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**It's Time! PLAN TO ATTEND THE  
2012 Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar  
September 28 - 29, 2012  
The Hotel Albany  
Albany, NY 12207**

See pages 17 & 18 of this issue for Registration Form and Hotel Reservation/ Directions.

## Friday, 28 September

12:00-4:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
3:00pm	Registration Opens
5:15-6:15pm	Optional Dinner
6:30-7:15pm	Session I
7:30-8:15pm	Session II
8:15-8:55pm	Viennese Table Dessert Reception
9:00-10:00pm	Program "Pride of the Big Picture"

## Saturday, 29 September

7:00-8:15am	Optional Breakfast
7:45am	Registration Opens
8:30-11:00am	Executive Board Meeting
11:15am-12:15pm	Area Council Meetings
12:30-2:00pm	Fall Luncheon

Refer to the NY website for Session information.

Workshops will focus on projects, classrooms, & continued training for New Presidents and Treasurers.



Pi State President Jeanne Schenk leads G2M Meeting.

## G2M Saves **Pi State** Time & Money

*Did you know that Pi State is connected?*

Immediate Past President **Joan Slagle** began the use of **Go-to-Meeting** during her biennium. We now use this program regularly for State Committee meetings. Already this year, the State Executive Committee, Finance, Awards and Leadership Development Committees, along with the 2012 International Steering Committee have all used this valuable resource.

**Go-to-Meeting** is an excellent way to communicate in an easy and cost effective manner. For Pi State, it eliminates the expense of travel mileage, hotel rooms and meals for each participant. G2M also allows participants the convenience of attending from their own homes, dressed comfortably, with no concern about bad weather or travel difficulties. By simply using a computer and headset, participants are able to share ideas, develop program and complete committee assignments.

At a price of only \$57 for G2M, Pi State pays less for this service for a year than one-half the cost of a hotel room at an Albany hotel. Even when difficulties have occurred - sometimes with connections, sound or schedule - participants have worked together to complete the items on the agenda or reschedule.

*Pi State women work well together to accomplish much and G2M is our newest way to be connected.*

**Jeanne Schenk**

## 2012 DKG International Convention New York City July 24 - 28, 2012

For Registration,  
Hotel Information, Events, Speakers,  
Workshops, Schedules and more  
Refer to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

See pp. 3, 4 & 5 of this issue for  
information for Pi State at the Convention.

The Pi State Organization of the DKG Society International is comprised of 62 Chapters and 2721 members (5.2012).



*"Be the Spark - Ignite the Flame"*

**Jeanne Schenk**

**Pi State President 2011 - 2013**

June is a month that is filled with celebrations and special events. This is true for **Pi State** also. June 30<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the biennium for our 2010-2012 Chapter Presidents and Officers. ***I congratulate and thank these officers for making significant efforts for their Chapters. Your commitment to your Chapter and Pi State is appreciated.***

For many Chapters, new Officers will be taking over the leadership roles. I offer my thanks for accepting the challenges of being a Chapter Officer. You now have the opportunity to build a leadership team and promote projects that will involve all of your Chapter members so this biennium will be successful.

On May 5, 2012, I held the first Executive Board meeting of my biennium. On Friday evening workshops on a wide variety of topics were held. The International programs of "Schools for Africa" and "Early Career Educators" were explained by the Educational Excellence Committee. Chapter concerns were dealt with for both Treasurers and BYLAWS/Standing Rules Committees. Classroom information included "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives" and the *Pi State Foundation* held their election along with a presentation from their latest award recipient. Many members also enjoyed a workshop about "Books and Nooks."

After a delicious dessert reception, Pi State First Vice-President **Dr. Joyce Tang** gave an interesting, informative and entertaining talk on "Educators and Founders: How Leadership Evolved." Joyce shared how **Annie Webb Blanton** successfully promoted women to leadership positions in education by creating the **Delta Kappa Gamma Society**. Dr. Blanton was the architect for the growth of our Society, which was started in 1929 and today includes members from 17 countries around the world. Dr. Tang helped each of us remember that DKG continues to provide opportunities for leadership, networking and fellowship for its members. *Thank you, Joyce, for sharing your study which was published in the The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin, Fall 2011.*

Following the Executive Board meeting on Saturday morning, Second Vice-President **Erin Merrill** presided over the Awards Brunch which included special recognition of members with 50 years of membership and a moment of silence and a song in recognition of our deceased members. Awards, a scholarship and grant(s)-in-aid were announced. **Agnes Becker**, *Gamma Delta*, received the prestigious **Pi State Achievement Award** in recognition of her tireless work for Pi State and the *Pi State Foundation*. Eight chapters also received **Bea Small Awards** for support of on-going projects.

All of this activity was followed by *Leadership Development for the in-coming Chapter Presidents*. Forty-five Chapter Presidents and/or Officers attended this seminar. Under the direction of LDC Chair, **Diane Bootie**, *Sigma*, Officers were given information on membership, duties and responsibilities of the Presidency, Parliamentary procedure, meeting minutes and the role of the Treasurer. At the Fall Seminar/Board Meeting this September in Albany, workshops will be offered to continue supporting our newest Chapter leaders.

The **2012 International Convention in New York City** will be the highlight of this summer. **On July 24-28 New York City is the place to be.** This is our opportunity to showcase our State and our members. PLEASE consider spending at least one day at the Convention. *There are multiple ways to help.* Please do not leave yourself open to regret because you let this chance slip by without attending.

Finally, as you start your Chapters' new biennium, please agree ... ..

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

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

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

If you do not have a scarf of your own, you will be loaned one while you volunteer at Convention. When your volunteer time is done, please return it to the Chair of State Apparel, **Rita Chiachiere, Alpha Phi**. You may still purchase a scarf by contacting: **Karen Crumley, 2012 Convention Steering Chair**, at [kcrumley@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kcrumley@hvc.rr.com).

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

**Karen P. Crumley**

**New York Night**

**at the 2012 International Convention  
Tuesday, July 24, 2011**

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

*Refer to Pi State website for updates.*

**Karen Butters**

**Thank You for Silent Auction**

*\* Special thanks to Melanie McDonald, Sheila Brady-Root, Rita Moore, Jane Crosby, Ann Machlin, Andrèa Morris, Anne-Marie Carlson, Karla Bates and Joan Slagle for setting up and overseeing the Vendor and Auction Tables.*

*\* Special thanks to our contributors: Jean Sekel, Jane Tanner, Andrèa Morris, Jennifer Lee-Alden, Gamma Delta Chapter, Alpha Theta Chapter, Birgit Svensson, Sheila Brady-Root, Betty Dennis, Phyllis DeMiero, Louanne Hogan, & Rita Moore.*

**Betty Dennis and Joan Slagle**

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

The planning for the *2012 International Convention* is nearly complete. **Dr. Jensi Souders**, DKG International President, and your Pi State sisters on the Steering Committee and Sub-Committees invite you to join your Pi State sisters at the *2012 International Convention* this summer. I encourage each of you to become a part of this Convention and share in the camaraderie and flavor of an International Convention.

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

**There is something for everyone:**

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

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

**Karen P. Crumley**  
2012 International Steering

***"Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence."***  
***Dr. Helen Popovich, Chair, Educational Excellence Committee DKG International***

## Special Thanks to 2012 Convention Steering Committee

A special *thank you* goes out to the **2012 Steering Committee**. Each member of this Committee has helped to make the **2012 International Convention** a memorable event. We have spent countless hours going over many details, both large and small, to ensure that our DKG Sisters from all seventeen countries will have an educational and enjoyable time in the Big Apple.

Huge bouquets of roses to the Committee members who have never told me “no” and have continued to step-up to the plate to make this event a success. There was a representative from every Pi State Area on the Committee, which was my goal when I was appointed Chair.

