these by adding your name to the Committee’s distribution list.

Another source of legislative information is a free newsletter, **U.S. Forum Connection**, sponsored by the United States Forum of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. DKG members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to [Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu](mailto:Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu). We urge you to share this newsletter with chapter members and other interested individuals who are not members of DKG. Archival copies of the *U.S. Forum Connection* can be found at <http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w305514/HomePage.htm>.

More information about the U.S. Forum can be found at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/>. The purpose of this forum is to identify and select major issues affecting women, children and education upon which the U.S. member may take action.

**2011 U.S. Forum Seminars will be held at each Regional Conference this summer.** Legislative issues will be identified for advocacy at the *National Legislative Seminar* to be held in Washington, DC in 2012.

Do you have any topics or concerns that the Legislation Committee can address? Please e-mail **Jane Tanner** or **Jane Crosby**, *Alpha Tau*, at [crosbyrn@aol.com](mailto:crosbyrn@aol.com) so we can make the next issue of *Legislation Matters* serve your needs.

*Jane Tanner*, Co-Chair, Active Educators  
*Jane Crosby*, Co-Chair, Retired Educators

**Reminder for “Pi State Sparkles”****2011 Pi State AWARDS BENEFIT Drawing**

All filled-in tickets or contributions should be sent to **Mary Kula**, Chair of Pi State Awards **before April 15, 2011** at 9608 Nouvoo Road, Portville, NY 14770.

After April 15<sup>th</sup> tickets should be brought directly to the Convention in East Syracuse.

**2011 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket**

For state awards, scholarships, grants-in-aid

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at Pi State Convention, April 29-May 1

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

**A Call for Interested  
Pi State Committee Members  
For 2011-2013**

If you are interested in serving on one of the Pi State Committees for 2011-2013 biennium, please complete this form and **mail or e-mail** to:

**Joan Slagle**

1524 Amsterdam Road  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3318

[Jns172@yahoo.com](mailto:Jns172@yahoo.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 International Convention Steering Committee

The 2012 Steering Committee has decided not to assess chapters or individual members to raise the funds for putting on the **2012 International Convention**. They have chosen instead to do a sponsorship letter for individuals and chapters. The only other form of fundraising has been vendor sales at Pi State meetings, the Northeast Regional Conferences and International Conventions. Most of the money will be used for **New York Night** when our State is showcased as the Host State. These monies will be due by July 1, 2011.

Many have asked how to raise the money for chapters to participate in the sponsorships. All sponsorships will be published in the *New York Night Program*. The following suggestions are some of the ways I have heard to create sponsorships:

1. Make a sponsorship in honor of a member.
2. Make a sponsorship in memory of a member.
3. Have a special fundraiser just for 2012.
4. Make a donation over time. One member gives \$50.00 during every State meeting.
5. Have a chapter *100 Club*.
6. Have a chapter silent auction
7. Individual members are stepping forward and donating on their own.

Each member of the Steering Committee *thanks you* for your thoughtful donations and your kindness in supporting the 2012 International Convention. **It will be the best ever!!!**

*Karen P. Crumley*

## Professional Affairs

*What, exactly, is the Professional Affairs Committee? How could the Committee work to benefit Pi State members (and have fun in the process)?* Those were the questions I asked myself when I agreed to Chair the **Professional Affairs Committee** for 2009-2011. Fellow Committee members, whom I highly respect for their enthusiasm, willingness to try new ideas and energy, are **Karla Bates, Alpha Psi, Julia Hoover, Delta, Arlene Ida, Alpha Kappa, Mary Kula, Beta Epsilon, and Ann Walker, Alpha Delta**. When appointed, we reviewed the Committee responsibilities and duties, as set forth in the *Guidelines for Committee Chair*, and selected our goals:

- \* Respond to the needs/charge of the State organization
- \* Implement programs designed to encourage mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation among chapters at the International level, and
- \* Investigate professional development requirements of our members.

To date, we sponsored the well-received **Chapter Showcase** at the spring 2010 Spring Seminar/Executive Meeting. *We cannot take credit for the idea as that belongs to our State President, Joan Slagle!* We conducted a survey of area school districts to determine how best Pi State could meet the needs of teachers in the field for professional development hours and made recommendations to our President, based on the results of the survey. Our creative President suggested the possibility of Pi State Travels as a program of interest to our members. At this point, we are *“back to the drawing board”* on this idea.

