



# Pi Lights

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## 2012 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Workshops/Awards & New Chapter Presidents' Leadership Development Seminar

May 4 - 5, 2012

Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY 13210

Look for Registration Form and Hotel Reservation/ Directions in *Pi Lights Winter 2012* issue.

### Workshops include:

- The **Educational Excellence Committee** will hold workshops on the DKG International Projects *Supporting Early Career Educators* and *Schools for Africa*.
- There will be a workshop to assist **Chapter Treasurers**.
- **BYLAWS and Standing Rules** Committee will offer a workshop to help Chapters as they revise Chapter BYLAWS and Standing Rules in accordance with the new International Constitution.
- A workshop, "*Student Blog: Community Heroes,*" will be presented.
- Barnes and Noble will offer a workshop about *Nooks and Books*.
- **On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-4:00pm: Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming Presidents**

**Reminder to Chapters:** Elections or nominations for new Chapter Presidents should occur prior to Spring Executive Board Meeting/Workshops so that new Chapter Presidents may attend the Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming Presidents.

**Note to Executive Board:** Please print p. 3 in this issue "*Pi State Proposed Standing Rules Changes for May 5, 2012*" and bring to the Spring Executive Board Meeting.

Refer to the Pi State website and the Winter 2012 issue of *Pi Lights* for further information.

### Awards Committee

Once again this year the Pi State Awards Committee is planning an **Awards Benefit Drawing** to raise funds for State Scholarships, Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid. At the *Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars*, each of the ten state areas will donate a gift card along with an item that exemplifies what they love about New York. It may be something from a local chocolatier, a hand-crafted candle or Big Apple themed gift.

Benefit drawing tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are available through Chapter Presidents. Each year Pi State recognizes women of accomplishment and monies from the **Awards Benefit Drawing** make this possible.

*Kelly-Jo Riker*

### SILENT AUCTION

#### Benefit for the 2012 Convention To Be Held during the Spring Meeting

I've never known a *Delta Kappa Gamma* woman who was not interested in a unique shopping experience. There is going to be one at the Spring Meeting in Syracuse! The **Steering Committee** has collected handmade items to be auctioned off during the Spring Seminar/Executive Board Meeting.

How would you like to own a painting done by a well-known Swedish artist? **Birgit Svensson's** husband is that artist and she has donated one of his paintings to be auctioned off. **Jean Sekel, Pi**, has done three beautiful counted cross stitch pictures—DKG themed. There will be several more hand-crafted articles and baskets full of must have items. One such basket will be full of *Fairly Traded* coffee, tea, chocolate & olive oil.

This is a must see and bid event. Check out the Pi State website for a full list of all the goodies and we will see you in Syracuse. **Bring some extra money and get in on the fun!**

*Betty Dennis*

From 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CTAUN Conference Statement 2.3.2012:

*If you are planning for tomorrow, sow rice.  
If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.  
If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.  
~ Chinese proverb*



*"Be the Spark - Ignite the Flame"*

**Jeanne Schenk**

**Pi State President 2011 - 2013**

As I write this article, I am enjoying an unusually warm and sunny day in February in the Finger Lakes. I believe, at least in part, that this mild winter is because I had four snow tires put on my car in November. Now, the Elementary Teacher part of me wonders if March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.

Weather was no concern on January 31, 2012 when the Pi State Executive Committee held another *Go-to-Meeting*. Reports were sent in advance to each member and ideas were shared by all. This type of meeting saves time for those attending and money for Pi State. We have already scheduled two more meetings with the Executive Committee for this spring. The Awards Committee will use GTM in late March. **Karen Crumley, Tau**, Chair of the 2012 International Convention, has also used this option with her Committee. *Yes, Pi State is connected!*

On February 3, 2012, the Seventh Annual **CTAUN** (*Committee on Teaching about the UN*) conference was held in New York City. Twenty-two Pi State sisters attended the conference with our own **Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi**, serving as Chair of the event. Following the theme "*Education IS a Human Right*," I was impressed with the caliber of the speakers and found the panel discussions especially informative. Since DKG is an International Society, I found it interesting that we in New York share some of the same educational concerns of countries around the world. Keeping and paying for excellent teachers, and renewing the passion and creativity of our educators to prepare our students for the future are several of our shared concerns. The International project "*Schools for Africa*" is a way we can help others meet this challenge.

