



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
www.deltakappagamma.org/NY

Pi Lights



Vol. 71, No. 3

Published by the New York State Organization

Spring 2016

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

Find the Hotel Directions & Information in the Winter 2016 Pi Lights & on the Pi State Website.

*In this Issue on pp. 5-7: Keynote Speaker, Workshop Presenters & Descriptions,
Proposed Standing Rules Changes, Registration Form*

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

VISION STATEMENT:

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

In this Issue:

- ✚ Pi State President's Message p. 2
- ✚ Pi State News pp. 3, 9-10, 12-13, 21
- ✚ NY Dines Out Invitation p. 4; CTAUN p. 11
- ✚ Pi State Educational Foundation p. 8
- ✚ LDS for New Presidents p. 14
- ✚ *Pride of Pi* on pp. 15-19
- ✚ More Benefits of DKG Membership p. 20
- ✚ DKG International Convention pp. 22-23

**Keynote Speaker Announced for the
Fall 2016 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar**

“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership by Embracing Change”

October 14-15, 2016

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa
199 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, NY 14450



*Regent Beverly L.
Ouderkirk*

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

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

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



“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

Preparations have been underway for months to ensure that our ***Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*** will abound with opportunities members. Our theme ***“Celebrating Membership by Embracing Leadership”*** is a timely topic. Chapter President Biennium Reports overwhelmingly prioritized leadership as a key component to strengthening and expanding their Chapters. We have a wonderful selection of workshops that strive to meet the needs of leadership within our Society and topics to appeal to both life-long learners and active teachers. *I will find it difficult to choose which workshops to attend!*

Recently, I attended a forum with our New York State Education Commissioner **MaryEllen Elia**. During the forum discussion, the educational system in Finland was mentioned as a positive role model. My ears immediately perked up! I know very little about this country's educational model. **Kolbrún Pálsdóttir**, our Keynote speaker from Iceland on Friday evening, will be available throughout the meeting to talk with members. I am looking forward to gaining her perspective on our educational system and insight on Iceland's system.

Friday evening will conclude with an opportunity for Area Councils to meet with members and their Pi State Liaisons. On Saturday morning Pi State business will be conducted by our State Executive Board, which is comprised of Pi State Presidents and other leaders. Our members will also be highlighted and celebrated throughout the meeting but especially during the Awards Lunch on Saturday.

The State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars provide a chance for our members to network with educators throughout our State, meet new sisters and renew friendships. I sincerely hope you will consider carpooling with a member from your Chapter, sharing a room and joining us in Syracuse. Registration information is located on our Pi State website, www.deltakappagamma.org/NY. What other professional organization provides such varied opportunities for its members?

Pi State's Executive Committee is also busy organizing our ***Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar***. We will be meeting in a new location, The Woodcliff in Fairport. This beautiful facility will provide a wonderful backdrop as our Pi State Sisters assemble to conduct business, gain insight and knowledge, and enjoy fellowship. **The theme of this meeting is Change.** Our keynote speaker will be **Regent Beverly L. Ouderkirk**, who will be briefing members on the current status of educational issues for public school teachers in New York State. Throughout the meetings change in our Society will also be addressed. Currently, we are finalizing arrangements for a legislative member to address current issues involving women and children in our State during the luncheon. Look for a more detailed description in our next mailed edition of *Pi Lights*.

Are you making arrangements to join Sisters from 17 different countries this July at the ***2016 DKG International Convention*** in Nashville? Hotel arrangements and registrations are being accepted and may be accessed on the International website, www.dkg.org. Read on to find out about the exciting opportunity **Sue Kenoyer**, our Pi State Second Vice President, is arranging for ***New York Dines Out*** theatre and dinner experience (*see p.4 for registration*).

As our Chapters begin spring meetings, Pi State's Executive Committee members have accepted many invitations to join these meetings. As Chapter members, this is an opportunity for you to discuss your concerns. Your insight and input is invaluable as we continue to plan for the needs of our Chapters and members.

Enjoy the varied opportunities your Chapter events and meetings will provide this spring.

Consider strengthening your Chapters by adding your voice as a Chapter Officer, Committee Chair or Committee member as your Chapter organizes for their next biennium.

***I urge you to celebrate the joy of your membership in DKG
by extending the invitation of membership to other key women educators.***

Join the Celebration! **Email Chapter Photos** **for Spring Seminar**

On Friday, April 29th Pi State President Deborah Bedard will begin our *Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* with a photo celebration of all that has happened during the first few months of her biennium.

She is inviting all Chapters to email a couple of pictures to add your Chapter's voice. Choose pictures to highlight special events, Chapter projects or a special Chapter member!

Please email your Chapter photos to President Bedard, dmbedard29@yahoo.com, by Friday, April 22.

Save the Dates:

2016 DKG International Convention, July 5-9, 2016

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Pi State Leadership Development for New & Returning Presidents, August 1-2, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse

Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, October 14-15, 2016

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport

Pi State 2017 Convention/Executive Board/Seminar, April 28-30, 2017

Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY

Pi State Visitations 2015-16

Fall 2015		Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
	October 14	<i>Joint Beta Mu, Gamma Epsilon, Lambda and Psi Chapters</i>	Beryl Szwed
	October 17	<i>North Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	October 20	<i>Alpha Psi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 24	<i>Capital Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 25	<i>Alpha Beta 60th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 27	<i>East Central Area Council</i>	Karen Butters
	November 14	<i>Alpha Iota 56th Anniversary</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	November 18	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	November 19	<i>Beta Delta 50th Anniversary</i>	Karen Butters
Spring 2016			
	April 20	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	April 27	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 3	<i>Delta Kappa</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey Jeanne Schenk
	May 5	<i>Alpha Chi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 5	<i>Delta Founders' Day</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 12	<i>Pi</i>	Melanie McDonald
	May 18	<i>Joint Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 19	<i>Sigma</i>	Karen Butters
	May 20	<i>Beta Omega</i>	Sue Kenoyer
Fall 2016			
	October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard

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

NEW YORK DINES OUT IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2016

This is an *invitation* to all Pi State members and guests who are attending the **DKG International Convention** in July to join your New York sisters and friends for a buffet dinner and a 90 minute musical show at **Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theatre** in Nashville, Tennessee on **July 6 at 5:15pm**. The Theater is a 15-minute walk from the Gaylord Hotel. The Theatre asks that one person pay for as many as possible of the group so as to speed up our entry. If there are at least 40 of us, the cost is \$40 per person and that includes the tax and tip. If there are fewer than 40, the cost is \$46 per person. Based on past attendance, it is expected that there will be at least 40 of us, so we have decided to have a prepayment of **\$40 collected by June 1**. If there are not 40 reservations, we will let you know and collect the extra \$6 by July 6.

You can make a reservation by contacting **Sue Kenoyer** at sue.kenoyer@charter.net or by signing up at the **Pi State Executive Board Meeting** April 29 and 30 in Syracuse at the Registration table. You may also mail the attached form to **Suzanne Patrick** with your payment, 11189 County Highway 23, Unadilla, NY 13849-3327.

All reservations with payment of \$40, payable to Pi State DKG, are required by June 1, 2016.