Of particular interest to the Committee is the idea of a Sister Chapters International Program, similar in design to the Sister Cities International program, <http://www.sister-cities.org/>. We made personal contact with DKG sisters from chapters in Britain. E-mails have been exchanged, but more follow-up is needed. If you have a connection to an International Chapter to become a Sister Chapter, please contact me at [rmoore14@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rmoore14@nycap.rr.com).

The goals and programs of the Professional Affairs Committee for 2011-2013 are yet to be written. Perhaps you might be thinking of getting involved and making a difference. It is well worth the time and effort. *I guarantee it!*

*Rita Moore*

**Pi State Singers** - *Are you planning to attend the Pi State Convention April 29-May1 in Syracuse?* The Convention Choir needs singers. We have been asked to provide music for many of the major events: the Opening and Welcome, President's Banquet, Birthday Luncheon, Brunch and the Hour of Remembrance. Plan on joining us for the Workshop/Rehearsal on Friday – Workshop #1-D and #2-C. We would appreciate your participation in any of the opportunities to sing. Please indicate your desire to participate on the Convention Registration Form. You may also contact me directly by e-mail [kbutters@frontier.com](mailto:kbutters@frontier.com) or phone 518.352.7726.

*Karen Butters*

## 2012 DKG International Convention

New York City  
July 24 – 28, 2012

### Needed Many Volunteers to Make Light Work---

To make the *2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New York City* the best ever, volunteers are needed to (*wo*)man the various Committees that make it all happen.

#### Committee choices are:

Hotel Greeters  
Flags/Ceremonies  
Golden Gift Function  
Hospitality Room  
Lost and Found/First Aid  
Members with Special Needs  
Music/Technology  
NY Night  
Photography  
Posters/Placards & Printing  
President' Banquet Centerpieces  
Property Room  
Registration  
State Apparel  
State Attendance Books  
Subway Mentors  
Table Centerpieces for Luncheon  
Workshop Greeters  
Table Hostesses  
Tote Bags  
Tours/Night on the Town and  
Vendor Sales/Exhibits/Demonstrations.

Please indicate your committee preferences on the **VOLUNTEER FORM**. *Every effort will be given to make that happen.*

To find out the duties of the various Committees, please contact **Jane Crosby**, *Alpha Tau*, by phone 843.497.0398 until March 30, then 315.548.9083 or e-mail at [crosbyrn@aol.com](mailto:crosbyrn@aol.com).

ALL VOLUNTEERS  
MUST BE REGISTERED  
FOR THE CONVENTION.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

July 22 - 28, 2012  
(Sunday to Saturday)  
New York City, New York

PLEASE PRINT ALL THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMITTEE CHOICES:

First \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

Where Needed? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Note:

You must be REGISTERED for our  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
to Volunteer.

LIST THE DAYS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RETURN FORM to:

Jane Crosby  
27 Mary Street  
Phelps, New York 14532

OR E-MAIL to [crosbyrn@aol.com](mailto:crosbyrn@aol.com)

*Thank you for your willingness to be involved!*

## World Fellowship

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has announced the awarding of twenty-five **World Fellowships Scholarships and Extensions for 2010-2011**. Of these, we have the opportunity to welcome three women who are studying in **New York State**:



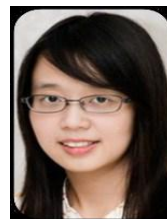
**Ece Gasaran**

804 Onderdonk Ave. Apt 3L  
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*Degree:* Masters  
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**Nongnuch Athiphunampha**

163 Sheridan Park Apartments  
Geneva, NY 14456  
*Birthday:* May 26  
*Home Country:* Thailand  
*Field of Study:* Food Science  
*Degree:* Masters  
*Attending:* Cornell University  
Email: [peungna@gmail.com](mailto:peungna@gmail.com)

The World Fellowships International Committee is able to award these scholarships to these very deserving women because of the generosity of our members. Many of our Pi State Chapters raise money through a variety of ways in order to support this endeavor. If you need more information or have questions, please contact me at e-mail address [meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com).