I would like to recognize each of these Committee members. They have worked hard and attended many meetings including in person and *Go-To-Meeting*. **They are the BEST!!!**

**Agnes Becker, Registrar (NW)**

**LouAnne Hogan and Phyllis DiMiero (NW)**

*(Agnes' two right hand women)*

**Karen Butters, NY Night (N)**

**Jane Crosby and Carol Lord (EC)**

*Co-Chairs of Volunteers*

**Elizabeth Dennis (E)**

*(My right hand woman until she became very ill)*

**Vivian Johnston, Flags and Ceremonies (SW)**

**Ann Machlin, Area Representative (SC)**

**Rita Moore, Publicity (C)**

**Dr. Andrèa Morris (SE)**

*Chair of Music/Technology*

**Sheila Brady Root, Properties Room (WC)**

**Jeanne Schenk, Pi State President (EC)**

**Joan Slagle (C) and JoAnn Wallace (NC)**

*Co-Chair of Posters/Placards/Printing*

**Jane Tanner, Treasurer (NC)**

*Ladies, thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

I could not have accepted this position without your help, your friendship and your involvement in DKG.

**Karen P. Crumley**

*2012 International Steering Chair*



**2012 Convention Steering Committee Chairs:**

Front row: **Dr. Andrèa Morris, Carol Lord, Jane Crosby, Sheila Brady-Root, Jane Tanner, Agnes Becker, Anne-Marie Carlson**

Back row: **Candy Pisterzi, Rita Moore, Jeanne Schenk, Karen Crumley, Vivian Johnston**

*Note: Candy Pisterzi (Tote Bags) and Anne-Marie Carlson (First Timers) are Sub-Committee Chairs.*

## HOSPITALITY ROOM SCHEDULE

### For Convention Volunteers

Our **2012 International Convention Volunteers** are invited to come to the Tanner Suite to relax with their Pi State Sisters, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and have a home-made cookie.

*The schedule for the hospitality room is:*

**Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: 2:00-6:00pm**

**Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm**

**Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>: 12:15-5:30pm**

*Lois Ludwig*

## FOR GENTLEMEN GUESTS

There will be an *ice breaker* for **DKG members' husbands**, hosted by International President Dr. Jensi Souders' husband on **Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:00am**. Coffee and tea will be served.

Pi State is providing two volunteers for that time.

Many of the gentlemen will go from the ice breaker to one of the following tours for men and guests only:

**9:15am-2:30pm Westpoint Military Academy**

**9:30am-1:30pm Intrepid Sea, Air, Space Museum**

Registration is required. Register at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

*Lois Ludwig*

## Seminar in Purposeful Living July 19-21, 2012 in Washington, DC

For detailed information, visit the newly designed Education Foundation website at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org). To register for the Seminar: go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org); select the *Seminar Registration*.

## July 26<sup>th</sup> Event at TODAY Show

Join DKG International Sisters at the **TODAY Show** at Rockefeller Center to participate in the **DKG media presentation to NBC**, early Thursday morning, July 26<sup>th</sup>, have breakfast and return to the **Sheraton New York Hotel** for break-out sessions, beginning at 8:30am.

## 2012 DKG International Convention

New York City  
July 24 – 28, 2012

### Needed Many More Volunteers

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

Volunteers are needed for the various **Committees** July 22-28:

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

**We may need you to fill other tasks as well.**

*Every effort will be given to fulfill  
your Committee preference.*

**Forms are on the Pi State website,  
[www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY).**

Many people have indicated that they would be willing to volunteer, but the **VOLUNTEER FORM** is needed since it contains all the information needed by the Volunteer Committee to assign jobs and be able to get in contact with you. You can plan which days you will be attending the Convention and will be available to volunteer. *Please make your decision to attend this once in a lifetime Convention! Send your completed volunteer form to Carol Lord as soon as possible.*

*All volunteers for any Committee MUST submit the  
volunteer form.*

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR  
THE CONVENTION.**

*Carol Lord and Jane Crosby*

## New York City TOURS

... .. NY, NY - *The City That Never Sleeps* ... ..

**The good bad news: NYC tour space is going fast!!**

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**Register now [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) to obtain your first choice.**

Some options have been filled (\*) and a waiting list has been started. Check *website* for the latest tour information and registration form.

The *DKG NEWS*, the Jan/Feb 2012 issue, has all the details you will need to sign up for NYC Convention tours.

<b>Mon, July 23</b>	<b>9:00-1:00 NYC Bus Tour</b> <b>1:00-5:00 Lincoln Center, Meet the Artist</b> <b>1:30-5:00 Central Park Walking Tour</b>
<b>Tues, July 24</b>	<b>8:30-1:00 Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island</b> <b>9:00-1:00 NYC Bus Tour</b> <b>9:30-1:30 Downtown &amp; 9/11 Memorial</b> <b>1:00-5:00 Chelsea Art &amp; Gallery Tour</b> <b>1:30-5:00 Broadway Behind the Scenes</b>
<b>Fri, July 27</b>	<b>6:30-10:30pm Bateaux Dinner Cruise</b> <b>7:00-10:00pm Blue Note Jazz Club (*)</b>
<b>Sat, July 28</b>	<b>12:30-4:00 Downtown &amp; 9/11 Memorial</b> <b>12:30-4:00 Central Park Walking Tour</b> <b>12:30-4:00 Cloisters Museum Tour</b>
<b>Sun, July 29</b>	<b>9:30-1:30 Downtown &amp; 9/11 Memorial</b> <b>9:00-1:00 Harlem Gospel Tour</b> <b>9:00-1:00 NY Waterway Boat Tour</b>

\*See separate Links for Theatre Tickets; Sat, July 28, Cloisters (\*)  
and NY Harbor School Visit on Governors Island (\*)

These tours have been specifically designed for our members.

***Don't miss this opportunity to explore NYC with sisters.***

***Peg Misner***

## **NEEDED** **Conference Table Hostesses**

Broadway, Carnegie Hall, Central Park, MOMA, Rockefeller Center and much more are just down the block or around the corner of the **Sheraton NY Hotel** in Manhattan. You won't want to miss this opportunity to share the excitement, camaraderie and fun with sisters from across the globe **July 24-28**.

As hosts of the *2012 International Convention*, Pi State will need many, many volunteers to keep the *Big Apple* polished for our guests. When you register for the event, be sure to sign-up for the **Thursday Celebration Luncheon and Saturday Presidents' Banquet**. These meals will need Hostesses at each table. With over 2,000 registrants expected we will need a lot of you New Yorkers.

You can be more than an attendee. You can be a contributing participant. The "job" of **Table Hostess** is a chance to meet and greet colleagues, takes a minimum of effort and provides a maximum of rewards! **It is not too late, register today! Go to [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY).**

***Lochie Musso***

**Friday, May 4, 2012**



**Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, shares "Schools for Africa" Program for Pi State Educational Excellence Committee.**



**Suzanne Patrick (center), Pi State Treasurer, Rho, leads Workshop, "What Treasurers Need to Know."**



**Pi State sisters listen to Nick Bennett, Barnes & Noble Staff, as he teaches technology in "Books and Nooks" session.**



**Karen Crumley, Tau, Pi State Bylaws & Rules Chair, presents workshop, "Chapter Standing Rules."**



**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta, leads workshop on "Early Career Educators" for Pi State Educational Excellence Committee.**



**Melanie McDonald, Beta Omega, leads workshop on the Blog Project, "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives."**



**Andrèa Morris, Alpha Beta, shops for Pi State items from Sheila Brady-Root, Alpha Xi, at the FDF Sales/ Silent Auction Room.**



**Agnes Becker, Gamma Delta, chairs the Annual Pi State Educational Foundation Meeting.**



**Volunteers Lois and Della Ludwig, Omega, greet sisters at the Registration Table.**



**Area Council baskets on display for the Benefits Award drawings throughout the 2012 Board Spring Board Meeting/ Seminars.**



