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## Join Pi State Sisters at the 2017 Pi State Convention "Sparkle, Shimmer & Shine"

April 28-30, 2017  
Otesaga Resort Hotel  
60 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326  
www.otesaga.com

Find the Hotel Directions & Information in the Winter 2017 Pi Lights & on the Pi State Website.

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## Pi State Awards

Each year at the Pi State Convention or spring Executive Board Meeting, **10 Benefit Drawing items** are offered to Pi State members who have purchased Pi State Awards Benefit tickets. The drawings happen throughout the weekend. The 10 items are reflective of our 10 Pi State Area Councils and have a value of \$100 each. Each Area Council is responsible for providing one offering. Area Council offerings should be reasonably sized with travel/transportation taken into consideration. Since our Pi State Convention is April 28-30, Area Councils have selected their basket donations. Please send your theme to **Erin Merrill**, Beta Chi, Pi State Awards Chair, [emerrill@cppmail.com](mailto:emerrill@cppmail.com).

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## IMPORTANT FOR PI STATE AREA COUNCILS:

### Area Council Nominations for State Nomination and Finance Committees

Please note that the following Area Councils will be nominating representatives for election to serve four-year terms for the following State Committees at the Executive Board Meeting at the Otesaga Resort Hotel on Saturday, 4.29.17.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Capital Area, South Central and North Central

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

East Central, Southwest and West Central

Please refer to President Bedard's Message on page three for details.





***“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”***

**Deborah Bedard**

*Pi State President 2015 - 2017*

**See you at the April 28-30, 2017 Pi State Convention  
at the Otesaga Resort Hotel!**

Dear New York State Sisters,

Our State has been blessed with dedicated, talented leaders. To continue this tradition our State needs your help. The Nominations Committee did not receive an application for Pi State Secretary for the 2017-2019 biennium. This is a wonderful opportunity for a Pi Sister to become more involved with our membership within the State and help strengthen our Society. When I first accepted the nomination as State Secretary, I will confess my knowledge of Pi State was greatly lacking. The support I received from my fellow Executive Committee members was key to a successful biennium. My Biennium as State Secretary assisted in building a foundation of Society knowledge that has served both my Chapter and Area-Council. It was through my involvement in the leadership of Pi State that I have come to understand and appreciate that I am indeed a member of an International Society. Please consider embracing this exciting leadership opportunity. Below you will find the job description for State Secretary.

**Pi State Secretary**

*Liaison for Committees Subject to Endowment Provisions*

The Secretary shall serve as one of the elected officers of Pi State. She will work with the State President and the other members of the State Executive Committee in the performance of her duties.

**I. Qualifications**

- A. The Secretary shall have been a Pi State member in good standing for a minimum of five years.
- B. She shall have a broad knowledge of the organization and the operation of the Society.
- C. She shall have exhibited qualities of leadership and administrative ability at the Chapter level.

**II. Term of Office**

- A. The term of office shall be for two years.
- B. She may serve in this office for no longer than two terms in succession.
- C. She shall take office on July 1 following the election.

**III. Responsibilities/Duties**

- A. Attend and participate in the State Executive Committee Meetings, State Executive Board Meetings and State Convention
- B. Attend, if possible, the Regional Conference and International Convention
- C. Take minutes at Executive Committee, Executive Board, and Convention and Corporation meetings and distribute to Board within 60 days
- D. Act as Liaison to Committees Subject to Endowment Provisions
- E. Fulfill Leadership Training assignments
- F. Act as an official representative and speaker at Chapter and Area Council Meetings/Conferences
- G. Participate in planning for State Executive Board Meetings and Convention as directed by the President
- H. Fulfill other requests of the President and/or Executive Board

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**President's Message***Concluded from page two***I. Acquaint Incoming Secretary with procedural and substantive responsibilities of the position**

The Nominations Committee was also seeking applications for the following elected positions on these important Pi State Committee. Your election will ensure that your Area Council is represented in the work of Pi State over the next Biennium.

**Finance Committee:**

The Finance Committee consists of an elected member from each Area for a four-year term. The Pi State President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary serve as *Ex-officio* members without vote. The Committee is responsible for the supervision of the financial affairs of Pi State, including recommendations for the expenditure and investment of funds and preparation of a budget for adoption by the Executive Board.

**Capital Area, South Central and North Central****Nominations Committee:**

The Pi State Nominations Committee screens and reviews all candidate nominations/applications, including credentials and letters of support, and recommends a slate of Pi State Officers to the Pi State Executive Board for action at the Pi State Convention. The Committee is also responsible to recommend nominees for Area Council representatives to the Pi State Nominations Committee.

**East Central, Southwest and West Central**

It is time for leadership conversations to begin. Are you ready to increase your involvement in Pi State? Do you know of a fellow Chapter Member who shows untapped leadership potential? Is there a deserving candidate in your Area Council? Your encouragement will foster both personal development and strengthen our Society. **Interested candidates need to be nominated from the floor during our Executive Board Meeting at the Otesaga in Cooperstown.**

*Please contact me if you are ready to add your voice to the leadership of our State.*

***Join the Celebration!*****Email Chapter Photos of Initiates  
for 2017 Convention**

During the Convention, Pi State President Deborah Bedard will share a photo celebration of all our Pi State Chapter Initiates that have been initiated during her biennium 2015-2017.

**President Bedard is inviting all Chapters to email a photograph of your Chapter's Initiates 2015-2017.**

**Please email your Chapter Initiates' Photos to:**

**Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Alpha Alpha,**

**[mlovetts@brockport.edu](mailto:mlovetts@brockport.edu) by Saturday, April 15.**

**Please note DKG Pi State Initiates in memo line.**

**Save the Dates:**

***Pi State Leadership Development for New Pi State Chairs, July 7-8, 2017***

Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse

***2017 Northeast Regional Conference, July 12-14, 2017***

Windsor, Ontario, Canada at Caesars Resort & Conference Centre

***Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar, April 19-22, 2018***

To Be Announced

***2018 DKG International Convention, July 16-20, 2018***

Austin, Texas at the JW Marriot Austin



## A Call for Interested Pi State Committee Members For 2017-2019

If you are interested in serving on one of the Pi State Committees for 2017-2019 biennium, please complete this form and mail or e-mail to:

Deborah Bedard  
Pi State President 2015-2017  
P.O. Box 782  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
[dmbedard29@yahoo.com](mailto:dmbedard29@yahoo.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### New for 2017 Pi State Convention

A **One-Day Registration** is now available for members. The fee is \$20.00. Members may select Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Meal choices are available. They may be indicated on the One-Day Registration Form. There is no due date but for planning, registrations should be mailed as early as possible. *See page six for the One-Day Registration Form.*

### 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 **2017 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.

#### 2017 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing at Pi State 2017 Convention  
April 28-30, 2017

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 2017 Convention on April 28-30 in Cooperstown?**

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

Our rehearsals will take place on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00-7:50pm and Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 3:35-4:45pm.

***Come early and SING!!***

Please contact Music Rep. to Educational Excellence Committee, **Bridget Bishop**, 585.637.2422,

[meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com) if you are able to sing or play or for further information.

Bridget Bishop



# One-Day REGISTRATION FORM

## 2017 Pi State Convention

April 28-30, 2017

Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

# of Conventions you have attended:   0    1-3   4-6  more than 6.

Guest Name(s) for Badges \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration Fee includes Friday Night Dessert Reception and meeting materials.*

Early Registration Fee (Due by March 11<sup>th</sup>) \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late or On-Site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 11<sup>th</sup>) \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**One-Day Registration Fee (Please indicate day of attendance)**  
       **Friday**        **Saturday**        **Sunday** **\$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, April 28

#### Dessert Reception 9:15-10:15pm

**Included in Registration**

*Lemon Berry Tarts; Apple Cider Shots with cinnamon cider donut hole; Chocolate Mousse with fresh raspberries; Miniature Cannolis; Hand-cut seasonal fruits and berries; Freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee/Tea selections*

**Guest Charge \$19.00** \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, April 29

#### Birthday Luncheon 11:30am-1:30pm

**\$22.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Fresh Green Salad Hearts of Romaine/Baby Spinach; Dressings: Classic Caesar, chunky blue cheese vinaigrette, acai vinaigrette; Mix-ins: Painted Goat Farm goat cheese, salted roasted beets, English cucumbers, grape tomatoes, focaccia croutons; Soup: Minestrone; Fresh baked rolls/creamery butter, Fresh seasonal fruit, Classic house-made cookies  
Iced Tea, lemonade, Coffee & hot tea*

#### President's Banquet 6:00-10:00pm

**\$71.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Grilled and chilled asparagus, shaved prosciutto, ricotta salata, Blue Moon Acres micro arugula, lemon truffle vinaigrette; Local Spurbeck cheddar and Ommegang Abbey Ale soup, sharp cheddar wafer;  
Petit filet and lemon thyme-roasted chicken: creamy mascarpone polenta wild mushroom Marsala sauce; Rolls, Creamery Butter; Coffee, tea  
Classic Crème Brule*

### Sunday, April 30

#### Awards Brunch 10:30am-1:00pm

**\$35.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Fresh orange juice/ruby red grapefruit juice; House-made granola, agave spiked Greek yogurt; Assorted breakfast pastries/breads/seasonal muffins/creamery butter/preserves; Scrambled Eggs; Applewood smoked bacon; Breakfast potatoes; Sausage links: Turkey; Mashed Potatoes & Pan gravy  
Freshly brewed regular, decaffeinated coffee/tea selections*

**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. Lisa Huyck, Registrar, 69 Miller Road, Treadwell, NY 13846**

*e-mail: farming@citlink.net phone: (607) 829-3551 extension 201*

#### 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, 2017. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 10, 2017 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 10, 2017. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.

**Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with Otesaga Resort Hotel, 1.607.547.9931. Mention**

**DKG** to receive room block rate. \_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you would like a roommate and have not registered with someone.



**Pi State Convention Workshops****Friday, April 28, 4:30-5:20pm**

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title of Workshop</b>	<b>Description of Workshop</b>
<b>Mary Ware</b> <i>Professor Emeritus SUNY Cortland</i>	<b><i>“Road Scholar Program”</i></b>	Road Scholar is an American not-for-profit organization that provides educational travel tours primarily geared to older adults. The organization is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. From its founding in 1975 until 2010, Road Scholar was known as Elderhostel. Road Scholar offers study tours throughout the United States and Canada and in approximately 150 other countries. This workshop will share the opportunities for educational traveling and answer all your questions. Dream along with other interested sisters!
<b>Karen Butters</b> <i>Beta Mu</i>	<b><i>“Joy Full Living”</i></b>	Participants in this workshop will join in a discussion of what a “joy full life” can look like. The leader will share some of the latest publications on the subject. There will also be a hands-on component and a ‘make and take’ to aid in keeping a daily focus on maintaining an attitude of gratitude.
<b>Lochie Musso</b> <i>Alpha Eta</i>	<b><i>“UN Global Goals Guiding Us Forward”</i></b>	Can we end poverty, protect the planet and provide a quality education for all? Discover the Global Goals for Sustainable Development adopted by all 193 nations of the United Nations.
<b>Nancy Currier</b> <i>SUNY Oneonta</i>	<b><i>“Plug into the Power: Literacy and Technology”</i></b>	Technology is a dynamic tool for reading and writing. Children are eager to learn, willing to take risks and are highly capable of using it to explore, create and communicate. Now that’s powerful! Attendees are encouraged to bring iPads, tablets or cell phones. Nancy is a professor at SUNY Oneonta.

**Friday, April 28, 7:00-7:50pm**

<b>Diana (Dee) Katovitch</b> <i>Beta Delta</i>	<b><i>“The Story of the Elm Hill School”</i></b>	The Elm Hill School in Barre, Massachusetts was the first school for children with intellectual disabilities in the U.S. The school was unusually progressive in its methods and influenced special education in the U.S. for many years. A DKG scholarship funded Diana’s research on Elm Hill School.
<b>Gertrude Noden</b> <i>Beta Delta</i>	<b><i>“Building Skills as Global Citizens”</i></b>	Fostering student awareness and response to local and global social, economic, political and Human Rights issues can seem overwhelming. Explicit design and implementation steps guide teachers through the process of identifying an issue, researching, designing and celebrating students’ informed engagement in citizenship.
<b>Jean Wagner</b> <i>Alpha Chi</i> <b>Ellie Robinson</b> <i>Gamma Delta</i>	<b><i>“Be Up-to-Date on BYLAWS &amp; Standing Rules”</i></b>	Be aware and up-to-date about the changes made to the governing documents of Pi State. This will help you understand why Pi State Executive Committee, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and individual Chapters recommended these changes to the BYLAWS & Standing Rules that will be voted on at the State Executive Board on Saturday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Barbara Bostwick-Quinn</b> <i>Beta</i>	<b><i>“The Pi State Strategic Action Plan Impact”</i></b>	The members of the Pi State Strategic Action Plan Committee will present the 2017 Strategic Plan and answer questions related to the impact of this plan which will be approved by members at the Convention Board Meeting.

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**Pi State Convention Workshops***Continued from page seven***Saturday, April 29, 1:45-2:35pm**

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title of Workshop</b>	<b>Description of Workshop</b>
<b>Barbara Whiting</b> <i>DKG International</i> <i>First Vice President</i>	<b><i>"The Myth of One Size Fits All"</i></b>	Have you ever ordered some clothing online that claims <i>one size fits all</i> ? Or tried on some clothing in a store that claims to <i>fit all</i> only to find out it doesn't fit you? Consider that same claim for your Chapter. There really is no one model that fits for all members. Together let's try on some different ideas that might revitalize and energize your Chapter and be a better fit.
<b>Veronica Reitter</b> <i>Director of</i> <i>Ganondagan</i> <b>Arlene Ida</b> <i>Alpha Kappa</i>	<b><i>"Seneca's Homeland"</i></b>	Veronica Reitter, the Director of Ganondagan State Historic Site, will give a presentation to inform about the homeland of the Senecas, and the past and present at Ganondagan. It will include the Town of Peace, Formation of the Confederacy, the role of the women and Tadadaho: leader of the Grand Council. Arlene Ida will give an update on Pi State Native American Scholarship recipients.
<b>Victoria Stockton</b> <i>Alpha Chi</i>	<b><i>"Come Learn About Schools in Peru"</i></b>	Anatole France said it best: " <i>The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.</i> " Through participation in the 2016 Fulbright-Hayes Seminar Abroad, 16 US participants experienced first-hand the educational, cultural and natural wonders of Peru, awakening, satisfying, and challenging the wonderful and growing curiosity of the ' <i>young minds</i> ' in each of us. In this presentation, you will experience pieces of Peru and the program that made this amazing visit a reality ~ a program looking for applicants just like you!
<b>Lauri Bach</b> <i>Grade One Teacher,</i> <i>Michigan</i> <i>Certified Instructor for</i> <i>"Love and Logic"</i>	<b><i>"Teaching with Love and Logic"</i></b>	Would you like your teaching to be fun and rewarding instead of stressful and chaotic? This workshop will give you a brief overview of the " <i>Love and Logic</i> " approach to classroom management developed by Jim Charles Fay and Foster Cline. " <i>Love and Logic</i> " is easy to use, raises responsible kids and changes lives. It uses humor and empathy to build up the adult-child relationship, emphasizes respect and dignity for both children and adults and teaches consequences and healthy decision making.

**Saturday, April 29, 2:45-3:35pm**

<b>Marika Heimbach</b> <i>DKG Past Europe</i> <i>Conference Regional</i> <i>Director from Germany</i> <b>Anne Bailey</b> <i>Psi</i>	<b><i>"Friendship Across Borders"</i></b>	This workshop centers on the German American Partnership Program between Plattsburgh High School and the Kooperative Gesamtschule of Rastede Germany. Colleagues Marika, of Germany, and Anne, of Plattsburgh will speak about the first steps of establishing an international high school exchange program, and the many Trans-Atlantic experiences that followed in the next 30 years.
<b>Barbara Bostwick-Quinn</b> <i>Beta</i>	<b><i>"Crafters in Action"</i></b>	Participants will create a DKG Bracelet. Members will be able to create a simple beaded bracelet using basic beading and wiring techniques.

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**Pi State Convention Workshops***Concluded from page eight***Saturday, April 29, 2:45-3:35pm***Continued*

Presenter	Title of Workshop	Description of Workshop
<b>Tracy Smith</b> <i>Alpha Psi</i>	<b><i>"The Path to Becoming a Master Teacher"</i></b>	Learn about the New York State Master Teacher program. Tracy will share the process for becoming a Master Teacher and the activities she has participated in as a Master Teacher.
<b>Jeanne Schenk</b> <i>State Leadership Development Chair</i>	<b><i>"Chapter Presidents' Glums &amp; Glows: Part II"</i></b>	Chair Jeanne Schenk and Leadership Development Committee will lead a follow-up discussion and information to support Chapter Presidents and interested Chapter Officers: <b><i>"Glums &amp; Glows Part II."</i></b> Presidents ... Please bring your questions, what's working ideas and comments to share.