You can view information on the Dinner Theater at this website:

www.nashvillenightlife.com

All reservations with payment of \$40, payable to Pi State DKG, are due by June 1, 2016 to Suzanne Patrick, 11189 County Highway 23, Unadilla, NY 13849-3327.

Name _____ Number attending **NY Dines Out** _____

\$_____ Amount enclosed (\$40 per ticket to include dinner & musical show)

Email address to confirm receipt of reservation and to inform if \$6.00 is needed by July 6th : _____

Cell phone number to contact in Nashville (*if needed*) _____

_____ I will need a ride from the Gaylord Hotel to the Theater.

Pi State Keynote Speaker: April 29, 2016**Kolbrún Pálsdóttir*****“Formal and Non-Formal Learning Environments for Six to Nine Year Old Children in Iceland”***

In this presentation **Kolbrún Pálsdóttir** will discuss the Icelandic school system and the development of leisure-time centres for the youngest school children. Iceland has a population of 320,000 people. The majority of the population lives in the capital area of Reykjavik. The rest of the nation lives in small municipalities along the coast line of the island. Schools are run by municipalities and guided by the Icelandic Educational Curriculum.

In 2011 six pillars of education were introduced into the National Curriculum: literacy, sustainability, health and welfare, democracy and human rights, equality and creativity. These pillars are expected to be reflected in the working methods, content and the learning environment at every school level. Leisure-time centers trace back to the 1970's when women's participation in the labor market increased. A recent survey showed that 92% of municipalities operate leisure-time centres. Kolbrún will talk about her research on informal learning in the leisure-time centres and how such learning can support the children's overall well-being and progress in school.

Kolbrún Þ. Pálsdóttir is an Assistant Professor in Leisure and Youth studies at the University of Iceland. She earned a BA degree in philosophy in 1997 and a Master's degree in education in 2001, both from the University of Iceland. She took on an active role as a professional in the development and coordination of after-school programs for six to nine year old children in Reykjavik between the years of 2002 to 2008, first as Leader in one program and then as Department Leader in one neighborhood.

Kolbrún defended her Ph.D. thesis in education *“Care, Learning and Leisure: the Organisational Identity of After-School Centres for Six to Nine Year Old Children in Reykjavik”* at the University of Iceland in 2012. Her research interests include leisure-time pedagogy, ethics and professionalism, and the relationship between formal and informal learning. Her current research is on integrated learning and the collaboration of leisure-time staff and teachers.

Pi State Workshops**April 29, 2016**

Presenter	Title of Workshop	Description of Workshop
Deborah Bedard <i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	<i>“Finding The Child in Common Core”</i>	Lead the students within your classroom to develop <i>Common Core</i> skills by using developmentally appropriate activities. The art of teaching can help us ensure all our students meet success.
Melanie McDonald <i>Beta Omega</i>	<i>“Membership Makeover: Recruit! Retain! Reinstate!”</i>	The Pi State Membership Committee will share information about the DKG International 2015 New Member Recruitment Plan and review ideas and resources to help you implement it in your Chapter.
Karen Crumley <i>Tau</i>	<i>“How to Develop Leadership in Chapters”</i>	A panel discussion with past Pi State Presidents on how to develop leadership skills within your Chapter. This will involve a question, answer format with a moderator.
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn <i>Beta</i>	<i>“The Pi State Strategic Action Plan Impact”</i>	Members of the Pi State Action Plan Committee will discuss the plan, its development and implications for the future.
Sue Norris <i>Beta Mu</i>	<i>“Using Caldecott Books to Teach Common Core”</i>	Teaching the award-winning Caldecotts, helping elementary students to enjoy reading and analyze stories and their illustrations. This program will show how to teach the CCS through the art and literature of the Caldecott picture books.
Karen Butters <i>Beta Mu</i>	<i>“You, Too, Can Learn to Play an Instrument!”</i>	Brief overview of the Lap (or Mountain) Dulcimer and instruction to play a few folk songs.
Leah Moses Maxwell School of Syracuse University	<i>“Healthy Mondays and Its Impact for You”</i>	Leah Moses, Program Coordinator Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion, will share SU's <i>Healthy Monday Program</i> with participants and provide resources and suggestions to make our lives healthier in 2016.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Pi State Proposed Standing Rules Changes for April 30, 2016

Karen P. Crumley, Tau, Chair

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

Amend Section 2 Finance by amending **2.12**

To Read:

Travel mileage for official business is to be figured at forty cents (\$.40) per mile plus tolls for use of private automobile. Each recipient is to be responsible for information as to the number of road miles from her home to destination and return.

Rationale: The cost of travel has increased significantly and this encourages women to take on leadership positions.

Amend Section 2 Finance by amending **2.71**

To Read:

Upon request of the Convention Chair, the Pi State Treasurer shall distribute a gift of money not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000) for financing a State Convention to the host area. These monies will be used exclusively to reduce registration costs of members.

Rationale: By decreasing the member cost of attending a Pi State Convention, more members will be able to attend.

Amend Section 6 Meetings by amending **6.22** if **2.71** passes

To Read:

Pi State funds not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be gifted to the Hostess Chapter(s) or Area Council upon request to the Pi State Treasurer. This money is to be used to offset the cost of Convention registration for attending members.

Rationale: By decreasing the member cost of attending a Pi State Convention, more members will be able to attend.

Pi State Guidelines for vouchers will be adjusted for mileage if SR 2.12 passes on April 30, 2016.

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.** As is tradition, the **2016 Benefit Ticket Sales Challenge** has been set by Pi State President Bedard at \$6335.

"How can I help achieve this goal?" 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

We can all participate in "Celebrating the Invitation of Membership" by supporting the Pi State Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

Erin Merrill

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

REGISTRATION FORM
Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting & Seminars
April 29 - 30, 2016
Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center
Syracuse, NY 13210

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name _____
E-mail _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Chapter _____ Position _____

Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception, Saturday Awards Luncheon & meeting materials.

Early Registration Fee (Due by March 10th) \$53.00 _____

Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 10th) \$58.00 _____

Friday, April 29

Optional Dinner 5:30-6:30pm \$30.00 _____

Please select one of the following:

_____ **Maple Glazed Roast Pork Loin** with apple, onion, and sweet potato compote

_____ **Chicken François** (chicken breast with lemon veloute)

_____ **Sautéed Mixed Greens Salad** with a grilled portabella mushroom cap and grilled fresh veggies

All meals include mixed green salad, Chef's veggies, oven roasted red skinned potatoes, rolls and coffee or tea.

Dessert Reception (Viennese Table) 7:45-8:15pm

Included in Registration

Elegant cakes, mini-dessert pastries, mousses, chocolate fondue with assorted sliced fresh fruit and assorted petit fours; fresh brewed coffee, decaf and tea

Guest Charge \$16.00 _____

Saturday, April 30

Optional Continental Breakfast 7:30-8:15am \$15.00 _____

Danish Pastries, Muffins, Bagels or Mini Scones, Sliced Fruit Tray, Assorted Chilled Juices, Coffee, Decaf, and Tea

Awards Luncheon 12:00-2:00pm **Included in Registration**

Guest Charge \$25.00 _____

Please select one of the following (Assortment of Cookies at each table):

_____ **Traditional Caesar Salad topped with Portobello Mushroom** (served with Diced Tomato, Lemon Slices, Asiago Cheese and Croutons - Vegetarian)

_____ **Traditional Caesar Salad topped with Grilled Chicken** (served with Diced Tomato, Lemon Slices, Asiago Cheese and Croutons)

_____ **Balsamic Tenderloin Salad with Medallions of Beef Tenderloin** (served with Spring Mix, Romaine Greens, Red Onion and Crumbly Bleu Cheese)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS **\$ _____**

List any dietary needs _____.