**The Silent Auction items were on display for sisters' bids to raise funds for the 2012 International Convention.**

**Congratulations to those who donated items and those who bid in the Silent Auction! We raised \$1232 for NY Night on 7.24.12 at the 2012 Convention.**

**Saturday, May 5, 2012** (continued on P. 7)



**Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau, Pi State President chairs the Executive Board Meeting.**



**Pi State Secretary, Deborah Bedard, Alpha Epsilon, reads the Minutes of last Executive Board Meeting.**



**Leadership Development Chair, Diane Bootie, Sigma, presents her report to the Executive Board Meeting.**



**Executive Board members show red cards in vote at the Executive Board Meeting.**

**Congratulations to Beryl Szwed, Beta Mu, on her election as Pi State Executive Secretary 2012-2016 and to Suzanne Williams, Alpha Kappa, as Financial Development Fund Administrator (FDF Sales).**

**Saturday, May 5, 2012** (concluded from P. 6)

**Dr. Joyce Tang, Pi State First Vice President, congratulates and presents  
Pi State CHAPTER Milestone Birthday Certificates.**

**75<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Alpha** April 10, 1937

**70<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Zeta** November 11, 1942

**65<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Kappa** June 13, 1947

**60<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Sigma** April 4, 1952  
**Tau** May 9, 1952

**55<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Alpha Zeta** February 9, 1957  
**Alpha Eta** April 6, 1957  
**Alpha Theta** May 11, 1957  
**Alpha Iota** November 16, 1957

**50<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Alpha Psi** October 20, 1962

**45<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Beta Epsilon** April 1, 1967

**40<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Beta Nu** May 6, 1972  
**Beta Xi** June 3, 1972

**35<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary**  
**Beta Chi** October 20, 1977

**Pi State**



**First Vice President  
Dr. Joyce Tang**

**Alpha 75<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Colleen Greco**

**Sigma 55<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Diane Bootie**

**Alpha Zeta 55<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Candy Pisterzi**

**Alpha Theta 55<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Ruth Houserman**

**Alpha Iota 55<sup>th</sup>**



**First Vice President  
Gail McKinnon**

**Alpha Eta 55<sup>th</sup>**



**IPP  
Lochie Musso**

**Alpha Psi 50<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Maureen Parker**

**Beta Epsilon 45<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Maggie Smith**

**Beta Nu 40<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Diane Battaglia**

**Beta Xi 40<sup>th</sup>**



**President Collene  
Richardson**

**Beta Chi 35<sup>th</sup>**



**President  
Cheryl Jordan**



An invitation to the 2012  
International Convention in  
New York City (July 24-28) was  
presented by Rita Moore's  
Publicity Committee.

**DKG PI STATE  
76 YEARS  
1936-2012**

### **Congratulations to Pi State Members of 50+ Years**

**Kay Kelly (67-Year Member)**

**Eleanor Lattimer (59-Year Member)**

50-year Members

Initiated in 1962

**Rita C. Bedard**

**Harriet Martens**

**MaryJoy Bauer**

**Dr. Margaret C. Locke**

**Jeanette N. Silvernail**

**Alleen Fraser**

**Delta**

**Delta**

**Psi**

**Alpha Beta**

**Alpha Zeta**

**Alpha Rho**

**Alpha Psi**

**Beta Eta**

### **Thank You, Timekeepers**



(left to right) **Ruth Ann Fultz, Beta Gamma, Maria Weimer, Alpha Lambda, Marge Wagner, Beta Nu,**



**Sisters gathered for the Awards Brunch to honor special accomplishments and to remember departed sisters.**

## Pi State Honors Our 25-Year Members



<b>Alpha:</b>	Mary Ann Farkas
<b>Beta:</b>	Barbara-Bostwick Quinn
<b>Epsilon:</b>	Catherine Bingay
<b>Zeta:</b>	Patti A. Hunter
<b>Theta:</b>	Mary Ann Costello
<b>Lambda:</b>	Judith Austin, Sue B. Stubbs
<b>Pi:</b>	Cynthia J. Van Allen
<b>Rho:</b>	Jane D. Miller
<b>Tau:</b>	Lynne R. Freedman, Lois Ann Gibson
<b>Psi:</b>	Joanna V. Orr
<b>Omega:</b>	Ann E. Orman
<b>Alpha Alpha:</b>	Mary C. Ingersoll
<b>Alpha Beta:</b>	Kathleen Battiste, Gwendolyn Simmons
<b>Alpha Eta:</b>	Marilyn E. Falt
<b>Alpha Theta:</b>	Jeanette Lindke, Louanne Hogan, Phyllis DiMiero, Lucinda Smith, Kathleen Fox
<b>Alpha Iota:</b>	Gloria V. Stone, Donna M. Keener
<b>Alpha Nu:</b>	Mary E. Nielson
<b>Alpha Omicron:</b>	Phyllis Baumann
<b>Alpha Rho:</b>	Cheryl E. Murphy
<b>Alpha Phi:</b>	Georganne Albanese, Maxine Geller
<b>Alpha Chi:</b>	Catherine Bintz
<b>Beta Alpha:</b>	LeNora Sands, Deborah McAllister
<b>Beta Gamma:</b>	Alexandra Stachowiak, Agnes Tamrowski, Linda Chamberlain
<b>Beta Theta:</b>	Anne L'Hommedieu, Diane Kay Walker, Audrey B. Ferris, Mary Augusta Boogaard, Ellen M. Barnes
<b>Beta Kappa:</b>	Christine Storie, Lillie K. Fields
<b>Beta Lambda:</b>	Phyllis McKinney
<b>Beta Nu:</b>	Nancy G. White, Marjorie Ann Wagner, Deanna G. Briggs
<b>Beta Xi:</b>	Carolann Lopez, Beverly R. Krouse, Cornelia Gevinski
<b>Beta Rho:</b>	Patricia Ann Rittinger, Zandra B. Molinaro
<b>Beta Tau:</b>	Joan Irwin
<b>Beta Phi:</b>	Susan Dee Mulhall
<b>Beta Chi:</b>	Sharon Lynn Muth
<b>Beta Psi:</b>	Zobeida Acevedo
<b>Gamma Zeta:</b>	Dr. Geraldine Wolfe, Barbara B. Cook, Diane Masters



## Pi State Chorus Remembrance

Awards Brunch Saturday, 5 May 2012

### In Loving Memory of Our Departed Chapter Sisters 2011-2012

<b>Alpha</b>	Donna Donaldson	1.19.12
<b>Delta</b>	Mary Ellen Watkins Nevin	9.23.11
<b>Nu</b>	Mary Joye Johnson	5.5.11
	Ethel M. LePage	8.4.11
	Maurine Beck	3.20.11
<b>Rho</b>	Velma Green	5.7.11
<b>Chi</b>	Barbara H. Haller	5.17.11
	Jane W. Thomas	10.13.11
<b>Omega</b>	Marie Pagano	3.6.12
<b>Alpha Delta</b>	Barbara LaSpina	1.14.12
	Lillian Hertlin	11.3.11
	Kathryn Dowling Pelish	1.6.12
<b>Alpha Zeta</b>	Carol Mahony	1.20.11
	Marjorie Wheeler	11.24.11
	Maisry MacCraken	2.7.11
<b>Alpha Eta</b>	Martha MacGuffie	3.7.11
	Martha Mary Magner	7.18.11
	Alice Laskoski	11.26.11
	Margaret Giles	12.10.11
	Alice Church	1.9.12
<b>Alpha Iota</b>	Gail Knox	7.5.11
<b>Alpha Kappa</b>	Rachel A. DiGennaro	4.4.11
<b>Alpha Lambda</b>	Mildred Jerris	4.8.11
	Grace E. Caines	3.19.12
<b>Alpha Nu</b>	Ann H. Van Buren	3.28.11
	Mary Davidson	7.7.11
	Marie Muller	9.23.11
	Marilyn Alice Barry	12.27.11
<b>Alpha Omicron</b>	Zenobia Bellert	1.31.12
<b>Alpha Pi</b>	Martha Christine Duff	4.18.11
<b>Alpha Tau</b>	Kim Verstringhe	9.21.11
	Alberta L. Fisher	12.30.11
<b>Beta Delta</b>	Viola Smith Winthrop	10.24.11
<b>Beta Epsilon</b>	Beatrice Husband	3.5.12
<b>Beta Zeta</b>	Jeanne Durni	6.20.11
<b>Beta Eta</b>	Mildred Meyer	10.8.11
<b>Beta Lambda</b>	Kathryn Ramming	2.17.11
<b>Beta Nu</b>	Mary M. Chassin	9.13.11
	Angie (Ann) S. Geer	3.21.11
<b>Beta Xi</b>	Elisabeth Lapham	5.5.11
	Barbara B. Sayre	9.25.11
<b>Beta Omicron</b>	Christina S. Chichester	3.4.11



Agnes Becker accepts the Pi State Achievement Award at Awards Brunch in Syracuse.