On a more local level, **THAT**, *Teachers Helping Other Teachers*, is another International project that I hope members of our Pi State Chapters are continuing to act on. In the final months of a school year, there are many issues that early career educators face. Please continue to offer these teachers support. Hopefully, you are keeping track of the time and financial support you have offered these teachers. We will be collecting this information to share with the federal government this summer.

At this time, more than fifty Chapter Presidents have completed their International Annual reports. In reviewing the answers and concerns in these reports, some matters stand out. Many Presidents when asked to rate their Chapter felt that they were "maintaining, need energy." It seems we need to "*Be the Spark!*" Some Chapters mentioned having difficulty completing a slate of officers. Other problems include commitment to the Chapter. Younger Chapter members who are busy with families and their professional careers do not see their DKG membership as a priority. Chapter Presidents suggested that workshops for Chapter Committee Chairs would be helpful and felt that some of this leadership development could be handled at Area Conferences. This is an idea that the State Executive Committee has looked at for a couple of years. Now would be a good time for Area Councils to consider leadership development as part of their Area Conferences. I appreciate your efforts and ideas and want you to know that the Pi State Executive Committee and Committee Chairs are ready and willing to support your ideas.

Registration for our *Spring Seminar/Board Meeting* in Syracuse is now open. Early registration ends on March 31, 2012. The form is in the Winter *Pi Lights* that were mailed to all members.

In only five months, Pi State will host about two thousand DKG members in New York City. This leaves time for you to plan, save and attend this very special event. Please carefully consider attending this once in a lifetime event and volunteering to make it successful.

Finally, as we near the end of our each of our current Chapter Presidents' biennium, please agree

*to be a spark for your Chapter  
so together we can ignite a very visible flame of Pi State Pride.*

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

**Pi State Proposed Standing Rules Changes  
for May 5, 2012**

**Karen P. Crumley, Tau, Chair**

*Please print and bring this page with you to the Spring Executive Board Meeting at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center, Syracuse, NY*

Amend **Section 8 Historical Records and Scrapbooks** by amending **8.31, 8.32, 8.33, 8.34**

**To Read:**

- 8.31** Historical records shall be kept electronically to assure the continuation of the history of the Society in Pi State.
- 8.32** Chapters should be encouraged to update their histories electronically for the Pi State file.
- 8.33** Chapters should be encouraged to use digital photography and photo storage files to keep a record of Chapter activities.
- 8.34** Chapters should be encouraged to submit Chapter photos for electronic presentation at conferences/convention.

Amend **Section 8 Historical Records and Scrapbooks** by adding **8.35**

**To Read:**

- 8.35** Use of social networking will be encouraged by members. Chapter and convention information will be posted on venues such as *Facebook*.

*Rationale:*

*We need to be able to use modern technology to streamline our communications and to preserve and store our records.*

## Pi State Achievement Award

Is there a member of your Chapter who always says “yes”? Does she also say “yes” when asked to serve at the State level, whether as a State committee member, as a member of a State Convention Committee or State Task Force? The *Pi State Achievement Award* Committee is looking for these hard working and productive members.

Why not nominate her for the **2012 Pi State Achievement Award**?

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

The nominee must be:

1. Nominated by a member
2. Approved by the nominee’s Chapter President
3. Supported by **three** letters of recommendations from Chapter and/or State members who have worked with the nominee.

Since this award is a surprise, please do not ask the nominee for information. Instead consult Chapter files, other members and/or the State Executive Secretary. All information received by the Committee is considered confidential.

The rules of eligibility are:

1. Only active members who have made outstanding contributions to education and have rendered exceptionally fine service to the Society at the state level shall be eligible for the Achievement Award.
2. Each nominee must have a minimum of **five** years of active membership in good standing.
3. No person may receive the *Pi State Achievement Award* a second time. A State President is ineligible for the Achievement Award during her time in office.