Please make check/money order payable to **Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State**.

Mail to: Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, Registrar, 4333 Rt. 96A, Geneva, NY 14456

e-mail: cjohns22@rochester.rr.com phone: (315) 585-6379

Refunds and Cancellation Policies:

Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 10, 2016. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 10, 2016 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 10, 2016. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.

Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with Sheraton Syracuse Hotel 315.475.3000 or 1.800.395.2105. Mention DKG to receive room block rate. See back for HOTEL DIRECTIONS.

_____ **Check here if you would like a roommate if you have not registered with someone**

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 and membership fees.

The Foundation recently awarded a grant to **Rosemary Callard-Szulgit** and **Donna Noble** of *Alpha Alpha* Chapter. Their grant was entitled "*Supporting and Extending Literacy--24/7!*" The grant requested monies to pay for subscriptions for the computer program "*Raz-Kids*" for six elementary classrooms to strengthen literacy skills. The program can be accessed by students both in the classroom and at home. *Congratulations!*

I just finished calculating the number of members represented in the Foundation by each of our Chapters in Pi State for our **Foundation Challenge**. It is thrilling to see that we have Chapters with over 20%, 30%, 40% and one Chapter with even 57% as Foundation members! But then we have some Chapters without any members in the Foundation ---We'd LOVE to have you join us! I think that our Foundation is one of the best things that we do for ourselves and our children. By pooling our resources, we have done --- and continue to do --- great programs for literacy. Membership and donation forms can be found on the Pi State website on our section.

If you need to know more about the Foundation or just want to encourage your Chapter members to join or apply for a grant, one of our Directors is willing to come to a Chapter meeting and talk with your members about "*who we are*" and to share ideas about the kinds of things your members could do to apply for a grant. I have developed a brochure that describes some of the grants that we have funded to give members grant-proposal ideas.

Ginny Dudko

**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 on Saturday, April 30, 2016, 11:15-11:45am.

The Agenda will be announced.

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

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
DIRECTORS NEEDED**

At the **Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting** at the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Syracuse on Saturday, April 30, 11:15-11:45am, we will be voting for **three (3) Directors** whose terms will run for four years. Directors must be members of Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma and members of *Pi State Educational Foundation*.

If you are interested in serving as a Director of the Educational Foundation, send a brief letter of interest to **Ginny Dudko** at ydudko@frontiernet.net or 41 Wilson Rd., Sparrowbush, NY 12780.

Please be prepared to speak at the Foundation Annual Meeting for 2-3 minutes about your interest in serving before voting takes place.

Ginny Dudko

President's Challenge

New Memberships have almost reached the 25-member mark!

The Foundation President's Challenge is well on its way to being met!

The Foundation President will donate \$5 for each new member--but \$10, if we add 25 new members. We are almost there already!

Can we together promote literacy through the Foundation?

Keep going Pi State!

*Foundation Project
Grant Applications
due May 1st and
November 1st*

DKG PI STATE MEMBERSHIP & EXPANSION COMMITTEE **Pi State Honorary Membership**

Collaboratively Written by **Dr. Andréa H. Morris**, *Alpha Beta* and
Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, *Alpha Alpha*

A Special Acknowledgement from Co-Author, Dr. Andréa H. Morris to:

Nita R. Scott, DKG International Membership Services Administrator

Melanie McDonald, Pi State Membership/Expansion Committee Chair

Joan Slagle, Pi State FDF Administrator

Suzanne Patrick, Pi State Treasurer;

Beryl Szwed, Pi State Executive Secretary,

Rosemary Van Wart, Past Pi State Membership Chair

Jean Sekel, Co-Chair Membership (2001-2003; 2003-2005) *for historical information and listing of Honorary Members*

WHAT IS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP?

According to DKG International, *Honorary Membership* is stated in the International Bylaws, Article 3.31 – 3.34 as: “In the selection of an honorary member, *service* shall be of local significance in the case of a Chapter honorary member; of statewide significance in the case of a state organization honorary member; and of national or international significance in the case of an international honorary member. Any member, chapter or state organization of the Society may submit a name for honorary membership. An honorary member may participate in the activities of the Society except holding an office. An honorary member may serve as parliamentarian since the position of parliamentarian is not an office.”

Pi State Bylaws 2015 pertains to **State Honorary Membership**, Article III, Section C states:

“State Honorary Members

1. State honorary members shall be recommended by the State Membership Committee and elected by the State Executive Board. A four-fifths (4/5) vote of approval is required.
2. Initiation of state honorary members may be conducted at any meeting such as convention, area conference, or chapter meeting. The State President or her designee and the chair of the State Membership Committee shall organize the orientation session and the initiation.
3. The fee for State Organization and Chapter Honorary members is \$49.50.”

Honorary Membership is a category of membership reserved for women who, although they do not qualify for regular membership, are providing national, or statewide, distinguished service to the education of women.

HISTORY OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN PI STATE

Research regarding when and who decided to adopt/include Honorary Membership into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, resulted in **Nita R. Scott**, Membership Services Administrator, verifying her original thought. Honorary Membership has been around since the beginning. The first International Honorary Members were elected at the Convention in 1930: **Ella Caruthers Porter** and **Lexie Dean Robertson** (*both of Texas*).

Although the minutes of the early Convention meetings do not reveal who proposed the particular rule, I can tell you that the Constitution of 1935 includes Honorary Membership as an option. The most recently initiated international Honorary Member was **Cora Weiss** (New York) in 2014.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR BECOMING AN HONORARY MEMBER

The process begins with active members, who after following the guidelines, identifies and recommends potential candidates. Information and steps to follow for the nomination of a Pi State Honorary Member appear on the DKG International Website: www.dkg.org; DKG Websites/Society State & Chapter Websites/NE/Northeast Region/New York State Organization/Society Business Committee/Membership & Expansion.

However, we believe Honorary Membership is and should be, reciprocally rewarding for both the member holding

Continued on page eight

DKG PI STATE MEMBERSHIP & EXPANSION COMMITTEE **Pi State Honorary Membership**

Concluded from page seven

Honorary status and the organization they have joined.

So, what should DKG search for?

It is imperative that the selection process be so carefully crafted that it does not attract just anyone. Rather, in seeking to bestow Honorary Membership upon qualified women, DKG should consider the best of women leaders, women whom we believe will assist us in maximizing our efforts at promoting DKG as the premier Honor Society for women educators.

DKG, when searching for Honorary Members, must be particularly interested in selecting women who are accomplished and distinguished in their professional fields. Distinguished leaders of state, national and international acclaim, who are in prestigious, influential positions, or who have impressive, impeccable backgrounds and careers, help DKG in many ways. They could strengthen our World Fellowships Program and global initiatives, contribute to the growth and development of early educators, and assist with mentoring and coaching of future leaders. In some cases Honorary Members might even provide human resource assistance to DKG and/or may serve in advisory capacities. There are limitless opportunities and benefits for all involved.