**Saturday, April 29, 3:45-4:45pm**

<b>Melanie McDonald</b> <i>Beta Omega</i>	<b><i>"Membership Makeover: Attracting and Retaining Members"</i></b>	The Pi State Membership Committee Chair 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 to attract and retain members.
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**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International****Pi State PROPOSED BYLAWS & STANDING RULES CHANGES FOR 4/29/17***Jean V. Wagner, Alpha Chi, Chair*

The full document of the proposed BYLAWS & STANDING RULES CHANGES FOR 4.29.17 may be found on the Pi State Website, including the following additions, and on pp. 9 - 15 of this issue.

*Please Note:* Add the following to the document in the Winter 2017 Issue of *Pi Lights*:

**To BYLAWS:** To amend **Article XII section A:**

***Rationale: Publishing the amended BYLAWS in the winter issue of Pi Lights allows for adequate time for voting at the State Convention.***

**To STANDING RULES:** To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by adding numbers 5.10 - 5.105  
**5.10 Website Editor**

**5.101** She shall be responsible for the editing of documents for the Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State Website and sending them to the Webmaster.

**5.102** She shall archive all documents and make revisions as appropriate.

**5.103** She shall communicate with Chapter Webmasters and ensure Compliance is maintained.

**5.104** She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

**5.105** She shall abide by the terms of agreement for her position and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.

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

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

***Pi State website:*** [www.dkgnystate.org](http://www.dkgnystate.org)

***CTAUN website:*** [www.ctaun.org](http://www.ctaun.org)

***US FORUM website:*** [www.usforumdkg.org/](http://www.usforumdkg.org/)



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Pi State PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES FOR 4/29/17**

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR 4/29/17**

In accordance with ARTICLE XII Section A of the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**, the Bylaws and Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **BYLAWS of Pi (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board and the Pi State Convention at their meetings April 29, 2017 in Cooperstown, New York.

**In addition to the following proposed changes, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee in consultation with the Pi State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering and wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

1. To amend **Article IV Section A 1 which reads:**

The Pi State annual dues shall be determined by the State Executive Board in consultation with the State Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present in a State Convention or at a Spring Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the **spring issue** of *Pi Lights*.

By deleting spring and replacing with winter

**To Read:**

The Pi State annual dues shall be determined by the State Executive Board in consultation with the State Finance Committee and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present in a State Convention or at a Spring Executive Board Meeting (non-Convention year) provided written notification is presented to the membership no later than the **winter issue** of *Pi Lights*.

*Rationale: Voting on dues would occur in April at a Convention or Executive Board/Spring Seminar Meeting and the change allows for proper time.*

2. To amend **Article VI section B 3 which reads:**

An Editor, a Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator and a Webmaster shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

**To Add:**

An Editor, a Financial Development Fund (FDF) Administrator, Webmaster and a **Website Editor** shall be selected by the Executive Board from the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

*Rational: To include the position of the Website Editor so corrections are made on website.*

3. To amend **Article VI section C 5 which reads**

The Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall perform such duties as are prescribed in each job description.

**To Add:**

The Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster, **Website Editor** and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall perform such duties as are prescribed in each job description.

*Rationale: To add Website Editor so that her duties may be included.*

4. To amend **Article VI section D4 which read**

The terms of office of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall be as stated in each job description.



**To Add:**

The terms of office of the Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, FDF Administrator, Webmaster, **Website Editor** and other related personnel appointed by the Executive Board shall be as stated in each job description.

*Rationale: Addition of Website Editor to explain the rules of her selection and the term of her office.*

5. To amend **Article IX section C 3 I which reads:**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

**To Add**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, **State** Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

*Rationale: It specifies which editor is being mentioned.*

6. To amend **Article IX section C 3 I which reads:**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator and Webmaster.

**To Add**

The Personnel Committee shall screen and recommend candidates to the Executive Board at the end of a term for Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Financial Development Fund Administrator, Webmaster and **Website Editor**.

*Rationale: Will allow for proper recommendation of Website Editor.*

7. To amend **Article XII section A which reads:**

These BYLAWS may be amended at the Pi State Convention by a two-thirds vote, provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been published in *PI LIGHTS* prior to the Convention.

**To Read**

These BYLAWS may be amended at the Pi State Convention by a two-thirds vote, provided notice of proposed amendments shall have been published no later than the winter issue of *PI LIGHTS*.

*Rationale: Publishing the amended BYLAWS in the winter issue of Pi Lights allows for adequate time for voting at the State Convention.*

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Pi State PROPOSED BYLAWS and STANDING RULES CHANGES for  
4-29-17**

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

**Proposed BYLAW Change from Chapter for 4-29-17**

To amend ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD Section C Chapter Executive Board which reads:

Chapter Executive Board

The members of the Chapter Executive Board shall be the elected officers of the Chapter, the Immediate Past President and such other voting members as shall be determined by the Chapter. The Treasurer and the Parliamentarian shall serve as *ex-officio* members without vote.

**To Read**

Chapter Executive Board

The members of the Chapter Executive Board shall be the elected officers of the Chapter, the Immediate Past President and such other voting members as shall be determined by the Chapter. **The Treasurer and the Parliamentarian are *ex-officio* members; the Parliamentarian without vote and the Treasurer without vote if she is paid for her service.**

*Rationale: To change the Pi State BYLAWS & Rules to reflect the international BYLAWS & Rules for voting on the Executive Board. Chapter Treasurers should be allowed a vote if they are not paid.*



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**Pi State Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Changes for**  
**4/29/17**

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

**Proposed Standing Rules Changes for 4/29/17**

In accordance with **Section 13 of the Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** the BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Pi State Executive Committee propose the following amendments to the **Standing Rules of Pi State (New York) State of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to be voted upon by the Pi State Executive Board at the Pi State Convention at their meetings on April 29, 2017 in Cooperstown, NY. **In addition to the following proposed changes, the BYLAWS & Rules Committee in consultation with the Pi State Parliamentarian reserves the right to make numbering wording changes and to update the Table of Contents as is deemed necessary for clarity and ease-of-use.**

1. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel 5.7 Editor** which reads:

5.7 Editor

**To Read**

5.7 **Pi State** Editor

*Rationale: Specifies that the position is at the State level.*

2. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by deleting **5.71** which reads:

*PI LIGHTS*, the Pi State publication, shall be prepared and distributed by an Editor selected by the Pi State Executive Board.

**Replace With**

**She shall be responsible for preparing and distributing four issues annually of the Pi State publication, *Pi Lights*.**

*Rationale: It specifies the role of the Pi State Editor.*

3. To amend **section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by deleting **5.72** which reads:

The Editor shall send ten extra copies of the issue of *PI LIGHTS* containing the Convention registration forms to the Pi State Convention Chair.

*Rationale: This Standing Rule is no longer practiced.*

4. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by renumbering **5.73 to 5.72**

5.73 She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Pi State Finance Committee and approved by the Pi State Executive Board.

**Change Number to**

**5.72** She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Pi State Finance Committee and approved by the Pi State Executive Board.

*Rationale: Renumbering is occurring because of the omission of the original SR 5.72.*

5. To amend **Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel** by renumbering **5.74 to 5.73**

5.74 She shall abide by the terms of the agreement for her office and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.

**Change Number to**

**5.73** She shall abide by the terms of the agreement for her office and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.

*Rationale: Renumbering is occurring because of the omission of the original SR 5.72.*



**6. To amend Section 5 Officers and Related Personnel by adding numbers 5.10 - 5.105**

**To Add**

**5.10 Website Editor**

**5.101** She shall be responsible for the editing of documents for the Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State Website and sending them to the Webmaster.

**5.102** She shall archive all documents and make revisions as appropriate.

**5.103** She shall communicate with Chapter Webmasters and ensure Compliance is maintained.

**5.104** She shall receive an annual honorarium as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

**5.105** She shall abide by the terms of agreement for her position and perform such duties as prescribed in her job description.

*Rationale: Includes the position Website Editor and describes her duties.*

**7. To amend Section 9 Scholarships 9.22 which reads:**

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1. Before that date the completed application, a recent photo (optional) and three letters of reference must be sent to the Pi State Scholarship Committee Chair.

**To Read**

Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15**. Before that date the completed application, a recent photo (optional) and three letters of reference must be sent to the Pi State Scholarship Committee Chair.