With the rules of eligibility in mind, look around you for a member who deserves this honor and submit an application for this outstanding woman. Many have done much for our Society and merit our recognition with this honor. Please send the completed nomination form **postmarked by March 1, 2012** (a requirement) to:

**JoAnn Wallace**, 6246 The Hamlet, Jamesville, NY 13078.

For additional information, contact [jctedi@aol.com](mailto:jctedi@aol.com). **Nomination forms are available on Pi State website.**

## In Remembrance (November 28, 2011 - January 28, 2012)

<i>Chi</i>	Jane W. Thomas	10/13/11
<i>Alpha Eta</i>	Alice V. Laskoski	11/26/11
<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Marilyn Alice Barry	12/27/11
<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Alberta L. Fisher	12/30/11
<i>Alpha Zeta</i>	Marjorie Wheeler	11/24/11
<i>Alpha Delta</i>	Barbara LaSpina	1/14/11
<i>Alpha Delta</i>	Lillian Hertlin	11/3/11
<i>Alpha Delta</i>	Kathryn Dowling Pelish	1/6/12
<i>Alpha</i>	Donna G. Donaldson	1/19/12

*Always in our hearts ...*



## Visitations 2012

March 29	<i>Gamma Delta</i>	Jeanne Schenk
April 11	<i>* Alpha</i>	Joan Slagle and Jeanne Schenk
April 11	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner
April 26	<i>Nu and Alpha Nu (joint meeting)</i>	Jeanne Schenk
May 11	<i>Rho</i>	Elaine McNulty
May 17	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
May 23	<i>Alpha Sigma and Beta Epsilon (joint meeting)</i>	Jeanne Schenk

**\*Special Congratulations to Alpha.** Alpha is the first Pi State Chapter to achieve its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **Please note:** Chapters are eligible for a visit from a requested member of the Executive Committee once every two years. **Refer to the Pi State website for request forms and further information.**

## Membership Committee

The Pi State Membership Committee and I would like to thank all the Chapters who sent me their *Chapter Necrology* and *Chapter Membership Committee* reports. This allowed us to send in our *Pi State Membership Report* to International and meet our due date. As of the deadline for this article, 40 Chapters had responded. I am hoping the rest of the Chapters will respond as well.

The *Pi State Membership Report* should reflect how its Chapters are doing in the membership area. What is very helpful to the Membership Committee is if the Chapters, who are attending membership workshops that we hold, share with us if the information from the workshops is helpful. Especially important is that membership information is shared within your Chapters. Please look at these reports as another chance to communicate with Pi State and International, not as just another chore.

As a Society we have much to accomplish in 2012. One of the highlights will be our **DKG 2012 International Convention in July**. That unique opportunity for Pi State to host the convention will drive what we do at the Spring Meeting in Syracuse. The **Spring Executive Board Meeting** will include the **Leadership Development Seminar for New Chapter Presidents** in addition to the business meeting and various seminars.

I would like to bring to your attention a change in honoring our deceased members that Pi State will be making for this year. Instead of having the *Hour of Remembrance* at the Spring Meeting as we have in the past, we are going to have a time of recognition for those who passed away in 2011 by presenting their names before the Awards Brunch begins. Those sisters' names will also appear in the *In Remembrance* lists in the program at the *2012 International Convention*.

At the **2013 Pi State Convention**, we will have the more formal *Hour of Remembrance* ceremony, where a rose will be placed for each of the sisters who passed away from January 2011 to February 2013. The *Hour of Remembrance* is a treasured and solemn ceremony. Many sisters like to attend even if no one from their Chapter has passed on. We don't want anyone to feel we have slighted our departed sisters. We plan to honor them now and always.

The Pi State Membership Committee welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions. You can either mail or e-mail them to me, [rvw20@optonline.net](mailto:rvw20@optonline.net).  
*Rosemary Van Wart*

## Pi State Educational Excellence Committee

The overall focus of the Educational Excellence Committee is to assist all Chapters in developing programs and activities that are meaningful to members and will impact on education worldwide. Our Committee goals are to:

- Promote the *Schools for Africa Project* through donations to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF
- Support *Early Career Educators* by providing time, professional resources, or monetary support
- Encourage programs and activities that:
  - Increase members' personal and professional pride
  - Focus on educational excellence
  - Promote the DKG/UN relationship
  - Increase members' global awareness
  - Impact educational law and policy

The Educational Excellence Committee will hold workshops on the DKG International Projects *Early Career Educators* and *Schools for Africa* at the **Spring Executive Board Meeting** in Syracuse.