WHAT ROAD LIES AHEAD AFTER BECOMING AN HONORARY MEMBER?

So, what are the opportunities or benefits for both the individual and the Society?

Members with Honorary status would gain important visibility for themselves and the organizations they represent, formalizing a connection with members of organizations that embrace similar missions and goals. Having discussions regarding the individual benefits of an Honorary Member are as important as DKG utilizing the talents of this special member.

In partnership with DKG, Honorary Members can provide the following:

- * Opportunities for student teachers and beginning teachers to earn credit for service provided by organizations for which Honorary Members are connected,
- * Co-sponsorship for conferences and seminars,
- * Human resource expertise,
- * Broadened global exposure and/or
- * Spearheading special projects such as those designed to assist Pi State and Chapters.

Honorary Membership in the DKG Society strengthens the Society and it provides additional opportunities, and benefits from the expertise of these valuable and professional individuals.

Dr. Andréa H. Morris and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott



Past Pi State Presidents Karen Crumley & Dr. Andréa Morris (seated) with Pi State Scholarship Committee Chair Rosemary Van Wart at CTAUN 2016

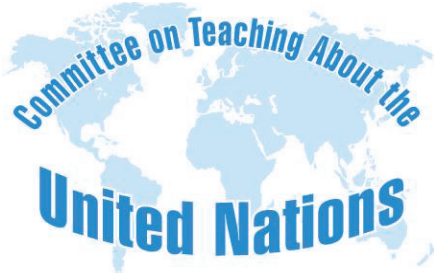
Photo by Barbara Bostwick-Quinn



Memory of Alpha Alpha's "Member-Mixer"

All who attended this fall 2013 energetic "Member Mixer" got to know more about one another by sharing personal stories. The whole group was divided in half, counting off by twos. The "ones" formed a circle and turned to face OUTWARD; the "twos" formed ANOTHER circle on the outside, facing INWARD. Each member answered a question in one minute, taking turns in circle rotations.

Donna Noble



2016 CTAUN Conference at the UN

"Stewardship for a Sustainable World: Education in the SDGs"

Friday, January 22, 2016

Photos Courtesy of Barbara Bostwick-

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

Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi, Chair of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), welcomed and chaired the Conference. The Conference focused on the *UN Sustainable Development Goals* for our World:

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equity
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Opportunities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partners for the Goals



CTAUN Committee Member Mary Metzger, Gamma Alpha;
CTAUN Chair Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi;
"Best Practices 2015 Awardee Vicky Stockton, Alpha Chi;
CTAUN Committee Member Joan Goldstein, Gamma Alpha President;
and CTAUN Committee Member Basanti Chakraborty

CTAUN "Best Practices" Award

Vicky Stockton, Alpha Chi, was honored by CTAUN with the 2015 "Best Practices" Award at the 2016 CTAUN Conference at the United Nations for her project, *"Know Myself~Know Each Other~Know the World."* Vicky is the Music, Latin, ASL and US Citizenship Instructor at the NYS School for the Deaf in Rome, NY.

Inspired by the CTAUN 2014 Conference, *"Promoting Peace through Education,"* Vicky designed a school curriculum for students K-12 to promote understanding different cultures through communications. Students would overcome speech limitations and develop communication skills through learning American Sign Language, discovering personal needs and talents, and building curiosity of the needs of others in different parts of the world. They would acquire skills to select deaf and hard-of-hearing buddies in a country of their choosing. Students in this program come from New York, China, Myanmar, Thailand, Jordan, India and Bosnia.



Vicky Stockton discussing her award-winning "Best Practices" 2015 Project



Vicky Stockton receives her award from
Pi State UN-NGO Representative
Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta



Vicky Stockton with her display,
"Know Myself~Know Each Other~
Know the World"

The Honor of Membership & Why Belong

Our Seven Purposes

1. To _____ women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.
2. To _____ women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
3. To _____ the professional interest and position of women in education.
4. To _____, _____, and _____ desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.
5. To _____ scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.
6. To _____ the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
7. To _____ the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Place the following nine (9) words in the correct spaces of the above purposes:

endow

inform

support

honor

unite

initiate

advance

endorse

stimulate

As your Chapter contemplates a new year of *Membership and Expansion*, how about sharing with your members this review of our ***Seven Purposes***?

Thank you to Past Pi State President **Beverly E. Anker** (2003-2005), *Alpha Delta*,
for this timeless reminder of ***“Why I Belong.”***

Diane Bootie



South Central Joint Meeting

Four Chapters in the South Central Area (*Alpha Rho, Beta Chi, Beta Phi and Gamma Zeta*) met in May 2015. The agenda included short Chapter Business Meetings, a Pi State visitation and update from Pi State Executive Secretary Beryl Szwed, and a fascinating presentation by **Joyce Thompson Hovey**, *Gamma Gamma*, on a woman Civil War surgeon from New York State.

Photos & Text by Doris Knowles

Leadership Development Seminar Planned for Incoming & Returning Presidents 2016-18

August 1-2, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn

East Syracuse

The **Pi State Leadership Development Committee**, led by Chair & Pi State Past President **Jeanne Schenk**, is currently planning the *Leadership Development Seminar (LDS) for Incoming & Returning Presidents* on August 1 and 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Syracuse. The Committee has held Go-to-Meetings and has set a Tentative Agenda. The LDS will focus on Chapter *Nuts & Bolts*, including setting an agenda, budget, minutes, Parliamentary procedure, reports, forms, responsibilities, communication, websites, references, Area Councils, and the Pi State Educational Foundation. LDS will also feature sessions on Membership with **Nita Scott**, DKG International Member Services Administrator, and on Leadership with a *People Styles* Consultant.

The Committee wishes to thank the many Presidents, who received training in 2014 at the start of their Biennium, for their suggestions and thoughts to help the Leadership Development Committee plan the Seminar. *Your input is appreciated and will make the training for our new Chapter Presidents more beneficial!*

The Registration Form for the LDS for Incoming & Returning Presidents can be found on page 14 of this issue will be available at the Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Syracuse on April 29-30.

Jeanne Schenk

What is DKG?

I started looking through articles recently to help me formulate that ever-important “*elevator speech*,” but modernize it to reflect those changes that have begun at both the State and International levels.

So ... **DKG is a professional honor society**. A professional society is an “*organization that seeks to further a particular profession; the interests of those individuals engaged in that profession.*” An honor society recognizes excellence among peers. As a member of DKG, we have been honored with our “*Invitation of Membership.*” We have been recognized as a **Key Woman Educator**. Woman is self-explanatory as is educator.

So what is KEY to being key?

A member who “*holds the key*” is a teacher who can embrace our **Seven Purposes** and who can embrace “**Excellence in Education.**” Key to our standing as a member of DKG is being able to move forward in Pi State and being the change needed to move the organization ahead.

We can make friends for life just by attending a Chapter meeting, a State meeting or a Regional or International gathering. The opportunities are there. We cannot exist as just a social group, “*ladies who lunch.*”

Recognizing excellence is one thing. Recognizing the potential for excellence is where we begin shifting our perception of colleagues, especially the younger, newer teachers in our midst.

Retired and out of the loop? Cultivate ONE relationship at your old school or the new one down the street. Get to know those now in the classroom or local library. Volunteer for the Book Sale or ask to put DKG information in mail boxes are examples of attainable involvement.