*Bridget Bishop*

## Audit

The **Pi State Audit Committee** meets twice a year to verify the Treasurer's Accounts. This is done to protect the Society's money and to monitor the State Treasurer's accounting. By auditing accounts on a regular basis, it gives the State Treasurer the support she needs in deciding where money coming into the State should go and from which account money should be taken. The Audit Committee points out errors and they are corrected. We have made suggestions to her when she first took on the job. Our suggestions have helped her organize accounting and understand the position and purposes of the varying accounts. We continue to suggest things to her, always trying to make the process clearer, more precise and accountable.

*This process should be done once a year within each chapter.* The State has guidelines for auditing the State accounts that could be adapted for your chapter. If you would like a copy of these guidelines or have any questions about your chapter funds, please contact me by e-mail at [jeanbsekel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanbsekel@yahoo.com), phone 315.823.1519 or mail 128 Inghams Mills Road, Little Falls, NY 13365.

Please note that if you are asked to chair an Area Conference, State Executive Board Meeting, State Conference or Leadership Seminar, you will need to turn in a financial report after the meeting. Forms are available from the Audit Chair and will be sent to you upon appointment.

The most important accounting standard for all chapters is to retain receipts for any money received and bills for any money to be paid out. They **MUST** be attached to the financial report.

Unfortunately, we have had some chapters dissolve recently. When this happens, the money left in the chapter accounts must be accounted for by following the *State Standing Rules and BYLAWS* and your *Chapter Standing Rules*. A financial report must be turned in to the Audit Committee.

I have had the pleasure of working with wonderfully dedicated women who scrutinize every penny that comes in or goes out of the State Accounts: **Celia Bradford**, *Pi*, **Mary Franklin**, *Gamma Zeta*, **Judith Kiehle**, *Omega*, and **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*. Please let them know that you appreciate their time and dedication.

Pi State Treasurer **Suzanne Patrick**, *Rho*, has been wonderful in providing the materials we need to do our audit and being present to answer our questions and receive our advice.

*Jean Sekel*

## Leadership Development Committee

The responsibility of the **Leadership Development Committee** is stated in the State BYLAWS: "The committee shall plan and implement programs for State and Chapter officers and Committee Chairs."

*The Committee has three primary activities:*

1. In the first year of a new President's biennium, a Seminar is conducted for the incoming State Committee Chairs.
2. In the second year of the biennium, a Seminar is presented for incoming Chapter Presidents.
3. Additionally, the State President may request that a specific program be designed and presented to the State Executive Committee.

Attendance at these Seminars is strongly encouraged for each biennium Chapter officers and Committee Chairs.

*The participants will:*

- \*Grow in knowledge
- \*Have a clearer vision of their individual duties
- \*Understand how they relate to others in the state/international organizations
- \*Be prepared to perform their responsibilities effectively and efficiently and
- \*Enjoy the comradery of other Pi State members

The Leadership Development Committee is anticipating an enjoyable learning experience for the incoming 2011 Pi State Committee Chairs. *They will be hearing from us in the spring.*

*F. Carol Ramsey, Co-Chair*

## Pride of Pi

\* **Dr. Audrey Cohan's**, *Alpha Phi*, book review has been accepted for publication in winter 2011, Volume 77-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Her review is titled, "*Learning Styles Research: What Really Works, A Review of Differentiating Instruction for At-Risk Students: What to Do and How to Do It.*"

\* **Gertrude Shaffer**, *Beta Delta*, was a guest speaker at the Rural Schools Conference at SUNY Cortland. Her theme, "*Exploring Global Awareness in Rural Schools,*" informed the Conference about the South Seneca Middle School's Distance Learning classes that provide opportunities to explore local and global issues while students participate in "*Words to Deeds*" activities through service learning projects. Students engage in 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, including research, participation in international video conferencing and implementation of service projects and assessments.

\* **Sheila Brady-Root**, *Alpha Xi*, received the *Special Leadership Recognition Award* from the Rochester Area Colleges Center for Excellence in Math and Science at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rochester Educators STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*) Collaboration Event for her exemplary work in the field of Science. She delivered the Keynote Address at the Conference.