*Rationale: Allows time for Committee decisions on scholarships to be given at the Awards Brunch during the State Convention and the Awards Luncheon during the Spring/Executive Board Meeting.*

**8. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.33 Gladys L Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid which reads:**

11.33 Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1.

**To Read**

11.33 Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15**.

*Rationale: Allows time for Committee decisions on the grants to be given at the Awards Brunch during the State Convention and at the Awards Luncheon during the Spring/Executive Board Meeting.*

**9. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.46 The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award which reads:**

11.46 Nominations must be postmarked no later than March 1. If a nominee is not selected for the award, her nomination form, letters of support and documentation will be kept on file for one year and she will automatically be considered for the next year's award.

**To Read**

11.46 Nominations must be postmarked no later than **February 15**. If a nominee is not selected for the award, her nomination form, letters of support and documentation will be kept on file for one year and she will automatically be considered for the next year's award.

*Rationale: Allows time for Committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Awards Brunch during the State Convention and at the Awards Luncheon during the Spring/Executive Board Meeting.*

**10. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.65 The Frederica Hollister Pi State Professional Educators Award which reads:**

11.65 The postmarked deadline for submitting nominations to the Chair shall be March 1.

**To Read**

11.65 The postmarked deadline for submitting nominations to the Chair shall be **February 15**.

*Rationale: Allows time for Committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Awards Brunch during the State Convention and at the Awards Luncheon during the Spring/Executive Board Meeting.*

**11. To amend Section 11 Special Awards 11.74 The Bea Small Award which reads:**

11.74 The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the chair of the Board of Trustees shall be March 1. The application for the award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.



### **To Read**

11.74 The postmarked deadline for submitting the application form to the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall be **February 15**. The application for the award must be submitted by the Chapter President, a Chapter Officer or the Chapter Project Chair. The Chapter President must also sign the application.

*Rationale: Allows time for Committee decisions on the Award to be given at the Awards Brunch during the State Convention and at the Awards Luncheon during the Spring/Executive Board Meeting.*

**12. To amend Section 13 AMENDING PI STATE STANDING RULES 13.11 which reads:**

13.11 All proposed amendments to the STANDING RULES shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee with a copy sent to the Pi State President by January 1 for voting at the Spring Executive Board Meeting and/or State Convention and by June 1 for voting at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. Any member, Chapter, Committee or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee.

### **To Read**

13.11 All proposed amendments to the STANDING RULES shall be submitted for study to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee with a copy sent to the Pi State President by **November 1** for voting at the Spring Executive Board Meeting and/or State Convention and by June 1 for voting at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. Any member, Chapter, Committee or Board shall be eligible to submit a proposed amendment to the BYLAWS & Rules Committee.

*Rationale: This allows for the change to be put in winter Pi Lights.*

## **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Pi State Guidelines for Vouchers Changes for 4/29/17**

Jean V. Wagner, *Alpha Chi*, Chair

### **Proposed Voucher Changes for 4/29/17**

**1. To amend Roman Numeral II VICE PRESIDENTS (2), SECRETARY, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities which reads:**

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*)

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (conducted by International Personnel)

\*Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)

\*International Convention (Immediate Past President only)

### **To Add**

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*) - **The Officers will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

\*Northeast Regional Conference (Immediate Past President only)

\*International Convention (Immediate Past President only)

*Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances*



2. To amend **Roman Numeral III TREASURER AND EDITOR A. Meetings and Responsibilities** which reads:

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*)

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

International Convention

Northeast Regional Conference

State Committees (Finance and Audit - Treasurer, Communications and Awards - Editor)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

Transfer of files and materials at the end of agreement

**To Add**

**A Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*) - **The Officers will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

International Convention

Northeast Regional Conference

State Committees (Finance and Audit - Treasurer, Communications and Awards - Editor)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

Transfer of files and materials at the end of agreement

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*Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances.*

3. To amend **Roman Numeral IV PARLIAMENTARIAN A. Meetings and Responsibilities** which reads:

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*)

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

State Committees (Rules)

Special DKG meetings at the request of the President

**To ADD**

**A. Meetings and Responsibilities**

Chapter Visitations authorized by the President

State Conventions

State Executive Board

State Areas (*except own*) - **The Officer will be reimbursed if the President authorizes it.**

State Officers (State Executive Committee)

State Workshops (Conducted by International Personnel)

State Committees (Rules)

Special DKG meetings at the request of the President

*Rationale: The change clarifies reimbursement circumstances.*



## New York Dines Out in Windsor, Ontario

The Northeast Regional Meeting this summer is in Windsor, Ontario on July 12-14 at Caesar's Windsor. **This year's New York Dines Out will be on July 13.** We will enjoy a 3-hour sunset cruise on board the Macsassa Bay for dining, dancing, sight-seeing and fellowship with our New York sisters! You can view details of the cruise on the website: [www.windsorrivercruises.com](http://www.windsorrivercruises.com). The boat docks directly across the street from Caesar's Windsor Hotel, making access very convenient. Boarding starts at 6:30pm and the boat leaves promptly at 7:00pm. The cost per person will be \$70 (*US funds*). To be included, you **MUST** complete a reservation form and return it with your payment to Suzanne Patrick by June 20, 2017. Reservation forms can be found on the State website, here in *Pi Lights* or at the Pi State 2017 Convention, April 29-30.

*HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!*

*Sue Kenoyer*

### Registration Form

## NEW YORK DINES OUT IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO

This is an invitation to all Pi State members and guests who are attending the DKG Northeast Regional Convention in July to join your New York sisters and friends for a **3-hour Dinner/Dance Sunset River Cruise on board the Macsassa Bay on July 13, 2017**. The boat docks directly across the street from Caesar's Windsor, making access very easy. Boarding starts at 6:30 PM and the boat will leave at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$70 in US dollars which can be sent by check made out to *Pi State* and mailed with this reservation form to Pi State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick by **June 20, 2017**.

Since the cruise company requires an exact head count, we cannot accept any reservations after this date. Reservation forms will also be available at the Pi State Spring Convention at The Otesaga.

Return your completed form with payment to:

**Suzanne Patrick, 11189 County Highway 23, Unadilla, NY 13849**

**Reservations and a check made out to *Pi State* for \$70 are required by June 20, 2017.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending *NY Dines Out* \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (*in case contact is necessary*) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number (to contact in Windsor if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

You can view information on the River Cruise at this website:

[www.windsorrivercruises.com](http://www.windsorrivercruises.com).

### Reminder:

**All Chapter Standing Rules** are due to State BYLAWS & Rules Chair and Pi State President by June 30, 2017.



## Important Information

### Directory Supplement for 2017-2018

The **Pi State Directory** is now a two-year book.

*Chapter Presidents ...* Please note the information that will be asked of you in the spring 2017 so that each Chapter has the most updated information. In the odd years of the biennium, there will be a supplement to the Directory with the following information included:

- List of the Chapters with their President's information and their programs for 2017-2018
- All Award recipients honored at the 2017 Pi State Convention
- New Chapter Initiates with their address, phone number and school/grade level
- All new State information with new State Officers, Committee Chairs and the members of State Committees.

There will be a page with dates for the next Pi State Convention, Executive Board Meetings and Area Council information, including the Chair of Area Council and Conference dates if available.

This information will be due July 1, 2017 to Pi State Executive Secretary.

*Karen P. Crumley*

## 2017-2018 Pi State Directory Supplement Information

**Deadline: July 1, 2017**

Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**List Programs for 2017-2018: Include date, meeting place and the program.**

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**List ONLY New Initiates: Please include name, address, phone number, email and their current position.**

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Please email this information to **Karen Crumley**, Pi State Executive Secretary: [kcrumley@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com).



**Pi State Visitations 2015-16**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chapter(s) / Area</b>	<b>State Representative</b>
<b>Fall 2015</b>	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 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 24	<i>Capital Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 25	<i>Alpha Beta 60<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	Karen Butters
<b>Spring 2016</b>	April 9	<i>Psi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	April 20	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	April 27	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 3	<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 4	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 5	<i>Alpha Chi 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 5	<i>Delta Founders' Day</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 12	<i>Pi</i>	Melanie McDonald
	May 17	<i>Beta Mu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Joint Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 20	<i>Beta Omega</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	May 24	<i>Mu</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 3	<i>Rho</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
	June 3	<i>Phi</i>	Ginny Dudko
	June 11	<i>Beta Eta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 30	<i>Phi</i>	Virginia Dudko
	August 8	<i>Northern Area Conference</i>	Ellie Robinson
	August 13	<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
<b>Fall 2016</b>	September 24	<i>Southeastern Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Karen Butters Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>South Central Area Conference</i>	Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Sigma</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	November 5	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner
<b>Spring 2017</b>	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 4	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard

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

***Pi State = 81 years Honoring Key Women Educators***



**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.

We had a **very** active grant-application year in 2016. The Foundation awarded 9 grants to Chapters and individuals in Pi State for a total of \$7707.08! This considerably reduced our treasury and our ability to award grants in the future. If we are to continue the Foundation's great work of supporting literacy projects in the State, we first need all of you to encourage more of your Chapter members to join the Foundation and consider making regular donations to the Foundation Treasury so it maintains a healthy balance to award grants! At the 2016 Annual Meeting, Past Pi State President **Cathie Olinger**, *Beta Psi*, 1993-1995 recommended that Chapters consider donating to the Foundation to honor Chapter members who are retiring from active teaching. She said that her Chapter gave retirees a gift but now make an Honorary Donation instead. Membership and donation forms are always available on the Pi State Website in the Educational Foundation section.