Spread the word!

We know who we are and what we are not.

*If we know our mission and purpose, let's share it! That is the **KEY!***

Karen Butters

Find important DKG information, forms, reports, registrations, Committees and more:

DKG International website: www.dkg.org

Pi State website: www.deltakappagamma.or/NY

CTAUN website: www.teachun.org

U. S. FORUM website: www.usforumdkg.org/

REGISTRATION FORM
Pi State Leadership Development Seminar for Incoming & Returning Presidents
August 1-2, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn Syracuse
6004 Fair Lakes Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057

Please **PRINT** the following information (one form per participant):

Name _____
Email _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Chapter _____

Please include registration fee of \$35, payable to Pi State DKG, with form by July 11, 2016.

In accordance with Guidelines, Pi State will pay for **50% lodging and all meals of one Chapter President**. Each participant should mail a separate form and registration fee with lodging and meal costs if applicable.

Photo Release: By your attendance at this event you are granting your permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio-taped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Lodging for August 1:

Reserve a private room for me (*I will pay the difference not covered by Pi State.*) \$58.86 _____
Reserve a shared double room for me _____
I would like to room with _____
Please assign room mate _____
No, I will not need a room for night _____

Buffet Dinner on Monday evening, August 1

Check if you wish to join us _____
\$32.50 _____

Buffet Breakfast on Tuesday morning, August 2

Check if you wish to join us _____
\$13.00 _____

Lunch on Tuesday, August 2: Please select one of the following:

Check if you wish to join us _____
\$14.50 _____

_____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad
_____ Cobb Salad
_____ Turkey Club Sandwich

List any dietary restrictions: _____

Mail to Karen Butters, Registrar with registration fee, payable to Pi State DKG

P.O. Box 136, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

Email: kbutters26@gmail.com Phone: 518-352-7726

HOTEL DIRECTIONS



From I-90 -

Take exit 35. Follow traffic circle to 298 East. At the second traffic light turn right onto New Venture Gear Drive. The hotel is 0.25 miles ahead on the left.

From I-690 -

Take Thompson Road exit. Go North approximately 3 miles. Bear right onto 298 East going through the traffic circle. At the second traffic light turn right onto New Venture Gear Drive. The hotel is 0.25 miles ahead on the left.

Check in: 3:00 PM

Check out: 12:00 PM

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/new-york/hilton-garden-inn-syracuse-SYRSHGI/about/index.html>

Alpha Theta's "Project Linus"

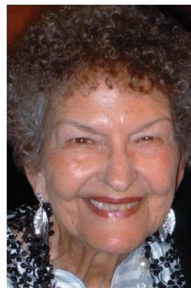


Left to right: Treasurer Nelda Callard; Pi State Travel & Stipend Committee Chair & Chapter President Pat Turner; Heather Petroziella; Lori Donovan; Jennifer Lesniowski; Louanne Hogan; First Vice President Sue Richards; Peggy Hanavan; Jan Cilip; Lavonne Walker. Missing from photo: Pam Hays and Phyllis DiMiero

During this work session Alpha Theta Chapter members created sixteen blankets for children in need to donate to "Project Linus."

Photo & text by Phyllis DiMiero

Wanda Ward quoted in DKG NEWS



In case you missed it, Alpha Alpha's **Wanda Ward** was quoted in the latest issue of **DKG News**, stating how a person can demonstrate the values of DKG.

Judy Wadsworth

You're so DKG if...

If you demonstrate that leadership is helping others because you want to do so, not because you hope to receive an award.

— Wanda Ward, Alpha Alpha Chapter, New York

How would you complete this sentence:

"You're so DKG if..."

Send your answers to jsouders3@comcast.net and you may see yourself in print in our next edition!

Quotes from Pi State Committee Chairs:

Goals for 2015-17

"I HOPE that the work of our Committee will provide a speaker or workshop facilitator that will inspire and challenge new Chapter Presidents."

~ Diane Battaglia

Chair, Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund

"On conducting semi-annual audits of Pi State accounts, dues payments, funds, financial records and reports:

exAmine

scrUtinize

Determine

verIfy

Tally

~ Ruth Ann Fultz
Chair, Audit

"That all members of Pi State should all have the freedom to contribute her special talents to DKG."

~ Agnes Becker
Chair, Pi State Achievement Award

"I will strive to encourage Pi State Members to feel the freedom and inspiration to apply for the scholarships that will further their educational goals."

~ Rosemary Van Wart
Chair, Scholarship

What Does Your Delta Kappa Gamma Map Look Like?

“Thought for the Day”



*FDF Administrator &
Past Pi State President
Joan Slagle*

A few years ago, Past Pi State President **Maggie McCurry** took a big roadmap of NYS, laminated and framed it. When I became the person to organize/get things from Headquarters, I found it and have used it ever since. As State President in 2009-11, I looked to see where Chapters were and visited many of them. *In other words, I was all over the map!! Actually though, I want to ask you to think about where you fit into the Pi State Organization of our Society and where you might want to go.*

Do you remember when and where you were initiated into the Society?

Do you remember who sponsored you and why?

Did you stay in touch with your Sponsor, showing her appreciation for recognizing you as a *key woman educator*?

Does your DKG map include recognizing others who should be invited into our Society as *key women educators*?

Does your map include mentoring other members to take on leadership roles?

We gain Officers and Committee Chairs mostly this way. *It does not happen by magic!* Hopefully you have taken the opportunity to attend Joint Chapter Meetings, Area Council Conferences in yours and other Areas. *Don't even admit that you aren't really sure what Area Councils are all about!!* We are all super busy with many profession and personal obligations and choices today. Sometimes we need to get to another venue, another level of participation to kick-start our own talents and interests. The meal and program we are sharing right now hopefully will encourage us to reflect on the scholarship and awards benefits that our Society offers.

Does your DKG map lead you to apply for one of these to further your own project or education?

Does your DKG map lead you to specifically encourage another member to do so?

Uh oh, you can't go in that direction because you don't know what is available? We don't have AAA clubs to help but we do have BYLAWS & Standing Rules that spell out the parameters; Directory information that describes our Organization and its members; Officers and Chairs that would love to share more detail with you; and even the Program in your hand for a start!!

At times during our years of membership, we have all do what we can do to attend an occasional Chapter meeting, pay our dues, and put one foot in front of the other. *Yes, we have all been there!*

May I invite you to try some different routes now and then? We all have need for a change from the same 'ole, same 'ole, and our Society invites you to check out the many ways that can promote the personal and professional affirmation that we can enjoy.

My best to each of you as you think about where you will go!

Joan Slagle



Alpha Theta Supports World Fellowship Recipient

Alpha Theta Chapter has supported the International World Fellowship Recipient, **Hanita Djaya** from Indonesia. Hanita is graduating in May from the University of Buffalo with an advanced degree in Educational Difficulties. She is already a Physical Therapist in her homeland. She has attended some Chapter Meetings during her time at the University.

In the photo to left, Hanita is receiving the Chapter's gift from World Fellowship Chair **Cindy Smith**.