There is a great deal of information on the *Delta Kappa Gamma* website. If you have specific questions, please contact me at [suze0079@aol.com](mailto:suze0079@aol.com); 315.363.7948.  
*Sue Sharon*

## Upcoming Area Council Conferences

**April 3, 2012 East Central Area Conference** Chair: **Lynda John, Omega**

Ohmann's Theatre, Lyons "East Central Goes to the Movies"

**April 18, 2012 Southeastern Area Joint Chapters' Celebration of Founder's Day**

Visitation: **Joan Slagle, Beta Omega, Pi State Immediate Past President**, and **Suzanne Patrick, Rho, Pi State Treasurer**

**April 21, 2012 South Central Area Conference** Chairs: **Lisa Sackett, Rho** and **Mary Ann Pinney, Rho**

The Cellar Restaurant, Oswego "Literacy and Technology: Picture a World without Pencils and Paper"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Karen Bromley

## Historical Records and Scrapbook

*Calling all techies!!*

*Is there someone in your Chapter who loves to take pictures and is pretty handy on the computer?*

If you have a Scrapbook/Historian in your Chapter, they may be interested in checking out the Pi State website for "*Using Digital Technology for Scrapbooking Events in Your Chapter.*" These are the notes from the 2011 Spring Convention workshop presented by Linda Evans, Chairman of Historical Records and Scrapbook Committee. The steps are easy to follow. The Committee will present the first **Pi State Digital Scrapbook** at the *2012 Spring Executive Board Meeting/ Seminar/ LDS* in Syracuse.

If your Chapter still has a "boat load" of old scrapbooks, you can easily photograph each important page and put them all on one CD for future use. The old books can be dismantled and the pictures returned to members or families of members. Of course, you are welcome to keep the scrapbooks and to continue to scrapbook as in the past.

Also be watching for a *Facebook* page for Pi State with connections for the International Convention in NYC next July. More information will be listed on the Pi State web site. We hope that many Chapters will try this new approach to recording your history and having it included in the **Pi State Digital Scrapbook** in May. Presidents are urged to pass this information to the appropriate Committee members in your chapter. Questions--please contact **Linda Evans** phone 315.363.7097 or e-mail [lindaevans2343@gmail.com](mailto:lindaevans2343@gmail.com).

## Pride of Pi

### **Congratulations to:**

\* **Jennifer Spina, Omega**, who was awarded the **Golden Apple Award** from WROC, Channel 8, Rochester and featured in the *Daily Messenger* newspaper about her award: "Spina, a key woman educator and member of the Omega Chapter of DKG International, states that 'she loves children and hopes she makes a difference in their lives every day. I try to make a personal connection with every child.'" The award is given to teachers who exhibit excellence in the classroom and make positive contributions to the school and the community.

\* **Peggy Donnelly, Alpha Iota**, who was elected President of the Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club 2010-2011. **Ellen Nowy, Alpha Iota**, is the Immediate Past President.

## Personnel Committee Announces Job Openings

Full descriptions of each position and application forms are available at our website, [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY).



### **PI STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 2012-2016**

Do you have excellent organizational skills?  
Are you willing to do a lot of work for a small honorarium?  
Do you love our society?

If yes is your answer for these three questions and you like to travel, then consider applying to be **Pi State Executive Secretary**. This is a four year position, receiving a modest honorarium. Candidates must be participating members who are active and in good standing. The *Pi State Executive Secretary* must demonstrate leadership skills, administrative abilities and knowledge of information technology. Computer skills are required.



### **PI STATE FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ADMINISTRATOR 2012-2016**

Have you ever wanted to have a store?  
Do you like to travel?  
Would you like to support Pi State in a meaningful way?

If you can answer *yes* to these three questions, then you would be an excellent candidate for the position of **Pi State Financial Development Fund Administrator**. This is a four year term, receiving a modest honorarium. The *Pi State Financial Development Fund Administrator* must evidence strong record-keeping and organizational skills. The position, as advertised in *Summer Pi Lights* "is the perfect position for someone who has wanted to open a store".