I am pleased to report that grants have been awarded to members in twenty-one of our Chapters in Pi State since the Foundation began. Seven of those Chapters have received grants multiple times. Since the first grant was awarded in January 2005, Pi State members have made it possible to support literacy projects worth \$21,777.08. As I have said before, I believe that this work is one of the BEST things that we do for ourselves and the children and people of Pi State.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of the Pi State Educational Foundation.

**ATTENTION:**  
**FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of the **Pi State Educational Foundation** will be held at the Pi State 2017 Convention at the Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 11:00-11:30am.

*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 2020**

**Jean Sekel**, *Pi*, Secretary  
**Sheila Brady-Root**, *Alpha Alpha*  
**Grace Murphy**, *Alpha Beta*

**Congratulations to  
2016 Grant Recipients**

**Barbara Cook**, *Gamma Zeta*

"Salvation Army Backpack Program"

**Susan Coolican**, *Alpha Rho*

"Books for Food Bank Backpacks"

**Susan St. John-Jarvis**, *Beta Chi*

"International Partnership in Teaching: School at Ariang, SUDAN"

**Patricia Thompson**, *Beta Omicron*

"Treasure Totes for Tots"

**Jane Fonte**, *Gamma Delta*

"Turtelini, The Turbo-Charged Turtle"

**Elizabeth Huggler**, *Tau*

"Reading for All Ages"

**Jennifer Lee-Alden**, *Beta Omega*

"Using Ukuleles to Teach Literacy Music & ELA"

**Jacqueline Robisch**, *Beta Kappa*

"Activity Bags"

**Cindy Zhe**, *Beta Tau*

"Authors and Storyteller Visits to St. Agnes School"

*Project Grant Applications due  
May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Pi State Educational  
Foundation Donations**

*(Through March 1, 2017)*

**Elaine Anderson**, *Alpha Tau*, donation to the Foundation  
*Alpha Delta* in memory of Barbara Schermerhorn and  
Marita McNeill

**Pi State Executive Committee** in honor of Wanda Ward's  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Lifetime Members**

*Alpha Lambda*

Nancy Pankow

*Beta Delta*

Ellen Hughes

*Beta Gamma*

Linda Flaherty

*Beta Theta*

Susan T. Barnes



## **Reaching out to Dropped Members: Maintaining Relationship and Encouraging Reinstatement**

*“Make new friends,  
but keep the old.  
One is silver,  
the other is gold.*

*A circle is round,  
it has no end.  
That’s how long  
I will be your friend.”*

If you were ever involved in Girl Scouts, you may remember this catchy campfire tune. First published in the *Girl Scouts Handbook* in 1924, it was most likely inspired by Welsh poet Joseph Parry (1841-1903). In his poem, *New Friends and Old Friends*, he reminds readers to “cherish friendship in your breast/new is good, but old is best.” As people have come and gone in my life, I have to confess that I have often been a better new friend than an old friend. My husband still communicates once a week via conference call with his band of backyard buddies from grade school, but I have tended to lose touch with friends from high school, college and previous jobs. This jingle reminds me of the value of long-time relationships and occasionally inspires me to reach out with a phone call, greeting card or email. Some of those lapsed friendships were forged in my DKG Chapter. With the renewed commitment in our Society to reinstate dropped members, I find myself humming the tune again.

According to the DKG International’s 2015 *Dropped Member Survey Results*, 66% of survey respondents indicated that they were satisfied or extremely satisfied with their experiences as a DKG member. Some of the reasons for dropping membership included family/personal concerns (42%), professional responsibilities (11%), Chapter not meeting needs (11%), and financial concerns (7%). 65% of the respondents indicated that they would likely respond favorably if they were invited to reinstate their membership. ***This is great news!*** Now is the time to reach out to our dropped members with the invitation of reinstatement.

Consider creating a “*Friends of the Chapter*” email/mailling list for dropped members. Include them when you send out information about programs and activities. Reach out to let them know that you still value them and want to maintain relationship with them. Perhaps Chapter members could follow up with a phone call or personal note to invite those individuals to a program or outing. Treat them as though they are new prospective members. Let them come back to check out all the wonderful things your Chapter, Area Council and DKG International are doing now. If someone doesn’t want to keep this line of communication open, it is easy enough to take her name off the list. The circumstances that influenced members to leave DKG may have changed; let’s reach out to let them know that they are welcome to come back at any time.

A dropped member may be reinstated simply by writing a letter to the Chapter President indicating that she would like to rejoin the Chapter. No vote is required. Simply download Form 83, *Reinstated Member Form*, from the DKG International website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). This form explains that members reinstated before April 1<sup>st</sup> will pay membership dues and scholarship fee at the time of reinstatement. Members reinstated after April 1<sup>st</sup> and before July 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay dues and fee for the ensuing year no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Let’s take a page from that Girl Scout songbook and  
tell our dropped members how much we value and miss them.**

**Melanie McDonald**

*“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.”*

**Deborah Bedard**, Pi State President 2015-2017

**Membership = to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate**



## IMPORTANT Area Council Update

This past biennium just seemed to fly by. All the Area Council Meetings were so well planned and executed. Some of the Councils have already formed their new Committees and have Chairs in place but most of you need to start that process as soon as possible.

A **Supplement to our Pi State Directory 2016-2018** is being planned that will have contact information in it about the new Area Council Chairs. You might want to consider a meeting time at the Convention for your Council to make some plans. Make sure your Council is represented in the Supplement. **Information should be sent to Sue Kenoyer, [sue.kenoyer@charter.net](mailto:sue.kenoyer@charter.net), and to State Executive Secretary Karen Crumley, [kcrumley@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com) by July 1.**

As new Chairs, refer to the Pi State website to find many documents to help you start your planning process. First, you'll need a date and that means contacting the Pi State President for approval. This past biennium we had so many of the meetings within a short time span with several occurring on the same day. This made it difficult for your Pi State Officers to attend all Area Council conferences. As you plan, try to find a better time slot than early fall of 2018.

If you have questions, remember that you can always contact Pi State Second Vice President **Sue Kenoyer** or your Area Council Liaison from the Executive Committee for assistance. As Chair, it is not your job to do it all – just to make sure it all gets done. You will need a committee to pull it all together and share the load.

*We all look forward to another round of great Area Council Meetings.*

*Sue Kenoyer*



Legislative Committee Chair **Diane Maurer**,  
Pi State President **Deborah Bedard**,  
Legislative Committee Member **Sheila Brady-Root**, and St. John Fisher College Education  
Department Chair **Dr. Michael Wishnowski**

### **Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Joint Legislative Brunch St. John Fisher College**

***“How Poverty  
Affects Student  
Learning and  
What We Can Do  
about It”***

**21 January 2017**

The **Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Joint Legislative Brunch** featured  
the Executive Director of *Connected Communities*  
**LaShunda Leslie-Smith.**

*Connected Communities* is a major initiative to deal with poverty in Rochester. Its goal is to break the cycle of poverty and revitalize neighborhoods in Northeast Rochester.

After becoming a Mother at the age of 16, Ms. Leslie-Smith went on to earn a BA and Master of Social Work. She is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the prestigious “40 Under 40” list by the *Rochester Business Journal*.



Alpha Alpha Member **Dr. Faith Prather**, Presenter **LaShunda Leslie-Smith**, and Legislative  
Committee Member **Sherry Johnson**

*Photos and Text by Judy Wadsworth*

*The Joint Alpha Alpha & Beta Eta Planning Committee included: Chair **Diane Maurer** and members **Dr. Betsy Balzano**, **Sheila Brady-Root**, **Sherry Johnson**, **Elaine Leshnower**, **Dr. Christine Murray**, **Mary Anna Russo** and **Judy Wadsworth**.*





## 2017 CTAUN Conference at the UN

**“Refugees: The 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Challenge”  
Friday, January 27, 2017**

On Friday January 27, 2017, the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) hosted its 18th Annual Conference, *“Refugees: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge.”*

Anne-Marie Carlson, Phi, Chair of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN), welcomed and chaired the Conference. There were 704 registrants, including university, colleges and high school students and educators.