Photo & Text by Phyllis DiMiero

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



*Alpha Alpha President
Pam Eberhardt with
Pi State President Deborah Bedard*



*(Standing l to r) Presenters Sherry
Johnson with Dr. Christine Murray
during their presentations; (In the
foreground) Barbara Brooks Quinn,
Beta Eta*

Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Legislative Brunch January 23, 2016

On January 23, 2016, the *Alpha Alpha* and *Beta Eta* Chapters co-sponsored their **Annual Legislative Brunch**, which focused this year on recent legislation and regulations that affect students from preK-12 through college-level teacher candidates. The Legislative Brunch was held at St. John Fisher College, Pittsford.

After presenting current issues, presenters suggested steps Chapter members could take to influence decisions at the New York State Legislature and Board of Regents levels. **Sherry Johnson**, Executive Director of the Monroe County School Boards Association, provided an overview of changes since December 10 at both the federal and state levels that affect preK-12 public education.

Dr. Christine Murray, *Alpha Alpha*, Education Professor *Emerita* at The College at Brockport and a member of *Alpha Alpha*, described how the 2015 State Teacher Certification laws have negatively affected teacher candidates in New York State.

The following contact information about legislation was provided:

New York State Education Department website: www.nysed.gov

Find information on Board of Regents, current regulations, etc.

All Senators with their contact information are listed at

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators-committees>.

All Assembly members with their contact information are listed at

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>.

Find information on United University Professions (UUP) Teacher Education Task Force on their website:

<http://uupinfo.org/committees/teached/taskforce.php>.

Article & Photos Courtesy of Judy Wadsworth

Beta Eta **"Make it & Take It"** Chapter Meeting: Creating Fairy Gardens

The March *Beta Eta* Chapter Meeting was held at the **Helmer Nature Center**. "A part of the West Irondequoit CSD since 1973, the Helmer Nature Center, named for former superintendent Earle W. Helmer, is a 45-acre outdoor classroom. Classes, families and groups of all ages come to the Center's woods and wetlands from throughout the region to learn about, enjoy and celebrate our natural heritage. The MISSION of Helmer Nature Center is to foster environmental awareness and promote global stewardship by offering the community experiences encountering and enjoying the natural world." ~http://www.westirondequoit.org/community/helmer_nature_center

Helmer Nature Center Director and *Beta Eta*'s First Vice President **Karen Mazzola** taught Chapter members how to make lovely fairy gardens. Recording Secretary **Sue Moses**, Corresponding Secretary **Barbara Brooks Quinn** and Chapter member **Martha Swacen** are pictured working on their own fairy gardens.



Fairy Garden



Sue concentrating



Barbara choosing carefully



Martha creating

*Article & Photos
Courtesy of
Mary Anna Russo*



**Presentation of Thank You Gifts at
Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta's Legislative Brunch:**

*Legislative Brunch Committee member
Diane Maurer, Alpha Alpha;
Presenter Sherry Johnson;
Presenter Dr. Christine Murray, Alpha Alpha;
and Legislative Brunch Committee member
Dr. Betsy Balzano, Alpha Alpha*

Photo Courtesy of Judy Wadsworth

Congratulations to ...

Deborah Wilbur, Alpha Tau, was honored with the **2015 Epke-Meagher Award** given by the Central Western New York State Retired Teachers' Association. This award is given annually to a recent retiree who has shown exemplary service and leadership in their school and community. Deb was given a framed certificate and a year's free membership to the New York State Retired Teachers' Association. She also received the **2014 Canandaigua Athena Award** from the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce.

Jeanne Guastaferrero



(l to r) Alpha Nu Co-Presidents Sue Campbell and Pat Wharton, Pi State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden and Past Pi State President and current FDF Administrator Joan Slagle



*Brochure Picture:
Mary Michelfelder with her
Grandson in 2010*

**Beta Mu's
Successful
Crowd-funding
Campaign:**

**"Books for Babies"
Chapter Project**

The *Beta Mu* Chapter, Northern Area, recently completed a two month Crowd-funding Campaign to raise money for their **Books for Babies** project, started in 2003. *Beta Mu* partnered with **Adirondack Gives**, a Crowd-funding website provided by the Adirondack Foundation to connect Adirondack region fundraising campaigns with people who want to help. *Beta Nu's* Crowd-funding Campaign goal was to raise funds to buy enough books to keep **Books for Babies** going for the next two years. We are excited to report that we met that goal and then some.

The **Books for Babies** project provides a free gift bag of books and suggestions for early literacy activities to families of newborn babies in Essex, Franklin and Hamilton counties. Books are distributed by Public Health Nurses in their visits to towns served by the members of *Beta Mu*. The Public Health Nurses, who bring the cute bag of books on their visits to families with newborn infants, tell us the **Books for Babies** project definitely promotes positive parent-child interaction.

With education research emphasizing the importance of reading to children from birth onward, **Books for Babies** is a project dear to the hearts of *Beta Mu* members. It is our way of fostering early childhood literacy and a love of reading. A special thank you goes to all the *Beta Mu* members for their constant support of this project and to the terrific staff at Adirondack Gives!

Mary Michelfelder

**Alpha Nu Chapter Hosts State
Visitation to Celebrate Leadership**



Pi State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden presenting

Alpha Nu Chapter Members gathered at Red's Restaurant in Cossackie, NY in November. Pi State Secretary Jennifer Lee-Alden helped us to discover the many good things about our group and ways to encourage members to participate.

*Photos & Text
by Pat Wharton*

Beta Chi Sister Educates Baby Boomers and Beyond!

Photo & Text Courtesy of Erin Merrill



Susan Gruber

As an educator, **Sue Gruber** has followed an unusual career path, but her career choices and passion for remodeling and design have naturally led her to earn the designation of **Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS)** through the *National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)*. This coursework and designation were made possible thanks to the generosity of her Pi State Sisters through the Pi State Scholarship that Sue was awarded in 2015. This designation has subsequently led her to take NAHB continuing education classes for *Universal Design/Build* and *Train-the-Trainer* status, which will enable her to educate the adults in her community and beyond. This January, in order to further educate herself on the latest products, innovations and services available, Sue attended numerous workshops and classes on *Universal Design, Aging-in-Place* and *55+ Housing* at the 2016 International Builders' Show & the Kitchen & Bath International.

This journey started years ago, when as Pastoral Associate for the All Saints Parish in Corning, Sue visited parishioners in nursing facilities and found that many of the residents were unable to go home only because their homes were unfit. This prompted her to renovate her own home, designing all of the changes and doing the majority of the renovations herself with the counsel of contractors and qualified advisors. Intuitively, she used Universal Design elements throughout. Because of the rising need in our county, Sue was encouraged by the Office of the Aging to earn CAPS designation to help educate others in our area about *Aging-in-Place* and *Universal Design*.

Most recently, Sue has joined the Board of Directors of the *Corning Area Aging-in-Place Organization* as well as the Planning Committee for *Full Circle America*, a new Aging-in-Place model for Steuben County.

Sue retired from the Corning-Painted Post School District in June 2015 after 31 years of service and is now available to offer her consultant services and expertise to others. Through her new business, **Forward-Thinking Home Solutions**, Sue is providing affordable home evaluations and product and funding research as well as creating short and long-range design suggestions for homeowners and offering liaison support between clients and contractors.