**Collene Richardson**



## **WORLD FELLOWSHIP**

### **DKG Supporting Women From Around the World**

For information, contact:

**Chair -**

**Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha**  
[meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com)

**Members -**

**Joan Goldstein, Gamma Alpha**  
[joantess@rcn.com](mailto:joantess@rcn.com)

**Wanda Ward, Alpha Xi**  
[wanward@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wanward@rochester.rr.com)

**Rita Moore, Alpha Kappa**  
[rmoore14@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rmoore14@nycap.rr.com)

**\*\*\*2012 Convention Update\*\*\***

The planning for the **2012 International Convention** is well underway. Dr. Jensi Souders and your Pi State sisters on the Steering Committee invite you to join your Pi State sisters at the International Convention this summer. I encourage each of you to become a part of this convention and share in the camaraderie and flavor of an International Convention.

***Come, connect and meet our International sisters in DKG!***

**There is something for everyone:**

- Enhance yourself professionally by attending the Pre-Conference Seminar with Dr. Bonnie Davis
- Attend workshops that enhance us professionally and personally
- Listen to four dynamic keynote speakers at each of the General Sessions
- Participate in the meal functions and join your sisters in DKG in genuine spiritual fellowship
- Join in the fun on Tuesday evening at New York Night while listening to the UN Singers and Sole Steps and so much more
- Take a tour to enrich yourself emotionally
- Play a part in showcasing our Empire State and all that it offers in **The Big Apple!**

**Come! Volunteer! Be a part of the larger picture and learn about our International organization up close and personal!** You won't be sorry and you will walk away with a feeling of accomplishment that you participated and assisted in hostessing an outstanding convention!

*Karen P. Crumley*  
2012 International Steering Chair

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

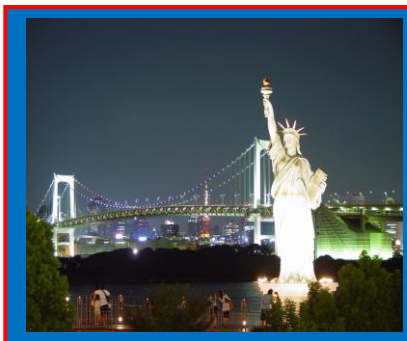
**Registration, Hotel Information, Events, Speakers, Workshops, Schedules and more  
2012 International Convention in New York City  
July 24 – 28, 2012**

**Call for 2012 Convention Chorus**

*Heavy metal music at the 2012 international Convention in New York, NY !!!!!* Not quite, but close! It will be more like *"light metal music"* as the sounds of kitchen utensils as the **Delta Kappa Gamma International Chorus** accompany themselves in concert. Sounds of African drums will accompany the International Chorus as the chorus pays homage to the *"Schools for Africa"* Project in song and performs throughout the convention.

***You are invited to be a part of this exciting experience!***

**Contact Pat Taylor, International Music Representative, at [pianopt1@yahoo.com](mailto:pianopt1@yahoo.com)** and let her know that you would like to sing in the 2012 International Chorus. Be sure to include your voice preference (*soprano, 2<sup>nd</sup> soprano, or alto*) and bring a hard cover black folder or binder and a pair of kitchen utensils (*two forks, two spoons, etc.*) or kitchen items (*a metal pot and spoon, two pot lids, etc.*) with you to the Convention. **Please respond by April 15th, 2012.**



**Convention Videos Submissions Due March 15, 2012**  
**Refer to p. 12 of this issue for more information.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**New York Night  
at 2012 International Convention  
Tuesday, July 24, 2011**

**Plan to join us for a wonderful evening of New York talent and fun New York eats!**

*Refer to Pi State website for updates.*

*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

**PROCESS for VOLUNTEERING:**

Go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Click on Society websites. Click on the Pi State icon. This brings up the *Pi State page*. In the upper left hand corner of the page is all the information for the 2012 convention.

**Volunteers are needed July 22-28<sup>th</sup>.**

Please indicate your committee preferences.

*Every effort will be given to make that happen.*

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION.

*Carol Lord and Jane Crosby*

**IMPORTANT:****ATTENTION Pi State SISTERS ATTENDING CONVENTION**

All Pi State members, attending the **2012 International Convention**, must wear the state scarf that they have either received at the *2009 President's Banquet* or have purchased from the *2012 Steering Committee*. This will be the hostess identification so that all convention attendees will recognize the hostess state. It is also recommended that we wear combinations of white, black and red to go with the scarf.