A large number of children are refugees. In fact, 28 million children have been displaced by conflict and violence. A new report on this subject, *“Uprooted: The Growing Crisis for Refugee and Migrant Children,”* was recently released from UNICEF. Emily Garin, the report’s author, was one of the Morning Issues panelists.

In the Opening Session, Ninette Kelly, Director of NY Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, reported that 65,000,000 people in the world have been forcibly ejected from their homes and that there has been a 50% increase in 2010-2016 with over half children. She stated: *“The role of teachers is vital.”*

CTAUN Vice Chair Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, introduced the Afternoon Panel, *“Assistance and Resources.”*

At the end of the Conference, an Outcome Statement, produced by Cora Weiss of The Hague Appeal for Peace and CTAUN Chair Anne-Marie Carlson, was adopted by acclamation:

*“As refugees continue to risk their lives to escape persecution, violence and war, there is a shared responsibility within the international community to protect their lives and address the causes of this major 21<sup>st</sup> century challenge. Figures compiled by the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees reveal that more than 21 million fellow human beings around the world have become refugees. Over half of these individuals are under the age of 18. In recognition of the New York Declaration adopted at the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19 September 2016, this “Refugees: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge” Conference calls upon the entire international community – governments, non-governmental organizations and civil society in general – to help:*

- *protect the rights of all refugees, including the rights of women and girls, and promote their participation in finding solutions*
- *ensure that all children receive education within a few months of arrival*
- *respond to and help prevent sexual and gender-based violence*
- *support those countries which are rescuing, receiving and hosting large numbers of refugees and migrants*
- *work toward ending the practice of detaining children for the purpose of determining their refugee status*
- *and to ensure that refugees are not returned to situations where their lives and freedom are at risk.*

*Special efforts must also be made to stop the causes of refugee flow. Preventing war, terrorism, persecution and other causes should include aid for economic development, education and a commitment to human rights*



*President of Alpha Kappa Donna Langley-Peck, chaperones and all of her eighth grade students from Brown School in Schenectady attended CTAUN on January 27th.*

*Photo Courtesy of Sharon Patrick*

**For further information, refer to [www.ctaun.org](http://www.ctaun.org).**





## Pi State U.S. Forum Update Spring, 2017



This year celebrates the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in New York State. More than ever we are reminded of exercising our rights and continuing to be active participants in government. With women making up over 50% of the population, our representation in local, state, and national government is only 19%.

More than ever our legislators need to know your position on equal pay, women's health, paid child leave and educational issues. Calls, texts, and post cards are ways to communicate to your legislators.

### NY State

At the state level, you can keep updated on Legislative Sessions, Bills, Summaries, and Floor Votes at <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us>.

*Current issues to follow:*

**Early in Person Voting and No Excuse Absentee Voting:** Thirty-seven other states and the District of Columbia have some form of early voting. NY only allows voters to cast their ballots on one Election Day or vote by absentee ballot. There is discussion on changing election law in legislation.

**Juvenile Justice:** There is legislation looking at protection of Children's legal rights. It is felt that juvenile justice should focus on rehabilitation programs rather than punitive action. The proposal calls for children under the age of 18 to not be treated as adults in the criminal justice system.

**The Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA):** Protection for transgender New Yorkers from discrimination in housing, employment, access to credit, medical care and public accommodations along with additional protections under the NY Hate Crimes Law.

### Federal

Federal changes involve Immigration, Tax Reform, Affordable Health Care. It's important to be aware of what is happening and voice your concerns. Contact Senator Kirsten Gillibrand at [www.gillibrand.senate.gov](http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov) and Senator Chuck Schumer at [www.schumer.senate.gov](http://www.schumer.senate.gov). Assembly representatives can be found at <http://m.house.gov/legislature>.

To quote Senator Gillibrand, *"We need you out there, get off the sidelines and start making your voice heard on issues you care about."*

**Follow U.S. Forum on webpage [www.usforumdkg.org](http://www.usforumdkg.org)**

**Look for Further Information: Northeast Regional U.S. Forum in Windsor, Ont., Canada July 13, 2017 and National Legislative Seminar in Washington DC March 2018**

**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta**

DKG/NE Regional US Forum Representative 2016-18

NY/US Forum Representative 2015-17

Please feel free to contact me for further information and updates at [barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com).



## South Central Area Conference



**Jan Przybylski**, Alpha Rho; **Doris Knowles**, Gamma Zeta; **Molly Drum**, Beta Rho; **Mary Bacalles**, Gamma Zeta; **Maureen Nicolo**, Alpha Rho, (back); **Susan St. John-Jarvis**, Beta Chi; and Conference Chair **Pam Thompson**, Beta Omicron, with Speaker **Gabriel Bol Deng**

**Gabriel Bol Deng**, one of the “Lost Boys of the Sudan,” was the featured speaker at the South Central Area Council Conference, held at the Garden Hilton Inn in the Corning/Elmira area, October 1<sup>st</sup>. His plight has touched many educators in Central NY where he arrived as a child refugee, eventually earning a college degree in math education. He has been a frequent visitor to local schools, including Corning Community College. Mr. Deng believes that one of our most valuable assets is education. He has dedicated much of his life to supporting students of all ages, especially girls.

## Educating Girls in Ariang, South Sudan

This effort was inspired by CTAUN 2016 and made possible by a Pi State 2016 Educational Foundation Grant with all proceeds going to the *Hope for Ariang Foundation*. Funding such an international project was challenging since tracking expenditures in war-torn areas is difficult. Fortunately, School in Ariang has escaped direct attacks during their country’s instability and thrives with 650 eager students (250 girls). Sudanese girls bear responsibility of fetching water for the family, often taking several hours each day. *Hope for Ariang* funded the drilling of 9 wells in the community, freeing girls to pursue education. The grant and South Central Conference proceeds helped fund teacher training for the school. *Beta Chi* members continue to donate school supplies.

A passionate Mr. Deng hopes that the project will build a secure foundation for the democracy he witnessed here in the United States.

*Photo & Text by Susan St. John-Jarvis*

## Eastern Area Conference

***Learning to Live Well: What We Can Do and What We Should Eat to Help Us Remain Healthy*** was the Eastern Area Conference theme, held on September 24, 2016.

The Conference participants were given information from the keynote speaker, **Fran Sussman**, a Holistic Practitioner. A few of Fran’s 10 suggestions are to always eat breakfast, do not follow the fads and keep “healthy” junk food that are 100 calories, low fat and gluten-free. Her website is [www.fransussman.com](http://www.fransussman.com).

Following the keynote, **Jenna Lebovich**, Culinary Nutritionist, presented recipes and information to increase brain health and overall well-being in a group demonstration. Jenna stressed the need for healthy fats in our diet and the benefits of foods that are high in omega-3, including fish, such as tuna and salmon, and eggs. Participants viewed five cooking lessons by Jenna and her Assistant. Everyone had the opportunity to taste her delicious dishes. Information about Jenna can be found on her website: [www.cooklearnlive.com](http://www.cooklearnlive.com).



The conference included a healthy lunch with a presentation on the Educational Excellence Committee by State Chair **Barbara Keis** and UN-NGO Representative **Lochie Musso**.

*Photo & Text by Annemarie Santorelly*



## Travel Plans for the Northeast Regional Conference

*Since we are into the new year*, you may now be thinking seriously about those travel plans to attend **the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor on July 12-14**. Perhaps you have already decided to come a day early.



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**How are you traveling?** If by auto or air from the US, remember to bring your passport. If flying Porter Airlines from Canada or one of these cities in the US—Boston, MA; Burlington, VT; Chicago (Midway); Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh, PA; Washington DC (Dulles)—Porter is offering a 15 per cent discount to those going to the Northeast Regional Conference and returning between July 7 and July 17. Book online at:

<https://flyporter.com/Flight?culture=en-CA&promocode=NRC017>.

If booking through a travel agent the Code is **NRC017**. From US, you will clear immigration on Toronto Island (aka Billy Bishop) rather than Toronto Pearson. Turnaround time is about 20 minutes and then you will fly on to Windsor.