Because Sue Gruber, *Beta Chi*, is 100% committed to educating individuals and communities about *Aging-in-Place* and *Universal Design*, her calendar has been filling up with requests from local professional organizations to provide complimentary educational programs for their members. She would love to offer these programs to her sisters of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

To contact Sue Gruber to set up a complimentary educational program, to access resources, or to find out additional information about *Forward-Thinking Home Solutions*, please visit Sue's website:

www.forwardthinkinghomesolutions.com. Please feel free to Like her on *Facebook* and share her website with your family and friends.

Pi Chapter Hosts "Paint 'n Sip" Workshop

Photos & Text Courtesy of Jean Sekel



Pi Chapter hosted a **"Paint 'n Sip" Workshop** on February 5 to raise funds for a Chapter Project. The Chapter supplies over 20 school building with much needed school supplies to distribute as needed to the students. The afternoon session, *"Kid-N-Me"*, had 26 mothers, aunts, daughters and sons painting an owl on a tree. The evening session, *"Girls Night Out"*, had 30 women painting a heart in a tree on a moonlit night.

President **Jean Sekel** welcomed participants in each session and explained Delta Kappa Gamma and the Chapter Project. She thanked them for supporting Pi Chapter. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the Pi Chapter and DKG in our community and the support of our local children through our Chapter Project.

Top row: sisters Holly Battisti Brundage and Julie Battisti Taylor

Middle row: daughters Josephine Brundage and Hannah Taylor

Front row: Pi Chapter member Keara Battisti's daughter, Quinn, holding hers and her Mom's paintings.

Delta Kappa Gamma BENFITS — BELONGING

Have you visited Delta Kappa Gamma's refurbished web site? It has a completely new look and I think it is a lot easier to search. I spent some time there and discovered that starting a month ago there are **DKG Communities** to which you can belong. *Something for almost everyone!*



DKG COMMUNITIES

DKG Book Club	A DKG Community for members interested in reading and reviewing books
DKG Collaborative Communities	An online community dedicated to professional collaboration among DKG members where educators can share ideas, strategies, research and best practices
DKG Communications & Publicity	A community dedicated to sharing ideas for communicating and publicizing DKG
DKG for Social Media	A DKG community where members can explore venues, best practices and ethics in the world of social media
DKG Home Life	A DKG community where members can share ideas for the home: recipes, do-it-yourself projects, home design, gardening, and all matters of the home
DKG in Canada	A community for members in Canada
DKG Membership Forum	A DKG forum where members can share strategies and tips for growing membership in chapters and state organizations
DKG Mentoring	A community dedicated to mentoring among DKG members
DKG Travels	A community for DKG members interested in sharing travel experiences and opportunities
DKG with a Focus on the Arts	A DKG forum for discussion about music, art, photography, and creative writing

Now, please remember that these communities were just begun in January. So you can be one of the first members to use the community. Just think, you can discuss a book with someone from Iceland; share a recipe with someone from Estonia; mentor someone in Panama; share strategies on membership with someone from Japan or share a wonderful travel experience with someone from Sweden; OR discussing travel in Costa Rica with a DKG member who lives there!

HOW?

Go to www.dkg.org. Once on the site go to the upper right corner and click "*sign in.*" For the user name, use your DKG ID number. It is on your membership card or use the first six digits of the seven digits on your publications labels. The first time you sign in, use the default password that your Chapter President has been given. Once you are signed in, go your "*My Account*" and change the password and add any other information you want. *Then you are ready to explore!!!*



BE A PIONEER!

Be the first in Pi State to join a community!

Share your passion with other members
from around the State, country and world.



Jean Sekel

ONTARIO Site of 2017 NERC

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

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!*



For further information
on **Benefits of DKG**

Membership,
refer to the issues
of *Pi Lights*:

page 28 of mailed 2015
summer issue, page 22 of fall
2015 online issue,
page 18 of mailed winter 2016
issue and
page 20 of this issue.

Discovering Your Leadership Style



This personal approach to **leadership** leads the reader on a journey to discover their own leadership style. **Mike Figliuolo** helps you "build a living document that communicates your personal passions, goals and standards that define your leadership style." By exploring four aspects to leadership: leading yourself, leading the thinking, leading your people, and leading a balanced life, the reader develops leadership maxims to guide their leadership decisions.

In **One Piece of Paper**, author Mike Figliuolo defines maxims as "simple, clear statements that serve as reminders for how you want to behave and lead and how you want your team members to behave ... Leadership maxims become simple daily reminders of how you should behave so your actions are consistent with who you want to be as a leader."

Throughout our International Leadership Training for State Organization Presidents at the 2015 *Northeast Regional Conference* in Baltimore, participants developed and shared their own personal maxims. Our training will continue in Nashville this summer at the 2016 International Convention, featuring work with Mike Figliuolo and his leadership maxims. Participants will receive materials prior to the Conference.

"Book Trail"

I have purchased four copies of **One Piece of Paper** for Pi State members to share. I would like to offer the opportunity for you to spend time reflecting on this simple approach to leadership. Each book will come with a simple journal for you to jot down thoughts or your own personal maxims to share with other Pi State Sisters. You will find my own personal leadership maxims in the journals. Upon your request I will mail the book to you in a priority box.

Once you have finished, I will provide you with the name and address of the next person who is waiting to experience the book. Each person requesting to be on the "**Book Trail**" will be asked to arrange and pay for the next shipping.

If you are planning to attend the International Convention this summer, reading Mike's book will help you to gain a deeper level of meaning from the experience. If you do not plan to attend our International Convention, reading this book will help you to strengthen your own leadership style.

Please contact dmbdard29@yahoo.com to be placed on our reading list!

Deborah Bedard

Membership Necrology Reports

When a Chapter member passes away, please remember that your Chapter Membership Chair needs to complete the **Death of a Member Report (Form 6)**. Pi State Membership Committee member, **Terri Palmiero**, will be sending written messages of sympathy and support to family members on behalf of DKG Pi State as soon as Form 6 is received. It is imperative that these forms are sent Pi State Membership Chair, Melanie McDonald, in a timely fashion. The Form 6 is also sent to Membership Services Administrator and Pi State Treasurer.

The Membership Committee also uses Form 6 to prepare for the *Hour of Remembrance Ceremony* at the Pi State Convention. The interactive Form 6 is available on International website, <https://www.dkg.org/content/death-member-report-form-6-0>.

Melanie McDonald

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

Why should you go to a **DKG International Meeting**?

When I was starting my teaching career in the mid 1970's, some of my more experienced colleagues had the opportunity to take unpaid sabbatical leaves for further graduate study or travel/study opportunities or sometimes to trade places with another educator in another country and teach there while their counterpart taught here. In speaking to a few of those colleagues when they returned, all of them said they felt a new vigor for what they were doing and felt that they brought a new attitude and knowledge to their classrooms. Taking the time to step out of their usual routine and look back and reflect on it made them better at what they were doing in the classroom when they returned. Sadly, my school district did away with these leaves because it was thought they were "*frivolous*."