If you do not have the scarf, you will be loaned one while you volunteer at Convention and then turn it back in to the Chair of State Apparel, **Rita Chiachiere, Alpha Phi**.

You may still purchase a scarf by contacting: **Karen Crumley, 2012 Convention Steering Chair**, by e-mail: [kcrumley@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com).

**Thank you!**

The entire Steering Committee is looking forward to seeing our many Pi State sisters working together to make this a successful 2012 International Convention!

*Karen P. Crumley*

**A SHOUT OUT TO PI STATE MEMBERS from your 2012 International Convention  
Volunteer Coordinators, Carol Lord and Jane Crosby**

With the *2012 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in NYC* just a few short months away, the need for volunteers becomes a real NEED. We thank those of you who have already sent your completed volunteer forms.

Forms may be found on the Pi State website, [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY). Many people have indicated that they would be willing to volunteer, but the **VOLUNTEER FORM** is needed since it contains all the information needed by the Volunteer Committee to assign jobs and be able to get in contact with you.

Individual Chairpersons are also seeking volunteers. **All volunteers for any Committee MUST submit the volunteer form.** We may need you to fill other tasks as well. **We are in need of 300-400 volunteers!!!**

A tentative Convention Schedule can be found on the International website. You can plan which days you will be attending the Convention and will be available to volunteer. *Please make your decision to attend this once in a lifetime Convention! Send your completed volunteer form to Carol Lord as soon as possible.*



**Excellence in Media Award**

*You can make all the difference to a media outlet in your area.* Nominate an outstanding media outlet in your area for the **Excellence in Media Award** to be presented at the *July 2012 International Convention* in New York City.

The purpose of the *Excellence in Media Award* is to recognize radio and television stations, newspapers and their related websites that provide outstanding education coverage in New York State. Nomination forms are available on the Pi State website and linked to our *Facebook* page.

**Let your voice be heard for the media outlet in your area that has spoken with distinction for education!**

*Rita Moore*

**Vendors Wanted**

for

**DKG International Convention in New York City**

**July 25, 26, 27, 2012**

**Marketplace open Wed., Thurs., Fri.**

Check out the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for vendor application.

**This is also a wonderful way for your Chapters to increase non-dues revenue.**

Ad space is also available.

**Contact**

Phyllis A. Hickey, 512.478.5748 ext.115,

[phyllis@dkg.org](mailto:phyllis@dkg.org) or

Loretta C. Detweiler, 631.289.1989,

[ldetweiler@optimum.net](mailto:ldetweiler@optimum.net)

**Deadline April 15, 2012**

**Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers**

811 7th Avenue 53rd Street. New York, NY 10019,  
United States Phone: (212) 581-1000

**DKG Group Rate for 2012 International Convention**

**New York City TOURS**  
**2012 International Convention**  
Register at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

- Mon, July 23** 9:00-1:00 NYC Bus Tour  
1:00-5:00 Lincoln Center, Meet the Artist  
1:30-5:00 Central Park Walking Tour
- Tues, July 24** 8:30-1:00 Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island  
9:00-1:00 NYC Bus Tour  
9:30-1:30 Downtown & 9/11 Memorial  
1:00-5:00 Chelsea Art & Gallery Tour  
1:30-5:00 Broadway Behind the Scenes
- Wed, July 25** (*Men & guests only*)  
9:15-2:30 Westpoint Military Academy  
9:30-1:30 Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum
- Fri, July 27** 6:30-10:30pm Bateaux Dinner Cruise  
7:00-10:00pm Blue Note Jazz Club
- Sat, July 28** 12:30-4:00 Downtown & 9/11 Memorial  
12:30-4:00 Central Park Walking Tour  
12:30-4:00 Cloisters Museum Tour
- Sun, July 29** 9:30-1:30 Downtown & 9/11 Memorial  
9:00-1:00 Harlem Gospel Tour  
9:00-1:00 NY Waterway Boat Tour

\*See separate Link for **Theatre Tickets**

\*See separate Link for **Sat, July 28**

**NY Harbor School Visit on Governors Island**

*"Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence."*

*Dr. Helen Popovich, Chair Educational Excellence Committee DKG International*

**Seminar in Purposeful Living**  
**July 19-21, 2012 in Washington, D.C.**

Members who wish a *Capital Experience* should consider attending the **Seminar in Purposeful Living on July 19-21, 2012, in Washington, D.C.** Activities include visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknowns, The Capitol Building, National Cathedral and the Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall. In addition, other tours may be chosen from a select list.