## Pi State Achievement Award

The **Pi State Achievement Award** was instituted in 1954. The first recipient was **Gladys I. Mersereau**, Pi State President from 1946-1948 and the State's first Executive Secretary. This award is presented annually to honor members who have made outstanding contributions to DKG at the State level.

*The award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.*

This year's recipient is **Agnes M. Becker**. Agnes, a 24-year member of DKG, is a Charter Member of *Gamma Delta*. A former Elementary Teacher, Reading Teacher and Principal of Grand Island Middle School (now Veronica Connor Middle School), Agnes served in her Chapter as Newsletter Editor, Treasurer (2002-2004), Vice President (1988-1990) and President (1991-1992).

On the State level, Agnes has held positions on several Committees, including Finance, Leadership Development and Frederica Hollister Educator's Award. In 2005, she was Treasurer of the Pi State Convention in Buffalo. But, perhaps, her most significant contribution to Pi State has been through the formation and development of the *Pi State Educational Foundation*. One member of the Finance Committee stated:

*"It was through her guidance that the Pi State Educational Foundation came to fruition... I was impressed by all that she did to see Pi State's 501(c)(3) status become a reality... This process is a long and exacting one as governmental regulations need to be followed... It was extremely gratifying to finally see monies being awarded to deserving Chapters and individuals for their projects."*

Once the *Pi State Educational Foundation* Corporation was established, she was elected to serve as its Chair.

As an active participant in DKG special events, she has attended Pi State Seminars, Conferences and Conventions as well as the Northeast Regional Conferences and International Conventions. In 2012 Agnes was the recipient of a Travel and Study Stipend, which provided her the opportunity to attend the International Convention in Spokane. She continues to demonstrate her commitment to DKG by serving as Registrar for the upcoming 2012 International Convention in New York City.

***We are honored to present the prestigious Pi State Achievement Award to Agnes Becker, a true professional and great asset to Pi State and DKG.***

**JoAnn Wallace**

*Committee Members: Anne-Marie Carlson, Karen Crumley, Andrea Morris, F. Carol Ramsey, Jo Ann Wallace, Chair*

## Pi State Scholarship

The Pi State Scholarship is awarded to a three-year or more active or retired educator in Pi State for graduate study, research or continuing education. Applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>

This year's recipient is **Michelle Snyder, Psi**, who is currently an Associate Professor of Biology and Chemistry at Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh, New York. She also serves as a STEM Program Coordinator. Michelle is working toward a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Albany.

This highly dedicated educator belongs to numerous professional organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science and National Teachers Association. Through her research, Michelle hopes to explore college-level non-science majors' conceptions about the nature of science (NOS) with regard to how the nature of science understanding is used to negotiate scientific information presented in the media.

***Pi State is honored to support Michelle's studies.***

**Elaine McNulty**

*Committee Members: Carole Dalton, Patricia Hershberger, Celeste Crawford, Elizabeth Logan, Rose Hosp, Celia Bradford, Elaine McNulty, Chair*



Elaine McNulty presents Pi State Scholarship Award to Michele Snyder at Awards Brunch in Syracuse.

**Deadline for Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grant(s)-in-Aid is March 1, 2013.**  
Refer to Pi State website [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY) for applications and information.



**Erin Merrill, Beta Chi, Pi State Second Vice President, welcomes Pi State sisters to the Awards Brunch.**

## Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

*Pi State is proud to announce the Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid recipients.*

**Jennifer Martin** is a pre-pharmacy student at St. John Fisher College. As a member of the *Lower Mohawk tribe*, she has volunteered for the Native American Community Services. Jennifer has been characterized as self-assured, upbeat, hardworking and resourceful. She has balanced a challenging academic program, service to others and membership on athletic teams. Jennifer is an outstanding candidate to receive the Pi State Native American Grant.

**Aubrey Phillips** is an Early Childhood Education student at SUNY Canton. She is a member of the *St. Regis Mohawk Tribe*. Aubrey was recommended to receive the Native American Grant for her work ethic, maturity, leadership qualities and personal initiative. She plans to return to teach early childhood students in her home area of Akwesasne. Aubrey is an excellent candidate for this grant.

**Deborah Packard**

*Committee Members: Joanne Carroll, Margaret Connolly, Phyllis DiMiero, Laura Janas, Deborah Packard, Chair*

## Gladys L Mersereau Grant-in-Aid

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grant-in-Aid* is given to non-members whose education was interrupted and who are now in need of financial help to complete certification requirements. This award was initiated in 1975 by Pi State President **Gladys Mersereau, Beta Rho**, who wanted to help women become teachers. There were no applications received by the March 1, 2012 deadline this year.

**Jeanne Schenk**

*Committee Members: Joan Slagle, Dr. Joyce Tang, Ellen Barnes, Grace Murphy, Beryl Szwed, Suzanne Patrick, Jeanne Schenk, Chair*



**Joyce Krupnik (right) presents Barbara Bostwick-Quinn (left) and Ellie Robinson with Travel & Study Stipends.**

## Travel and Study Stipends

Both recipients of the Pi State Travel and Study Stipends serve as exemplars for Delta Kappa Gamma Society members. They have each helped make Pi State a leader in the Society.

**Eleanor (Ellie) B. Robinson, Gamma Delta**, has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 1988. She retired as an Elementary Teacher at North Tonawanda in 2005. Since then she has been an adjunct at Buffalo State College as a Student Teacher Supervisor. Ellie has served her Chapter, *Gamma Delta*, as Membership Chair and President for two biennia and has been the Northwest Area Chair and Co-Chair of the Pi State Convention in April 2005. On the Pi State level she has chaired the Personnel Committee (2005-2011) and is now our Parliamentarian.

Ellie will be attending her first DKG International Convention as a member of the Pi State NY Committee and will serve as a volunteer with **Agnes Becker, Gamma Delta**, in Registration. She is also on the NY Committee to help plan "New York Night".

**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta**, has been a member of our Society since 1981. She is retired as a Director of Curriculum and Instruction in public education but still acts occasionally as an educational consultant. On the Chapter level, Barbara has been very active as Vice President and President and was Chapter representative to the North Central Area Council and to the East Central Area Council as a Chair and as a member. On the Pi State level, she represents her area on the Pi State Educational Excellence Committee. She has been a member of the Bea Small Award Committee, the Frederica Hollister Committee, Ad Hoc member to Scholarship & Communications Committee and served as Pi State Editor from 2003-2011. She received the *Golden Gift Award* in 2008.

Barbara also applied for the stipend to assist in financing the expenses of attending the *2012 International Convention* in New York City in July and will be serving as a volunteer throughout the Convention. The information she will gain will be used to help her develop modules that will enable parents to work with teachers in supporting and understanding the needs of their children. She will submit her research in an article to the International Educational Board. Barbara will also use the information to develop a presentation and materials to be shared at all levels of the Society.