I bring this up because after I went to the *Northeast Regional Conference* in Baltimore this past July, it occurred to me it was like a mini-sabbatical! My Chapter sisters and I had the opportunity to hear interesting and inspiring speakers, tour a great city with rich history, see how the old run down Harbor in Baltimore could be restored to a beautiful, thriving new place, and participate in conversations and workshops to enrich our minds and knowledge about the field of education. On returning home, we had a new perspective on some of the "*hot*" topics in education today and an enthusiasm for life that travel brings. This was the same attitude that my colleagues who took sabbaticals had upon their return.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of our DKG International meetings, I urge you to give it a try. Maybe you can work it into your budget for 2016 when the **International Convention will be held in Nashville July 5-9, 2016.** Registration is online at www.dkg.org.

If you want to start closer to home, Pi State will have a meeting in Syracuse in April 29-30, 2016. There are always interesting workshops and speakers at our Pi State meetings as well, not to mention the fact that professional development credits are available. The camaraderie that exists makes you feel part of the greater group that is Pi State and DKG. Attending could be your launch pad to other DKG events.

Hope to see you at one of these mini-sabbaticals soon! You will be glad you went.

Rosemary Van Wart

DKG 2016 International Convention

July 5 – 9, 2016

***Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center*, Nashville, Tennessee**

"This is a *once-in-a-biennium* opportunity designed to help you find fulfillment in your busy life.

The Convention will offer community and connection, information and inspiration, motivation and momentum. When you and your Chapter are equipped with the right tools, the right plan and the right attitude, there is nothing that you cannot achieve. That's what the 2016 International Convention is all about.

Enjoy Nashville with tours of Music City and experience the wonder of the Opryland Hotel." ~DKG Website

Breakout Sessions

Breakout Sessions have been selected in the following the theme strands: **Communications & Technology, Educational Excellence, Empowering Women and Global Awareness.**

A list of the Breakout Sessions with their descriptions and presenters may be found on the **DKG International website, www.dkg.org.**

Click on "*Events*," "*International Convention*" & "*Breakout Sessions*"

Pi State is proud to announce that Pi State President **Deborah Bedard** and Past Pi State President and current BYLAWS & Rules Chair **Karen Crumley** will present the following Breakout Session, *Empowering Women* Strand:

Building Leadership within Your Chapter

"DKG's mission statement promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education. The development of leadership skills plays an essential role in this mission. Leaders impact education, strengthen Chapters and influence our Society at all levels. Join us to explore ways to build the leaders of tomorrow in your Chapter."

DKG 2016 International Convention

July 5 – 9, 2016

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

Find more information & registration, www.dkg.org ... Click on "Events," "International Convention," and select title/picture for more information. See complete list and descriptions of [Breakout Sessions](#).

Sample Schedule

July 5 th	7:00–8:45pm	Opening Meeting
		<u>Keynote: Kai Kight (Speaker, Musician)</u>
	9:00–10:00pm	Tennessee Night
July 6 th	9:00–11:00am	2nd General Meeting
		<u>Keynote: Mike Figliuolo (Founder, thoughtLEADERS)</u>
		Breakout Sessions I to IV
July 7 th	8:30–10:45pm	3rd General Meeting
	11:00am–1:00pm	Forums
	1:15–3:15pm	"Be the Change" Luncheon
July 8 th	7:30–9:30am	Regional Breakfasts
	12:30–2:15pm	4th General Meeting
		<u>Keynote: Judith Viorst (Author)</u>
		Breakout Sessions V to VIII
July 9 th	8:00–9:00am	Celebration of Life
	9:30–11:30am	5th General Meeting
	5:00–6:00 pm	Reception
	6:00–9:45 pm	"Passages" Banquet, Presentation of State Organization Presidents, & Installation of Officers

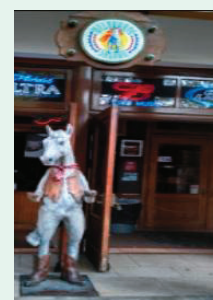
DKG Educational Foundation Hosts Nashville Event at the Wildhorse Saloon

Dust off your western wear and boots as you pack for Nashville this summer! The **DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF)** will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the **2016 DKG International Convention**. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the Convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan/Feb issue of the **DKG News**.

Plan to spend **Thursday evening, July 7th** in the **Wildhorse Saloon** located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the **Wildhorse** as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area – with a ride to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes: transportation (Buses will run every 20 minutes between the **Wildhorse Saloon** and the Opryland Hotel.); access to all levels and activities; entertainment – DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor; dinner buffet; and a tax deductible donation to the Foundation. Purchase tickets for the **DKGEF Call Me Country** event on the Convention Registration Form and join your friends for a "get-down good time" at the **Wildhorse Saloon**.



Entrance

Membership = to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate

2013-15 State Officers

President

Deborah Bedard,
Alpha Epsilon-C
P.O. Box 782
Glens Falls, NY 12801-0782
518.793.8418
E-mail: dmbdard29@yahoo.com

First Vice-President

Karen Butters, *Beta Mu-N*
P.O. Box 136
Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812
518.352.7726
E-mail: kbutters@frontier.com

Second Vice-President

Sue Kenoyer, *Psi-N*
254 Allen Rd.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
518-561-4538
Email: sue.kenoyer@charter.net

Secretary

Jennifer Lee-Alden,
Beta Omega-C
227 Fayville Rd.
Galway, NY 12074
518.883.3046
Email: teachmusic@nycap.rr.com

Immediate Past President

Dr. Joyce Tang, *Alpha Phi-SE*
4140 Union St., Apt. 12P,
Flushing, NY 11355-8009
718.997.2839
E-mail: erindale@verizon.net

Executive Secretary

Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu-N*
157 Kiwassa Rd.
Saranac Lake, NY 12983
518.891.5008
E-mail: szwed@northnet.org

Treasurer

Suzanne Patrick, *Rho-SC*
11189 County Highway 23
Unadilla, NY 13849
607.369.4817
E-mail: spatrick2@stny.rr.com

Editor

Mary-Martha W. Harvey,
Omega- EC
185 Park Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585.394.3409
E-mail: mharvey@frontiernet.net

Parliamentarian

Eleanor Robinson,
Gamma Delta-NW
61 Parkview Drive
Grand Island, NY 14072
716.773.3550
E-mail: cjb67r@gmail.com



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Pi State
Mary-Martha W. Harvey, Pi State Editor
185 Park Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Members send address changes to:

The Delta Kappa Society International
P.O. Box 1589, Austin, Texas 78767

Pi State Membership

(December 30, 2015)

Active	2096
Reserve	216
Chapter Honorary	56
Active Life	4
Initiates	71

U.S. Forum Connection

This free newsletter is sponsored by the **United States Forum** of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an organization of leading women educators with over 80,000 members.

Delta Kappa Gamma members wishing to subscribe to this FREE newsletter should send a request to the editor **Angela O. Bedenbaugh** at Bedenbaugh.Angela@gmail.com. We urge you to share this newsletter with other interested individuals who are not members of Delta Kappa Gamma or members who do not subscribe to this publication.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

FORUM WEB SITE: <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

For some interesting information about women of many races in many fields of endeavor visit the current exhibit of National Museum of Women's History at <https://www.nwhm.org/online-exhibits/>.

Save the Date:

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

"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

Linda Shea, Subscription Manager, hshea@snet.net

Information for Spring Issue of Pi Lights (mailed) Due June 1, 2016

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

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

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

Pi Lights Deadlines for 2016

June 1, 2016 ... September 1, 2016 ... December 1, 2016