For detailed information, visit the newly designed **Education Foundation** website at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org).

To register for the Seminar, go to the Society website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), then select the *Seminar Registration* button on the left side of the home page.

**You could be an Education Foundation Liaison.** An Education Foundation liaison is a person who shares the work of the Education Foundation with the member's state organization. You could be a "connector" that helps spread news of the good work of the Foundation.

*J-Jay Pechta, NE representative to the International Communications and Publicity Committee*

## **Support for Early-Career Educators Endorsed as an International Project by Administrative Board Members**

At its November 2011 meeting, the DKG International Administrative Board endorsed the recommendation of the International Educational Excellence Committee that **Support for Early-Career Educators (SEE)** be adopted as a DKG international project. As an international project, SEE would become a focus for all Chapters, gaining credibility beyond the International Committee and the individual Chapter.

International projects often become tied to the identity of the total organization. *The International Membership Committee thanks members, Chapters, and State Organizations for supporting beginning educators.* The Board's endorsement is only the first step in approving **Support for Early Career Educators** as a new international project.

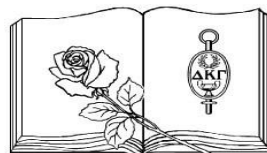
**Come to New York City, July 2012, and  
show your support with a "yes" vote!**

## **New Contemporary Initiation Ceremony Available**

The **International Membership Committee** continues to design membership resources for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. DKG members have given accolades to the new *Contemporary Initiation Ceremony*. The focus is less on the past and more on bringing together qualified and diverse women educators. The Contemporary Initiation focuses more on the needs of educators serving in a broad spectrum of educational fields, emphasizing the pursuit of worthwhile projects that make a difference in communities around the world.

The Committee believes members will respond in the same way to new **Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and Ceremonies** book.

*Even though DKG's membership is international,  
the heart of the Society is at the Chapter level.*



These documents provide Chapters with guidance and support regardless of their location on the globe. They take into consideration our Society's diverse membership and stress the pride of being a key woman educator. The **Guide for Chapter Membership Chairs and the Ceremonies** book will be available at the DKG store at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) in March or early April.

## **Promote and Share Fine Arts Talents**

The Fine Arts play an integral part in excellence in education as well as excellence in personal and professional growth of individuals in all walks of life. The *International Educational Excellence Committee* is encouraging Chapters and State Organizations to promote personal growth through the Fine Arts this biennium by integrating Fine Arts programs and activities into Chapter and State meetings and conventions.

The Fine Arts are a tool of expression, felt and enjoyed in every language and culture. A resource of Fine Arts ideas can be found on the International website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) in the library. This site is continuously updated with more and more ideas featured every month.

Available on the **DKG Network** is the **DKG Artists Group**. This group is comprised of DKG artists of all types (*music/dance/theatre/comedy/visual arts*). This is a place to network with Fine Arts sisters from all over the world! It is also a resource for DKG members in search of quality artists for a variety of DKG needs.

*Have you joined?*

The **DKG Fine Arts Gallery**, located in the library of the DKG Network, contains photographs of paintings, crafts, needlework, songs and drama created by some of our DKG members. There is even a picture of a doll crafted by a DKG sister! This past summer, the SE Regional Conference included a dramatic musical performance of *Anna*, from *The King and I*, by a DKG sister who showed a picture of her performance in the DKG Gallery!

*Do you possess a fine arts talent?*

Have you shared your ideas and your work in the DKG Network? *It is easy to access!* Click on "DKG Network" at the right hand corner of the International website; type in your e-mail address and password, which is delta 01; then click on "DKG Artists" or "Library." *It is that easy!*

*Let's network through the arts! You will find wonderful new fine arts friends and ideas!!!*

## Have you visited the **DKG website library** lately?

The **electronic library on the DKG website** is the place to find information about a broad spectrum of Society activities. **Blogs** by the International President, Executive Director, Information Services Administrator, Membership Administrator and the Operation Services Administrator require a click on a link. Learn what these women are doing each month. Another feature includes **Program Ideas** for fine arts, **Society Purposes, Projects** and a **Founder Quiz** that could be used as a Chapter meeting program. The library also includes **Documents** usual to members. You may also find **Power Point Templates**, the **Strategic Action plan** and tips for **Creating a Chapter Action Plan**. Resources from **International Committees** can be found quickly. Researchers have access to past issues of the *Bulletin* and the *DKG NEWS*. Many more shelves await visitors to explore. Drop by the library to find what you seek!