**Do you wish to reserve a room now in the Augustus Tower of Caesars Resort and Convention Center?** Call the hotel's Reservation Department at 1-800-991-8888 and identify yourself as being part of Delta Kappa Gamma with the group code of ADE0708. The online booking link is:

<http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=WCL&groupCode=ADE0708>.

The room rate of \$169 in Canadian dollars (*about \$126 in US dollars*) is good from July 8 to July 16.

*If you are coming early to Windsor, you might enjoy attending one of the Pre-Conference Seminars* which will be held in the morning and afternoon of July 12. **The Underground Railway** features **Elise Harding-Davis**, an author and a descendant of slaves who escaped to Canada. Windsor was one of the destination cities in the underground railway. In the afternoon participants in this seminar will be taken to the sights outside of Windsor from those days in the mid-1800's.

**The other Seminar, Indigenous Peoples of the 21st Century**, will focus on the history of the residential schools that were founded years ago to teach Indigenous students. Unfortunately, these children were taken miles away from their families and suffered many problems that remain with them today. **Charlene Bearhead**, a survivor of one of those schools and now the education officer for the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*, will share her past experiences and ways Indigenous students are being helped today. Ontario member **Mary Ellen Gucciardi** will speak on her work as a school counselor for Indigenous students.

**The March/April DKG NEWS will have a four-page spread** on the Northeast Regional and Pre-Conference leadership opportunities and information will be posted on the website. If you have questions, feel free to contact me ([chughes@mtco.com](mailto:chughes@mtco.com)) as I am happy to answer them.

**Carol Hughes**  
Northeast Regional Director



## We Need You and Your Help at the Northeast Regional *April Newsletter*



Over the past months, a number of you have said that you are willing to help us at the Northeast Regional in Windsor. Here are some ways you can assist:

***Volunteer to be a presider.*** Some of you already are presiders, but there still are some presenters of breakouts who do need presiders. A presider picks up an envelope with information when she checks in at the registration table. At the breakout, she assists in finding seats if the room is crowded, passes out information if asked to do so, and briefly introduces the presenter. If you or other members are willing to be presiders, please send me ([chughes@mtco.com](mailto:chughes@mtco.com)) names and e-mail addresses. **Debbie Rodaway** and **Sylvia Dopking** of Ontario will contact presiders.

***Join the choir and/or play an instrument.*** Music is a key component of the conference. You can download the form at [bit.ly/DKG-NERC](http://bit.ly/DKG-NERC) which will take you directly to our DKG website and information on the regional. Sue Young, Choral Director, will send you the music and CD. If you are not a musician, then ask one of your DKG friends who is musically inclined to share her talent. For your convenience, I have attached the form.

***Bring a used musical instrument to donate.*** Mike Stevens, who is a professional harmonica player and one of our speakers at the Regional, founded ArtsCan Circle. Through this foundation, Stevens has influenced his fellow musicians to use their talents to teach the youth of Canada's remote indigenous communities, especially in the north, to play these instruments. So, if you have a used instrument, hang on to it a little longer and bring it to Windsor. (*I am bringing a trumpet.*) He also will accept music, guitar strings, straps, and other kinds of musical materials.

***Other volunteer jobs will surface*** as Ontario does not have a large group of members. When a need arises, I will again be contacting you. These volunteer jobs might be helping in the registration area, greeting arrivals by the drive-up entrance on the lower level, handing out goodie bags, etc.

**Laura Drake**, along with the Ontario Steering Committee, and I greatly appreciate your willingness to help in some way at the Northeast Regional Conference.

***Carol Hughes, Northeast Regional Director***

Image designed by Eileen on Canva.com

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

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



## Celebrating Past Pi State President Wanda Ward's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



*Pi State Sisters celebrating with Wanda Ward (seated center).*



*Wanda with  
Margie Lovett-Scott*



*Wanda with  
Rose Swisky*



*Wanda with  
Faith Prather*



*Wanda with  
Rosemary  
Callard-Szulgit and  
Jeannette Banker*



*Ruth Ann Fultz,  
Ellie Robinson and  
Sheila Brady-Root*



*Wanda with  
Roz Freedman-Baum and  
Barbara Bostwick-Quinn*

*"For all your treasures and remembrances ...  
... over 100 cards ... thank you all. This was  
the greatest surprise of my life. I feel so  
blessed and grateful for you all. Friendships  
in DKG are eternal and connections many."*

*Wanda Ward*

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, friends, family and DKG sisters gathered in Brighton to celebrate a *Surprise 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration* for Past Pi State President Wanda Ward. Wanda's family shared cherished memories and everyone brought birthday cards with special thoughts and memories. Wanda doesn't mind being 90. She feels that "it is kinda cool."

*Photos by Judy Wadsworth*



*L to R: Alpha Kappa members Kathy Town, Debra Zaffuts,  
Linda Seymour, Sharon Patrick, Arlene Ida with  
Laughing Earth Farm Owner Anna Metzger*

### Alpha Kappa

As part of the program "Hunger, Food and Education," the Chapter visited Laughing Earth Farm in Cropseyville and learned about issues facing small farms, sustainable agriculture and suggestions for citizen actions.

*Photo & Text Courtesy  
of Sharon Patrick*



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; page 20 of mailed spring 2016 issue; and Pi State Website.



## 2016 Travel and Study Recipient Report

### *“Attending DKG International Convention in Nashville”*



**Na'ama Rosenberg**

Say what you will about clichés but I can personally vouch for the veracity of the one about *Southern Hospitality*. Our sisters in the South really know how to make you feel welcomed and at home. From the greeters, to the locals who went on the activities and tours, there was always a sweet and eager helper nearby when one was needed. Without reservation, I'd say the Tennessee ladies proved to be excellent hostesses for the Convention. *Tennessee Night* encouraged folks to dance and sing along with the performers. It really gave you a feel for being a local! All I can say about line dancing is that it is harder than it looks! The tours to various places in the Nashville area were excellent, informative and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took advantage of them.

The Opryland Hotel was a beautiful meeting place although a lot of walking was involved because the hotel is so large. To my knowledge, the hotel itself is unique. There are 5 differently themed indoor gardens to wander through, each in its own wing of the hotel. Cafes and restaurants are discreetly tucked away among the foliage and waterfalls. When you follow the many paths, bemused by the beauty around you, sometimes you end up in surprisingly private grottos or are abruptly face-to-face with a two story tall waterfall. The hotel itself is lavish and richly appointed. It provided a beautiful backdrop for the Convention. Sometimes, it felt as if you were eating or attending sessions inside a Faberge egg! Speaking of eating, the area breakfasts were wonderful with good food and great programs. The closing Banquet, in addition to more sumptuous food, gave us the installation of the new officers for the biennium.

The General Sessions brought outstanding speakers to present their programs. There were conversations about concerns in education from the nuts and bolts of curriculum including Common Core and Stem, to more global shifts such as blended learning and the movement towards technology in the classroom. I have heard that there were also sessions that were inward-facing where leaders discussed membership, recruitment and retention and innovative ways to serve our communities better.

Opportunities to bond with other ladies was not only encouraged but facilitated by the programming! You could eat with members who were in your area at breakfast and then be sorted into entirely different geographical groups by lunch! I personally found the Flag presentations very moving.

It is ultimately very hard to encompass such a grand and sweeping experience into a few short paragraphs. The dignity of Delta Kappa Gamma was so appropriately suited to the majesty of the Opryland venue. Sometimes I felt awed, proud and sometimes humbled but always grateful when I looked around and saw all the powerful and energetic women who are making tremendous impacts in their schools, communities and around the world.

*I'd take that over a two-story waterfall any day.*

**Na'ama Rosenberg**

## Happy 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Dorothy



**Dorothy Hiller**

**Dorothy Hiler**, a retired Reading Teacher from Phoenix Central Schools celebrated her 108th birthday on Thursday, February 23, 2017 with family and friends at James Square. Dorothy is a beloved 60-year member of *Alpha Iota*. She was initiated into *Alpha Iota* in 1957 and is the only surviving Charter Member.

Dorothy has been a mentor and model teacher. She has served as President of the Oswego County Teachers Association, the Retired Teachers Association of Oswego County and her local PTA. She has had many hobbies during her lifetime including traveling extensively throughout the USA and many foreign countries. She has been an avid reader. She played in the Phoenix Community Orchestra. Dorothy was a very active and faithful member of the Phoenix United Methodist Church where she also taught Sunday School.

Dorothy was Salutatorian of her graduating class from Oswego Normal School in 1933. We know that she is fondly remembered by former students who had the good fortune of knowing her during their school days.