**Joyce Krupnik**

*Committee Members: Arlene Ida, Marcia Swiatek, Gail Rumsey, Jonette Lankos, Joyce Krupnik, Chair*



**Harlene Gilbert presents plaque to Kelly Bradley, Executive Director of the Smith Opera House in Geneva.**

## Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

**Kelly Bradley**, Executive Director of the Smith Opera House in Geneva, New York, has been instrumental in bringing live theater experiences to over 4,000 school children yearly in the four county area of the Finger Lakes. Through her work with the ArtSmart program, Kelly has made performances, including plays, songs and puppetry, accessible to children of differing abilities and opportunities. The most recent *Pajama Story Time* is a family oriented live theater experience geared for family participation. It is Kelly's belief that "*children have become isolated by virtual media (I-pads, computers, etc.) and that sharing live art as a group experience is an important part of their education, sowing the seeds early on for them to grow into adults that are aware of and appreciate the arts*".

Kelly's newest project is collaboration with the Geneva Boys and Girls Club's Black Box Theater to produce theater workshop packages that will allow high risk children to work in many areas of theater production and performance, portraying issues that are factors in their lives.

**Harlene Gilbert**

Committee Members: Sarah Kelly Johns, Mary Kula, Marcia Rajczak, Emile Stris, Harlene Gilbert, Chair

## Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award

Cultural Anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901-1978) said that we should "*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*" She clearly had never met **Elizabeth (Betty) Kuehne Svitavsky**, the **2012 Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award** winner, who proves that a single thoughtful, committed citizen can change the world, *one child at a time*.

A founding member of Alpha Xi, **Betty Svitavsky** has dedicated her professional life to working with diverse populations and students of all ages. Over the course of almost sixty years, Betty Svitavsky has mentored new teachers, coached parents, trained active service teachers, administered programs and been a classroom teacher. She began her career as an Elementary Teacher in the East Irondequoit Central School District. From there, Betty Svitavsky became an Administrative Supervisor and then an Assistant Professor at SUNY Brockport in Department of Education and Human Development. She became active in the Brockport Migrant Education Project in 1982, serving as the Summer School Principal for over 25 years. Betty believes in the power of literacy and authentic experiences to develop each ESL student's connections to his or her new country. As such, she has established partnerships with companies like Xerox, organizations like Rotary and clubs like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to foster opportunities for migrant children. In addition, Betty ensures that instruction is individualized to the children in the program, causing phenomenal growth in literacy with only a few months training.

The text of the *Frederica Hollister Award* says that the award must go to a person "*who has exemplified the best in education.*" **Elizabeth Kuehne Svitavsky is such an educator, one whose record of service honors the memory and intent of the Frederica Hollister Award.**

**Dr. Annette Varcoe**

Committee Members: Dr. Annette Varcoe, Deborah Bedard, Mary-Martha Harvey, Erin Merrill, Chair



**Pi State Second Vice President Erin Merrill presents plaque to Betty Svitavsky.**



**Pi State Second Vice President Erin Merrill and First Vice President Dr. Joyce Tang present Pi State 50-Year Membership Award to Alleen Fraser, Beta Eta.**

*Alleen was initiated in 1962.*



**Pi State President Jeanne Schenk and Awards Chair Kelly-Jo Riker announce winners for Benefit Awards Tickets, donated by Pi Area Councils at the Awards Brunch. The sale of tickets statewide raised \$4376 for Pi State Scholarships.**

## Bea Small Awards Given to Exceptional Chapter Projects



*Pi State First Vice President Dr. Joyce Tang, Alpha Phi, recognized the Bea Small Chapter Award recipients.*

*Accepting awards for their Chapters were: front row: Lochie Musso, Alpha Eta; Joan Irwin, Beta Tau; Candy Pisterzi, Alpha Zeta; Deborah Hill, Alpha; Colleen Greco, Alpha; Jean Fontana, Alpha Phi; back row: Mary Carlson, Beta Gamma; Barbara Cook, Gamma Zeta; Mary Linda Williams, Alpha Sigma*

**Alpha Sigma's "Books for Babies"** is targeted to the newborns and their mothers in two hospitals: Olean General Hospital in Olean, NY, Cattaraugus County and Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, NY, Allegany County. It is within these two counties that **Alpha Sigma** members live. The project donates a new book appropriate for a newborn that is placed in an envelope along with a tri-fold explaining the benefits of reading to a child. The books are then presented to the maternity ward of the two hospitals and handed out to every new mother upon the birth of her child. In 2011, approximately 300 babies had benefited from this project.

During the past 24 years, thousands of children have benefited from **Alpha Phi's "Books for Tots."** Since 1986, members of **Alpha Phi** and their guests bring new, unwrapped books, appropriate for elementary school children to read, to their Chapter's Annual Holiday Party in December. Two Marines are our guests that evening and between courses they tell us of their recent deployments and what they are doing locally. At the end of the dinner, the Marines take all the books (usually over 100) and bring them to their base on Long Island, where books are distributed to area children in hospitals during the holiday season.

**Beta Gamma's "Warm Scarves and Hugs"** was started by member Diane Santora during her biennium in 2005. As President, her initiative and project focused on health awareness. She recognized a need to make others aware of the importance of being proactive and taking care of themselves. Members and friends began to knit scarves. Others donated money for yarn and made special cards to go with each scarf. The scarves are given to area women who are undergoing treatments, experiencing serious health issues. A **Beta Gamma** member carefully chooses a scarf that the recipient will enjoy, taking into consideration their color preferences. The scarf is then beautifully bagged and tagged with a special card, handmade by Chapter members: "A warm scarf is given, with warm thoughts, as a small token of our wish for your good health" or "From our hands and hearts, with warmth and care in every stitch. Hugs from the hearts and hands of **Beta Gamma** sisters." Since 2004, approximately 80 scarves have been made and distributed.

Since 2009, **Alpha Zeta's "Literacy"** prepares 36 bulging bags of school supplies prior to the opening of school each year for the children of mothers protected by Grace Smith House in Poughkeepsie, a program designed to protect them from domestic violence.

This project assures the children of domestic violence that they are as prepared for their classes with all the supplies that their peers have, especially since many have to move quickly from their home school to a new school and environment.

**Gamma Zeta's "Salvation Army Backpack Program"** provides new backpacks (filled by Gamma Zeta volunteers) and school supplies to needy students in Steuben County, primarily in the Corning-Painted Post Area School District, before the start of school each year. Hundreds of needy children received new backpacks and supplies to start school each year, thus raising their self-esteem and making them more positive about learning and about themselves.

Since 1993, teaming up with Samaritan's Way of Union Church, Youth Advocacy Program of Orange County, parent and community involvement, local Social Workers, and Family Promise, **Alpha's "April Showers"** gives new baby clothing, children's books and other items to needy families in Newburgh, which is a high poverty area. Over 100 families have received new backpacks, school supplies and other essential items donated by Chapter members and funded by the 2011 Bea Small Award.

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## Bea Small Awards Given to Exceptional Chapter Projects (concluded from P. 12)

Since 1990, *Beta Tau's "Chances and Changes: Battered and Homeless Women Outreach"* helps reduce some of the financial burden hundreds of battered and abused women must endure to remain free of domestic violence. Through the education, counseling, and help they receive from "*Chances and Changes*," many of them become successful women contributing to our community. "*Chances and Changes*" is an emergency shelter for abused and/or homeless women and their children. The program helps these

women establish safe independent homes. To support this effort, *Beta Tau* provides an exit basket to the shelter, including much needed house wares, small appliances and cleaning supplies every fall and spring. Members also donate new children's books at Christmas.

Since 2009, *Alpha Eta's "Children's Comfort Dolls"* (handmade by Chapter members at home or at Chapter meetings) have been given to approximately 65 children suffering from trauma, fear or confusion, who

are being transported by a local ambulance to a hospital in an emergency situation. Young children are especially vulnerable in emergency situations. They are frightened and the soft, small doll is easy to cuddle and hold. This gives comfort to the child and provides a distraction that allows the emergency workers to concentrate more on their tasks. These children from diverse ethnic backgrounds keep the doll when they are delivered to the hospital.