*J-Jay Pechta*, NE representative to the International Communications and Publicity Committee



*Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi, CTAUN Chair*

## 13th Annual CTAUN Conference February 3, 2012 – United Nations, NYC

North Lawn Building ECOSOC (*Economic and Social Council Chamber*)

### “Education IS a Human Right”

**Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi**, Chair of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), welcomed a very diverse audience of 450: including UN staff, NGO representatives, 48 Fulbright scholars representing 33 countries around the world, teachers and students from Ontario, Quebec and the US, especially from the Tri-State area. Among the largest groups present were 56 members of DKG International (*including 22 from Pi State*) and 15 representatives of the American Association of Women.

#### *Conference Statement*

The United Nations first articulated the right to education in the 1948 **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. Article 28 stipulates that everyone has the right to a free and compulsory elementary education with technical, professional and higher education “equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.” The purpose of education is to promote the “full development of the human personality” and to strengthen “respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.”

Over the last 63 years, many international covenants, conventions, treaties, declarations, conferences, plans of action and reports have built upon this base to assure that governments commit to and meet their obligations to realizing the human right to education. *The Convention on the Rights of the Child* (1989), for example, makes explicit how the right applies to children and their parents. UNESCO’s 1990 *World Declaration on Education for All* re-emphasizes that every person must be educated “to develop their full capacities, to live and work in dignity.” Yet, worldwide today, it is estimated that 69 million children are not in school and approximately one adult in six is unable to read or write. Two out of three illiterate adults are women.

**Our Conference this year investigated the many causes of this disparity between the stated goals and the actualities of the human right to education for so many children and adults around the world. We focused on how access to and quality of education, seen by some as two sides of the same coin, can steadily improve the educational experience for all learners.**

For 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CTAUN Conference Summary and Guest Speakers, other CTAUN Events in the United States, Conference Archives, Best Practices Awards, Teacher Resources and more, refer to website:  
[www.ctaun.org](http://www.ctaun.org).



Conference participants learned that **www** means..... **world without war**.



UN Deputy Secretary General  
**Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro**



CTAUN Vice-Chair **Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta**, introduced Meg Gardinier, Chair of the US Campaign for the Ratification of the Convention on Rights of the Child.

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## TIPS FOR STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING

on **DKG website**

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

*“As the SAP Rise”* is a resource with tips for Strategic Action Planning.

The first edition of the tip sheet was recently posted to the Society website and provides help on how to begin, write and share resources for developing a State/Chapter Strategic Plan.

Also available is a power point that was developed by **Dr. Beverly Helms**. The program explains why **SAP** is important and outlines how to lead a State Organization or Chapter through the planning process.

To view these resources go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and type **SAP** in the search box at the top of the screen. These two resources, the tip sheet and power point, are then accessible.

## CONVENTION VIDEO SUBMISSIONS WANTED

**Dr. Jensi Souders** has requested members of one to five years to submit a video explaining how they value membership in DKG and why they continue membership. These videos will be among those selected for use at 2012 International Convention in NYC and later on the DKG YouTube channel. Videos are due March 15, 2012. Send videos on DVD to PO Box 1589, Austin, Texas, 78767, in care of Dr. Jensi Souders.

### REMINDER: March 1, 2012

**New Deadline for Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grants-in-Aid**

*Refer to the Pi State website for applications.*

Go to the **DKG International website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)**

*You can:* \* Join social network; use resources; refer to Committees; learn Conference details; refer to *Ideas & Projects*; learn about Grants & Scholarships & **find lots more!**

### **Pi Lights** for Summer Issue (mailed) – Due May 1, 2012

Look for more features, Chapter highlights, photographs and information E-mail articles, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to:

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### **Pi Lights** Deadlines for 2012

May 1, 2012 ... September 1, 2012 ... December 1, 2012