*Photo & Text by Mary Anne Warner-Long*



**Gamma Delta**

Gamma Delta sisters made **Turtle Power Chemo Capes** for children undergoing treatment in the Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo. Each cape was accompanied by the book Turtellini, The Turbo-Powered Turtle signed by the author. The Pi State Educational Foundation helped to make this project possible.

*Photo & Text by Ellie Robinson*

**Alpha Tau**

**Rebecca Trank, Alpha Tau**, has accepted the position of Elementary Principal for the Watkins Glen Central School District. Becky earned her certification in School District Leadership and Building Leadership from the University of Rochester.

*Congratulations, Becky!*



**Karen Lahue, Alpha Tau**, has been named the **2017 Central Western Zone Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year**. This award is given annually by the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AHPERD). Nominations are made by a colleague and 3 letters of recommendation are required. AHPERD recognized Karen's accomplishments, teaching practices, dedication and passion for teaching Physical Education.

*Congratulations, Karen!*

*Photos & Text by Jeanne Schenk*

**Psi**

*L-R:* Initiate **Carol Lowery** and her Sponsor, Treasurer **Judy Corigliano**. Carol taught at Northern Adirondack Central School until she retired.

*Photo & Text by Sue Kenoyer*

**Alpha Rho**

Initiate **Betsy Drake**, Elmira Business Institute Instructor;  
Initiate **Sue Tanner**, Elmira City School Dist. Library Media Specialist;  
Initiate **Wendy Knott**, Retired Teacher Elmira City School District;  
Initiate **Jessica Carpenter**, Staff Development Coordinator GST BOCES;  
Initiate **Kim Clark**, Retired Elementary Teacher Horseheads School Dist.

*Photo & Text by Maureen V. Nicolo*



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### **Call for Submissions to the DKG Bulletin: Journal**

Submissions for the next **DKG Bulletin: Journal** issue are due **May 15**.

The topic is "*Generational Issues for Educators*"

--but articles on all educational topics are welcome for each issue!

Send submissions to [bulletin@dkg.org](mailto:bulletin@dkg.org)!

If you need assistance, feel free to contact Editor **Judy Merz** at [jrmerz@aol.com](mailto:jrmerz@aol.com).

**Judith R. Merz, EdD**  
*Editor, DKG Bulletin and Exchange*

**The DKG Song piano recording is now available on the DKG Website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).**  
Members may listen or download the **DKG Song** for Chapter meetings.

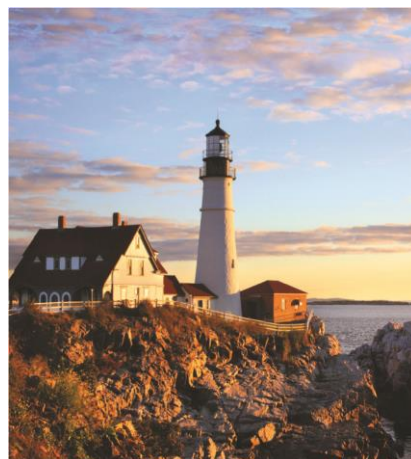
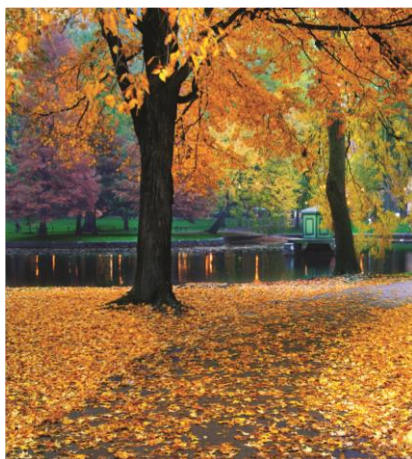


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## DKG INTERNATIONAL Neutrality Statement

*A strength of DKG women is their knowledge and involvement in the world of education and events that impact educators and learners. DKG members ask questions before they take action. They take action, use their voices, and know they make a difference. They are reasonable and open-minded, and they live in the world with passionate care.*

*Controversies surrounding the transition of power in the United States have motivated DKG members to ask how the Society itself can "take a stand." In response to these inquiries, we offer the following statement of nonprofit neutrality.*

### Statement of Neutrality

As individuals, DKG members cherish the personal right of free speech. As leading women educators, DKG members want to--and should--take a stand on important issues. Purpose 4 of the Society, in fact, encourages members "To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators."

In contrast to speaking as an individual, however, "speaking" on behalf of an international, nonprofit organization is a complex endeavor. First, in the United States, the IRS restricts political and advocacy involvement of nonprofits; penalties can include revocation of nonprofit status. Second, the DKG Constitution, echoing Purpose 4, dictates in Article VIII, Section C., f. "that the committee (Educational Excellence Committee) shall study and recommend action on professional issues and shall urge the state organizations to initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators." The International Standing Rules further state in 8.102, c. "Legislative action shall be based on a thorough understanding of the issues involved in supporting excellence in education, equality for women, and a safe, peaceful educational environment." The Rule continues in d: "Legislative activity shall be concerned with educational issues, not with candidates or political parties."

Of course, the difference between issue advocacy and political intervention can be very difficult, which leads to the third point of complexity regarding "speaking" on behalf of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Although united in a genuine spiritual fellowship, we are an organization of diversity--of various positions, experiences, opinions, passions, values and beliefs. The Society ultimately can only "speak" through formal consensus of members on **legislative matters**; without such formal consensus, **neutrality must be the position for this nonprofit organization.**

Thus, when issues or controversies arise, **each member must follow her personal journey to act on her passions and beliefs, whether by contacting a legislator, writing an op-ed piece for a local paper, using social media under her own name, or organizing or participating in a march or demonstration.** We support our love of DKG best, as well as represent our personal values, by acting with grace and supporting our organization as one that includes women with many different viewpoints-sometimes represented in the same chapter.

February 2017

## Proposed Amendments to International Constitution & Standing Rules

As a Convention Attendee in 2020, you may be able to cast YOUR vote for International Officers.

As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President **Carolyn Pittman** appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to review the work of the 2012-2014 Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* to enable Convention attendees to vote for Officers.

**In order for attendees to vote for the Officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the upcoming 2018 Convention in Austin, Texas.**

*Please attend a workshop about the election process at your Regional Conference!*

Learn the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options.

**Carolyn Rants**  
Chair Ad Hoc Committee





## Your DKG Member Profile – Get Connected!

Members make up DKG and we want to know YOU better! There is a video on the website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) that provides step-by-step instructions to help you update your DKG Member Profile. Your username is your **six-digit member ID** number that is listed on your membership card or the first six digits of the member number on the DKG International publication mailing label. Contact your Chapter President for the **default password**. Change your password to a preferred password after logging in.

What's in it for you?

### CONNECTIONS!

**A Connection with The Society** – Updating your member profile will guarantee that international has the most current information needed to communicate with you. This gives you secure access to the entire [DKG.org](http://DKG.org) website and valuable resources there. You choose the communication preferences that are right for you. Please include your email address so we can share what's new!

**A Connection with DKG Communities** – Creating your profile allows you to join members from all segments of the Society to discuss issues and receive answers to common questions in a private social network. But DKG Communities are not just about DKG business.

The *DKG Collaborative Communities* are dedicated to professional sharing, allowing educators to collaborate on ideas, strategies, research, and best practices in their teaching areas.

In the *DKG Book Club Community* members share book reviews; in the *Home Life Community*, members share recipes, do-it-yourself projects, home design, and gardening ideas; and in the *Travels Community*, members share travel experiences and opportunities.

**A Connection with Other Members** – by saying yes to the Members Only Online Directory, your information can be confidentially searched by other DKG members. This will provide easy and quick access to information used by members at the local, state and international levels. What a great way to stay connected with friends in other states and countries!

Don't wait! Get connected now!

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### VISION STATEMENT:

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





## DKGNext! 2016-2018

### Looking for a few good women—from many

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? Then complete this application to be selected to represent a particular DKG population.

**DKGNext 2016-2018** will involve a diverse mix of up to ten (10) members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017.

The **DKGNext Think Tank** will be comprised of interested members who may or may not have been identified as DKG leaders and who represent multiple populations of DKG members. The information requested is designed to ensure diversity among those selected.

The discussion will be an examination of DKG and how its present status affects its future status. We want YOU to be heard.

Check all that apply:

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Do you visualize yourself as a long-time DKG member and why or why not?

Send your completed form no later than August 11, 2017, as an e-mail attachment to [societyexec@dkg.org](mailto:societyexec@dkg.org).

**Please note:** An interactive form may be downloaded from the International Website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).



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