## New President's Leadership Development Seminar



Members of the Pi State Leadership Development Committee planned LDS: Pi State First Vice President Dr. Joyce Tang, Risë Messmer, Pi State IPP Joan Slagle, Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Pi State Second Vice President Erin Merrill. Diane Bootie, Chair

The *Seminar for New President's Leadership Development* was held on Saturday afternoon, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Presidents and Officers from 45 Chapters were welcomed by **Diane Bootie**, Chair.

Each President received a notebook with information about Pi State. State Officers and Chairs presented information. Membership & Expansion Chair **Rosemary Van Wart** reviewed **membership** materials, including levels of membership, "*Focus on members*," re-instatement, termination, transfer, steps when a Chapter is in distress, various membership forms and their use, membership reports and dates, and management of membership records. President **Jeanne Schenk** presented "*The Chapter Presidency: The Responsibilities and Challenges of Subscribing to the Mission Statement and the Seven Purposes*." She reviewed the duties and roles of State Officers, State Committees and Chairs, Committees Subject to Endowments, various forms and dates, tips for "*Planning for Success*," member profiles, managing President's files and

records, levels of governance and support, and activities to know members. First Vice President **Erin Merrill** demonstrated the navigation and available resources on the Pi State and International websites. Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** presented information and dates for *Pi Lights*. Executive Secretary **Beryl Szwed** reviewed the important dates for upcoming events and deadlines for reports. First Vice President **Dr. Joyce Tang** discussed creating Chapter agendas and the steps to more successful meetings. She demonstrated "*Effective Meetings*," while those in attendance participated in a mock Chapter meeting, and discussed how our Chapters can meet member needs.

More information and resources, including samples of various Chapter reports, Area Councils Schedule, adopting motions, using technology for Chapter scrapbooks, the Educational Excellence Committee goals and projects, survey, leadership styles and booklets for Chapters from *DKG International* were included. Leadership Training will continue at the *Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar* September 28 and 29 in Albany.

*Mary-Martha Harvey*



Presidents and Officers from NW, SW, WC and EC Areas of Pi State



Presidents and Officers from NC, SC and N Areas of Pi State



Presidents and Officers from C, E and SE Areas of Pi State

Area Council	Chair	Conference Date 2012	Location	Theme	Conference Chair
Capital	Dorothy Osterhout <a href="mailto:dottie425@aol.com">dottie425@aol.com</a> <i>Alpha Epsilon</i>	October 20	Hyde Art Museum, Glens Falls	Museum Tour	Dorothy Osterhout <a href="mailto:dottie425@aol.com">dottie425@aol.com</a>
Eastern	Rosemary Van Wart <a href="mailto:rvw20@optonline.net">rvw20@optonline.net</a> <i>Alpha Pi</i>	August 25	Union Church, Newburgh	" <i>Treasures in Your Attic</i> "	Corinne Wynne <a href="mailto:cwynne@judgeorg.com">cwynne@judgeorg.com</a> Janet Judson <a href="mailto:jjudson333@aol.com">jjudson333@aol.com</a>
North-western	Celeste Crawford <a href="mailto:celestec5@verizon.net">celestec5@verizon.net</a> <i>Beta Lambda</i> and Deborah Brooks <a href="mailto:dbrooks2@atticacsd.org">dbrooks2@atticacsd.org</a> <i>Gamma Gamma</i>	November 3	Russell's Restaurant, Amherst	The Global Book Club: " <i>Master's Degree Program @ Buffalo State and Wegmans</i> "	Celeste Crawford <a href="mailto:celestec5@verizon.net">celestec5@verizon.net</a> Deborah Brooks <a href="mailto:dbrooks2@atticacsd.org">dbrooks2@atticacsd.org</a>
South-western	Diane Battaglia <a href="mailto:dianebattaglia@roadrunner.com">dianebattaglia@roadrunner.com</a> <i>Beta Nu</i>	October 6	Chautauqua Institute	" <i>Igniting the Flame of Learning</i> "	Margaret Smith <a href="mailto:msmith0@salamancany.org">msmith0@salamancany.org</a>
West Central	Carol Berry <a href="mailto:cberry2@stny.rr.com">cberry2@stny.rr.com</a> <i>Mu</i>	October 20	NYS Wine & Culinary Center Canandaigua	"NYWCC: A Valuable Partnership" & Regional Foods Brunch	Jane Hogan <a href="mailto:jhogan32@rochester.rr.com">jhogan32@rochester.rr.com</a>

### East Central Area Conference "A Casual Night at the Theatre" at Ohmann Theatre in Lyons April 3, 2012



President Sally Burgess, Beta Theta; Pi State First Vice President Erin Merrill, Beta Chi; President Diane Cappellino, Beta Delta; Conference Co-Chair and Area Council Member-at-Large Deb Trombino, Omega; President and Area Council/Conference Co-Chair Lynda John, Omega; Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau; Area Council Representative Connie Casteluzzo, Alpha Tau; ; President Robyn Ballard, Alpha Tau

Sisters in the East Central Area Conference toured the historic, newly renovated **Ohmann Theatre**, savored theatre kettle corn and a catered supper, discussed renovations with Theatre staff and enjoyed the Vaudeville act of Jim Bush, a comedian and self-esteem artist-in-residence in area schools.



Pi State Representative First Vice President Erin Merrill stands by movie poster in the lobby of the restored Ohmann Theatre.



Pi State President Jeanne Schenk greets sisters in the historic Ohmann Theatre, built in 1915.

## Membership and Initiations

Welcome to the new Chapter Presidents who are starting their biennium. We send our appreciation to the Presidents who are continuing in their role as Chapter leader for another term. **Thank you** to the outgoing Presidents. You have served your Chapters well. There were 44 chapters that held one or more initiations for a total of 73 in the time period 2010-February, 2012, welcoming 152 new members. **I'd like to spotlight those chapters who initiated between 10-14 members: Alpha Beta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Rho, Alpha Psi and Beta Gamma.** I hope to hear your secrets to success and share them in a future article. We have a lot to offer at *Delta Kappa Gamma*, so let's wow each other with higher growth statistics when the next Report on Chapter Membership comes around in two years!

**Rosemary Van Wart**

Committee Members: Janet Hudson, Martha Strever, Corrine Wynne, Beryl Szwed, ex officio; Rosemary Van Wart, Chair

## Educational Excellence Committee Update

At the recent *Pi State 2012 Spring Executive Board Meeting*, **Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta**, **Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta**, and I shared information and successful activities relating to our two initiatives: *The Schools for Africa Project* and *Supporting Early-Career Educators*. If you were unable to attend the workshops and have questions or need ideas, please contact me at [suze0079@aol.com](mailto:suze0079@aol.com).

We realize that Chapters are planning for next year and may be restructuring Committees to align with our State organization.

**The Pi State Educational Excellence Committee has taken on the work of the prior Committees of:**

**Program  
Legislation  
Personal Growth and Services  
Professional Affairs and  
Music.**

Please contact the EEC representative in your area or myself if you have questions or concerns.

Several *Pi State Educational Excellence Committee* members will be attending the *International Convention in NYC*. We look forward to sharing ideas with you *September 28-29 at Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*.

**Sue Sharon**

*Committee Members: Carole Engle, Vivian Johnston, Carol Berry, Sandy Voigt, Ellen O'Hare, Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Sue Kenoyer, Jennifer Lee-Alden, Rita Chiachiere, Grace Murphy, Sue Sharon, Chair*



## WORLD FELLOWSHIP DKG Supporting Women From Around the World

The *Pi State World Fellowships Committee* promotes the work of the *Delta Kappa Gamma International World Fellowships Committee* in granting world fellowships to women educators who are not DKG members and who live in countries other than the United States and Canada. The granting of fellowships is supported through contributions from Chapters and individuals.