\* **Mary Cherniss**, *Omega*, has been selected by the Marcus Whitman National Honor Society as the *2010-2011 Teacher-of-the-Year*. This award, sponsored by the University of Rochester, recognizes teaching excellence.

## Program of Work

There were many changes made to the *International Constitution, Standing Rules* and BYLAWS at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane last summer. Included in these modifications was the reorganization of Standing Committees. No longer is there a designated Program Committee at the International level.

Program of Work now falls under Society Mission and Purposes: Educational Excellence.

The **Educational Excellence Committee** "*shall promote programs and projects for excellence in education. The Committee shall identify long-term and short-term programs and projects that focus upon topics adopted by the society. The Committee shall support programs of action that promote the personal well-being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators; encourage a focus on the arts at International Conventions, Regional Conferences and State Organization Conventions; and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders.*"

Go to the DKG website at [www.DKG.org](http://www.DKG.org), then click on *Committees* in the grey bar at the top of the page and click *Society Mission and Purposes* in the navigation list on the left to learn more. For a treasure trove of program and project ideas, click onto *Educational Excellence* then *Resources* under this heading. There you will find dozens of successful chapter ideas and suggestions for implementing them in your own chapter. Be sure to take advantage of this outstanding resource when planning for your local meetings.

At the close of this biennium, I would like to take this opportunity to identify and thank my Committee members for their inspiration, dedication, contributions and friendship over the last two (or more!) years: Music, **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*; Legislation (Retired Educators), **Jane Crosby**, *Alpha Tau*; Legislation (Active Educators), **Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*; Professional Affairs, **Rita Moore**, *Alpha Kappa*; Personal Growth & Services, **Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*); Resource/Research, **Judith Parker**, *Nu* ; and Executive Committee, **Jeanne Schenk**, *Alpha Tau*.

*Lochie Musso*



### Educational Excellence Committee Defines Its Focus

The DKG International Educational Excellence Committee adopted a self-definition, which will be equally appropriate for state organizations and chapter committees: *“The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide.”* For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives:

- Support for the Society’s official **Schools for Africa** project and
- Support for early-career educators.

In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members.

Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG web site library, the DKG Network and Society publications that offer ideas for programs and activities.

*J-Jay Pechta, “Broadcasting the Buzz”*  
NE Representative International  
Communications & Publicity Committee

### Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey, PA

*“The Sweetest Place on Earth”*

**July 20 – 23, 2011**

**Conference information on DKG International website.**

**[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)**

**Click on Events, Regional Conferences, Northeast Regional Conference.**

**Select the box for information you want:**

- \*Registration Form
- \*Hotel Reservations
- \*Schedule-at-a-Glance
- \*Pre-Conference Tours
- \*Pre-Conference Training
- \*Tours
- \*Workshop Proposals
- \*Speakers
- \*Travel Discounts
- \*Info Fair Request
- \*Vendor Application

*“Hershey has it all— world-class shops and culinary delights from around the globe.”*

Dr. Lyn Schmid  
Northeast Regional Director

Do you need money for professional development?

### Lucile Cornetet Professional Development Awards

*Available to assist you this year*  
**Apply Now!**

**Up to \$2,000 per Award**  
**February, May and September deadlines**

“The conference I attended was a valuable opportunity to better understand 21st century learners as well as to better appreciate the implications of expanding technology use for students, teachers and libraries. I am most grateful for this opportunity provided by my Lucile Cornetet Award.”



*Patricia G. Bologna,*  
*Alpha Upsilon State Organization,*  
*Massachusetts*

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation**

[www.educatoredge.org](http://www.educatoredge.org)

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)



***Needed:***

### Vendors and Exhibitors for 2011 Northeast Regional Conference

**Where:** Hershey Motor Lodge

**When:** Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22, 2011

**Cost for DKG Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:**

\$100.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs

\$50 extra for electricity

**Cost for Non-Affiliate Vendor:**

\$250.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs

\$50 extra for electricity

**Cost for Non-Affiliate Exhibitor:**

\$200 for one draped table with 2 chairs

\$50 extra for electricity

Contact for more information and an application:

**Wanda Keller**

830 Fernwood Place

Johnstown, PA 15905

(814) 242-7430

[WKeller879@atlanticbb.net](mailto:WKeller879@atlanticbb.net)

*Indicate NERC 2011 on subject line.*



Ann-Marie Carlson

**12th Annual CTAUN Conference**  
**January 14, 2011 – United Nations Conference Room One**  
**“ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Teaching for Action”**

**Anne-Marie Carlson**, *Phi*, Chair of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), opened the conference by welcoming the 403 registrants from the US, Canada and Sweden, including a group of 48 from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, 23 from American Association of University Women and 15 Fulbright scholars from 14 countries.