Chapters and individuals may contribute. Refer to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) for forms and a complete listing of recipients.

If you would like more information you may contact *Pi State World Fellowships Committee Chair: Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha*, [meanmom5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meanmom5@rochester.rr.com).

**Bridget Bishop**

*Committee Members Wanda Ward, Joan Goldstein, Rita Moore, Bridget Bishop, Chair*

## Visitations 2012

March 29	<b>Gamma Delta</b>	Jeanne Schenk
April 3	East Central Area Conference	Erin Merrill
	<b>Omega, Alpha Tau, Beta Delta and Beta Theta</b>	
April 11	<b>Alpha Iota</b>	Jane Tanner
April 18	<b>Alpha Phi, Alpha Delta, Beta Xi and Beta Psi</b>	Joan Slagle
April 21	South Central Area Conference	Karen Crumley
	<b>Xi, Rho, Alpha Rho, Beta Omicron, Beta Rho, Beta Upsilon, Beta Phi, Beta Chi, Gamma Zeta</b>	
April 23	* <b>Alpha Chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	Joan Slagle and Jeanne Schenk
April 26	<b>Nu and Alpha Chi</b>	Jeanne Schenk
May 8	<b>Beta Mu</b>	Suzanne Patrick and Joan Slagle
May 9	<b>Delta and Alpha Kappa</b>	Jeanne Schenk
May 11	<b>Rho</b>	Elaine McNulty
May 17	<b>Beta Delta</b>	Mary-Martha Harvey
May 17	<b>Alpha Theta</b>	Jeanne Schenk
May 21	<b>Mu</b>	Jeanne Schenk
May 23	<b>Alpha Sigma and Beta Epsilon</b>	Jeanne Schenk
June 2	<b>Beta Xi</b>	Jeanne Schenk
June 28	<b>Beta Gamma, Beta Nu and Gamma Gamma</b>	Jeanne Schenk
October 20	West Central Area Conference	Jeanne Schenk
	<b>Mu, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Xi, Beta Gamma, Beta Eta and Beta Tau</b>	

**\*Special Congratulations to Alpha.** Alpha is the first Pi State Chapter to achieve its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Please note:** Chapters are eligible for a visit from a requested member of the Executive Committee once every two years.

*Refer to the Pi State website for request forms and further information.*

## Communications & Publicity Committee

***Communication is our Committee's mission but Publicity is our goal!***

The 2010-2012 Biennial Report was both encouraging for our state but also revealing in our need to embrace the advances in technology that is available to us.

Out of 44 of our 65 chapters reporting:

- 34 chapters have Newsletters with distribution through e-mail.
- 247 members of those who reported in February, however, do not have access to e-mail and therefore DKG and Pi State websites! They rely on chapter assistance to stay informed!
- 31 Chapters submitted press releases to local media! *Keep going!*

We have a growing number of Chapters maintaining a website... 6 to date. **Linda Eller**, our DKG International Communications Administrator, spoke to us last Convention. She will continue to offer assistance to us at the *NYC International Convention* this July by presenting two user-friendly workshops about the basics of creating Chapter websites.

Sending photos digitally through e-mail to your Communications Chair will facilitate our efforts for further publications and Historical Records.

**Let us work together to BROADCAST the BUZZ in DKG!**

Special thanks to **Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha**, World Fellowships Chair, for the informative tri-fold and brochures on display in the lobby and to the *2012 Communications & Publicity Committee* members, who publicized their regions through an ongoing pictorial display that was colorful, informative and inspiring at the 2012 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in Syracuse. **See you all in NYC!**

**Sue Genthner**

*Committee Members: Linda Armstrong, Lois Branch, Kathy Broderick, Deborah Hill, Leslie Hooper, Pat Mineo, Sue Pennock, Rachelle Romoda, Lisa Sackett, Judy Wadsworth; Mary-Martha Harvey, ex officio; Sue Genthner, Chair*



**Chair Sue Genthner, presents Communications Committee's Report to Spring 2012 Executive Board Meeting.**



**Alpha Alpha Chapter's display**

## Pi State Educational Foundation

The *Pi State Educational Foundation* is a tax-exempt organization. Its mission is to promote literacy by promoting and supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and/or Chapters. It is supported solely by your contributions. **Membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is \$25 (tax deductible)** and makes you eligible to apply for grants and to serve on the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Since its formation in 2005, membership in the *Pi State Educational Foundation* has grown slowly. Even though an incentive was offered to the Chapter with the greatest percentage of members with membership in the Foundation, there are still many Chapters that have no Foundation members and even more have only a few.

Since its formation in 2005, the *Foundation* has awarded \$6,810 to members for their projects. Among the twelve projects supported, there have been "Read to Your Baby" projects, Family Math Night, Back-Pack projects, a project providing low-income students with musical instruments and many more.

If you haven't joined yet, the Board of Directors encourages you to join by writing a \$25 check payable to *Pi State Educational Foundation*. Forms for memberships and contributions are available on the Pi State website. In addition to becoming a member, consider applying for a grant. Many Chapters have projects that need financial help. Many members do individual projects that could use financial help.

**Project Grant Application forms are also available on line. They are due May 1 and November 1.**

The *Pi State Foundation* and the *International Foundation* are two different organizations.

*Pi State Foundation* memberships and contributions, including those contributions "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special, fund our sisters' projects in Pi State and are gratefully accepted.

**Agnes Becker**

*Pi State Foundation Board members: Beverly Anker, Anne Price, F. Carol Ramsey; Jane Tanner, Treasurer; Agnes Becker, Chair*

## Annual CTAUN Conference at the United Nations, NYC ... 18 January, 2013

CTAUN provides educators worldwide with opportunities to learn about the work of the United Nations and to incorporate this global awareness into curricula and school activities at all levels.

**"As educators...you can help students grow into...a global civic identity and understand how their decisions have an impact ranging well beyond their immediate vicinity. The United Nations is uniquely placed to work with you in instilling a sense of global citizenship in today's youth."** ~ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, 30 January 2009

*UN-NGO Representative, Grace Murphy; CHAIR CTAUN Anne-Marie Carlson*

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Pi State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Seminar**

**September 28 - 29, 2012**

*The Hotel Albany*    40 Lodge Street    Albany, NY 12207

Please **PRINT** the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Early Registration Fee (Due by August 24<sup>th</sup>)** **\$55.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late or On-site Registration Fee (Postmarked after August 24<sup>th</sup>)** **\$60.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, September 28**

**Optional Dinner 5:15 – 6:15pm** **\$30.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*All meals include house salad with Mandarin oranges and grape tomatoes, served on a bed of romaine lettuce and garnished with slivered almonds & topped with our signature raspberry vinaigrette dressing; and baskets of whole wheat, herb and sourdough rolls with butter or margarine; and freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo® teas.*

**Please select one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lemon Thyme Chicken** (lemon, thyme marinated roasted breast of chicken, presented on a bed of roasted root vegetable hash topped with a beurre blanc drizzle)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Home-style Vegetable Lasagna** (Freeform lasagna of sautéed spinach, grilled artichoke, roasted mushrooms, tomatoes and broccoli, nestled in layers of spinach pasta with a pomodoro and parmesan cream sauce)

**Viennese Table Dessert Reception 8:15-8:55pm**

**Included in Registration**  
**Guest Charge \$19.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Assortment of mini-pastries, chocolate-dipped strawberries, cubed fresh fruit, pound cake with warm chocolate sauce and choice of dark chocolate mousse cake, strawberry whipped cream cake, quadberry torte, chocolate ganache torte, tiramisu, carrot cake, NY style cheesecake or lemon layer cake; served with freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, hot teas, and hazelnut, vanilla, raspberry and almond coffee syrups.*

**Saturday, September 29**

**Optional Breakfast 7:00-8:15am** **\$21.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*Buffet includes baskets of miniature croissants & blueberry muffins, apple wood smoked bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit salad (pineapple, honeydew, strawberries & seedless red grapes), freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo® Teas and orange Juice*

**Lunch 12:30-2:00pm**

**Included in Registration**  
**Guest Charge \$24.00** \_\_\_\_\_

*All meals: baskets of whole wheat, herb & sourdough rolls with butter/margarine and freshly brewed regular & decaffeinated coffee, Tazo® teas.*

**Please select one entrée and one dessert from the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Caesar Salad** (Chopped Romaine lettuce, shredded parmesan cheese, and crispy seasoned croutons, creamy Caesar salad dressing topped with seasoned grilled chicken)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mediterranean Salad** (Baby spinach, crumbled feta, chopped, grilled artichoke heart, oven-roasted red tomatoes topped with a pomegranate vinaigrette)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Key Lime Pie**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Strawberry Cheesecake**

**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: Jean Sekel, Registrar, 128 Inghams Mills Road, Little Falls, NY 13365-3432**

**E-mail: jeanbsekel@yahoo.com Phone: 315.823.1519**

*Please note: No refunds offered after August 24, 2012. Returned checks will be subject to a \$35.00 fee.*

**See back for ROOM RESERVATIONS and HOTEL DIRECTIONS.**

# *The Hotel Albany*

40 Lodge Street Albany, NY 12207 Hotel 518.462.6611

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**Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with *The Hotel Albany*  
1.800.445.8667 ... Code EJI ... DKG ... to receive room block rate.**



**DKG Room Rates: Single or double room rate is \$119.00 plus applicable taxes (currently 14%).**

**Free overnight parking for overnight Hotel guests.**

**Note: DKG special room rate expires August 24, 2012 or sooner if DKG room block is filled.**

## **GUEST CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT**

*The Hotel Albany* check-in time starts at 4:00PM. Check-out time ends at 11:00 am. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based upon guest room availability. Call the front desk to make special arrangements.

## **HOTEL DIRECTIONS**

### **From the South:**

Take the NYS Thruway (I-87) North to Exit 23. After the toll, follow to I-787 North. Take Exit 4 and follow the signs to Broadway by turning left at the 1st traffic light. Continue on Broadway and turn left on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. *The Hotel Albany* is on the corner of 40 Lodge Street.

### **From the North:**

Take the 'Northway' (I-87) South to I-90 East. Follow I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. *The Hotel Albany* is on the corner of 40 Lodge Street.

### **From the West:**

Take the NYS Thruway (I-90) East to Exit 24. After the toll, continue to follow signs for I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. *The Hotel Albany* is on the corner of 40 Lodge Street.

### **From the East:**

Take I-90 West to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. *The Hotel Albany* is on the corner of 40 Lodge Street.

### **From the Albany International Airport:**

Go straight out of the airport. Follow the Albany signs to I-87 South. Take I-87 South to I-90 East. Follow I-90 East to I-787 South. Use Exit 4B (Clinton Avenue). At the light, turn left onto Broadway. At the 4th traffic light, turn right on State Street. Continue up State Street to the 2nd traffic light and turn right on Lodge Street. *The Hotel Albany* is on the corner of 40 Lodge Street.

### Alpha Lambda Awarded Community Service Recognition

Each week, *Alpha Lambda* retired teachers assist the kindergarten children at Winchester Elementary with their reading and writing and 5<sup>th</sup> graders with their fluency. This award recognizes the *Literacy Project's* contribution to education since 2010.



Reading Specialist, Mary Ann Tytko (left) and Mark Crawford, West Seneca SD Superintendent (center) presented Plaque to Project Chair Fran Romeo (far right), Alpha Lambda, Rosemary Lombardo, Alpha Lambda, and Lois Frazita, Alpha Lambda.

### Alpha Chi and Nu Chapters Host Joint Meeting

**Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner**, internationally-known author and lecturer on women's rights and Executive Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center in Fayetteville, spoke on "*Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) Influence on 19<sup>th</sup> Century Women's Rights Movement.*" **Matilda Joslyn Gage**, called "*the forgotten suffragist*," was a leader in the National Women Suffrage Association with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The Wolf Clan of the Mohawk Nation adopted Matilda Joslyn Gage and gave her the name, *Sky Carrier*.



Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner; President Carol Zaleski, Alpha Chi; President Risë Messmer, Nu; and Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau.



Milly Bloomquist, Alpha Tau, with President Obama

### Honorary Member of Alpha Tau Awarded 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal at White House Ceremony

*Alpha Tau's* first Honorary Member, **Milly Bloomquist**, founder of Millie's Pantry in Penn Yan, was inducted (*initiated*) into the *Alpha Tau* Chapter on November 14, 2011. "*The honor is ours!*" states President **Robyn Ballard**. The Chapter has held meetings and fund-raisers for Millie's Pantry which provides necessities for children and families in need in the Penn Yan area, Yates County.

The White House press release for the **Presidential Citizens Medal Award Ceremony** stated:

*"According to the Obama administration, for over 30 years, Milly Bloomquist has created and operated numerous programs to help the poor and underserved in Penn Yan, NY, making her a living legend. She founded Food for the Needy and Christmas for the Needy. Recently, she implemented the Weekend Backpack Program in Yates County, where children receive free meals at their schools. Bloomquist receives the Citizens Medal for her lifelong commitment to serving those in need."*

### Alpha Chapter Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup>

*Alpha* is the first Pi State Chapter to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Chapter was founded April 10, 1937. The Celebration was held at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh in conjunction with the Chapter's "April Showers" Project.

Standing Left to Right: 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee Member Beth-Siegel-Blashka, Pi State President Jeanne Schenk, Pi State Immediate Past President Joan Slagle, Alpha Parliamentarian Joyce Luby, Alpha President Colleen Greco, Alpha Recording Secretary Susan Spinelli, Past Alpha President Patricia Hershberger

Kneeling Left to Right: Past Alpha President Deborah Hill; Alpha member Deborah Calvino  
The 2011 NY Teacher of the Year



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## Pi State 2012-2013 Dates to Remember

June 1	DKG Room Block opens for Hotel Albany for <i>Fall 2012 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar</i> , Albany
June 24	Early Registration ends for <i>2012 International Convention</i> in NYC
July 1	Final orders and changes for <i>Pi State Directory</i> due
July 15	Chapter Treasurer's Report (Form 15) due: File Form 990 Send confirmation of filed form 990 to Pi State Treasurer
July 24-28	<i>DKG 2012 International Convention</i> , Sheraton NY Hotel, NYC
August 24	Hotel Albany room block closes Registration for <i>Fall 2012 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar</i> due
September 1	<i>Pi Lights</i> Fall issue information due
September 28-29	<i>Fall 2012 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars</i> , Hotel Albany, Albany
October 31	Chapter members' dues sent to Pi State Treasurer
November 1	<i>Pi State Foundation</i> Project Grants due
November 15	Nominations for Pi State Officers (2013-2015 biennium) due
December 1	<i>Pi Lights</i> Winter issue information due
January 18	<i>Annual CTAUN Conference</i> , United Nations, NYC
February 1	All International Scholarship and Grant applications due
March 1	Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends, and Grant(s)-in-Aid due
March TBA	US Forum <i>National Legislative Seminar</i> , Washington, DC
April 19-21	<i>2013 Pi State Convention</i> , Hyatt Regency Hotel, Buffalo, NY
May 1	<i>Pi State Foundation</i> Project Grants due <i>Pi Lights</i> Summer issue information due
July 24-27	2013 Northeast Regional Conference, Portland, ME
July 28-August 1, 2014	DKG 2014 International Convention, Indianapolis, IN

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

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

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### **Pi Lights** Deadlines for 2012-2013

September 1; December 1, 2012 ... February 1; May 1; September 1; December 1, 2013