The CTAUN Conference addressed key questions: *Can we achieve the Millennium Development Goals? How do we teach our students about them? How can a community take action?*

The morning Keynote Speaker was Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize winning columnist for The New York Times. “*Why should I Care?*” He spoke about the oppression of women in developing countries, offering many examples of such treatment that he saw in his own travels. He also believes that women are the economic and social solution to the problems of poverty and hunger. Engagement in a cause greater than oneself is what brings happiness and new perspectives to those who give. When you put a face to suffering, it becomes real. He ended by encouraging us to get out into the developing world and see for ourselves.

Dr. Gonzalo Pizarro, Policy Specialist, UN Development Programme, gave a brief history and explanation of the eight *Millennium Development Goals* (MDG), challenging the audience to adopt one of the goals and volunteer, donate, and pressure legislators to make changes.

Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director, Outreach Division, UN Department of Public Information, described the *Academic Impact Initiative*, calling it a true partnership between the university, faculty and students, the United Nations and the MDGs.

Three panel discussions on *Health* (MDG 4, 5, 6), *Education* (MDG 2, 3) and *Poverty, Hunger and Environment* (MDG 1, 7, 8) were presented during the morning and afternoon sessions. Experts from organizations that work in countries most at risk described what they do to help achieve the Goals.

The Closing Keynote Speaker was Helen Clark, Administrator UNPP and former Prime Minister of New Zealand. She tied together all the strands of thought presented throughout the day, issuing a challenge to us and the world to achieve the Goals by 2015 and then reach beyond them for a better future. “Basic social safety nets are a moral obligation,” she said. “If my neighbor is poor, I am too.”

The afternoon ended with a beautiful performance by the United Nations Singers.

An Information Fair and Exhibition was included in the Conference.

For further information on CTAUN, 2011 UN Conference summary, other CTAUN Conferences, Best Practices Awards and Teacher Resources, refer to website: [www.ctaun.org](http://www.ctaun.org) or [www.teachun.org](http://www.teachun.org).

*Grace Murphy*



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*Jane D. Williams, Iota state organization, Virginia,  
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*In Remembrance*

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 2011 Winter Issue of *Pi Lights* that  
 you received in the mail.

*Mary Keiter McCarty*  
 Chair *BYLAWS and Rules*

**Visitations**  
**(Spring 2011)**

March 26	<b>Psi</b> Maggie McCurry
May 17	<b>Alpha Epsilon</b> Joan Slagle
May 26	<b>Beta Omicron</b> Karen Crumley Joyce Tang
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**Workshop Registration Form**  
**2011 Pi State Convention**

Capacity for workshops is limited.

Please select workshops of your choice in each session by ranking:  
 #1 for first choice, #2 for second choice & #3 for third choice.

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**Workshop Session #1: Friday, April 29, 7:00-7:45pm**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Pi State Education Foundation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ B. Digital Scrapbooking  
 \_\_\_\_\_ C. A Children's Journey to Literacy as an Author,  
 Illustrator and Performer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ D. Choir Rehearsal

**Workshop Session #2: Friday, April 29, 8:00-8:45pm**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. DKG Moving Forward  
 \_\_\_\_\_ B. Gardening for Today – The Green Way  
 \_\_\_\_\_ C. Choir Rehearsal

**Workshop Session #3: Saturday, April 30, 2:30-3:15pm**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. 2012 DKG International Conference Steering  
 Committee Meeting  
 \_\_\_\_\_ B. Improve Your Memory  
 \_\_\_\_\_ C. DKG and the United Nations  
 \_\_\_\_\_ D. Using Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences in  
 Dance Education

**Workshop Session #4: Saturday, April 30, 3:30-4:15**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. 2012 DKG International Conference Steering  
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