



# Pi Lights

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## Pi State Officers Elected for 2015-17 Biennium



**Deborah Bedard**  
President



**Karen Butters**  
First Vice President



**Sue Kenoyer**  
Second Vice President



**Jennifer Lee-Alden**  
Secretary

## Summing Up 2013-15 and President's Message

### "Invigorating Pi State"

Dr. Joyce Tang

Pi State President 2013-2015

If DKG Founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton (1870-1945) wondered what has transpired in the 2013-15 Biennium, the photo (*below*), showing our Society's Representative and DKG Parliamentarian **Dr. Gwen Simmons** (*second from left in back row*) with our *Alpha Phi* sisters at the New York State Convention Banquet on April 25, 2015 says it all –

**INVIGORATING, FUN and MEMORABLE!**

After attending the Long Island Convention, I had the honor and pleasure of participating in the celebrations of 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of two Chapters in upstate New York. On May 6, *Omega* President and Pi State Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** and I joined *Alpha Alpha* President **Pamela Eberhardt** and 40+ members and guests to peruse scrapbooks,

initiate three members (**Jill Harris, Corey Hart, and Lesli C. Myers**), present awards and recognize members at the Lakeshore Country Club in Rochester. I was delighted to receive a 77-page *A Short History of the Alpha Alpha Chapter, Pi State, DKG: 1955-2011* documenting the organization, growth and activities of this highly accomplished Chapter in the West Central Area. On May 20, I was energized when celebrating *Chi*'s 60 years with President **Judy Waligory** and 50+ members and guests at the Riveredge Resort in Alexandria Bay. Besides presenting scholarships to two outstanding high school graduates, the Chapter initiated ten members (**Amy Bingle, Diane Birchenough, Christine Finn, Tracy Granger, Joanne McAvoy, Golda Mellon, Nadine O'Shaughnessy, Sherry Smith, Myrtie Schilling and Catherine St. Croix**). *Chi*'s scrapbooks reminded me of the dedication and contributions of its members to DKG, Pi State and the North Central Area



**Pi State International Guest Dr. Gwen Simmons**  
(*second from left in back row*) at 2015 Convention with  
members of *Alpha Phi*

since 1955. After sharing my sociologist's view of "*The Importance of DKG in the Future*," I was humbled by a video presentation, "*Spirit of Chi Award: Reminiscing with Chi Members*." Produced and edited by its members, this

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## *"Invigorating Pi State"*

**Dr. Joyce Tang**

**Pi State President 2013 - 2015**

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excellent documentary revealed the secrets of *Chi's* longevity: Creativity, Team-oriented, and 'Go For It' Attitude.

The good news keeps coming. *Beta Omicron* Immediate Past President **Patricia Thompson** reported that last year's recipient of Pi State Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid **Patti Kruppo** has just graduated with a Masters in

Special Education with a 4.00 at the State University of New York in Cortland and that Mrs. Kruppo was asked to speak at the 2015 SUNY Cortland Graduation Ceremony.

Taken together, *A Short History of the Alpha Alpha Chapter*, *Chi's* documentary of its distinguished members and Mrs. Kruppo's successful completion of her Graduate studies are clear and convincing evidence that our collective efforts in promoting the theme of 2014-16 International President **Dr. Lyn Schmid: 85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life** have succeeded.

To bring the 2013-15 Biennium to closure and set the stage for a new biennium, it is fitting to share my message and reflections at the Long Island Convention with Pi State's 2,600 stakeholders. The primary purpose of this exercise is to showcase and honor YOUR talents, skills, and contributions to the New York State Organization and to the professional and local communities. Pi State's positive impact on education for nearly eight decades is best captured in the Citation from the **Office of New York Nassau County Executive, Edward P. Mangano**: "... *The members of the DKG have worked diligently on behalf of causes and ideals which upheld the principles of human decency and brotherhood, and through the years, they have demonstrated a selfless commitment to the community that warrants attention and gratitude, and the County of Nassau is proud to extend this commendation to Delta Kappa Gamma, as you are recognized for your invaluable service to the residents of Nassau County . . . I . . . on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, do hereby award this citation to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International on the occasion of the Biennial Convention of the New York State Organization, and in fitting recognition of the dedicated and exemplary service you provide to the people of Nassau County.*"

A more ambitious goal, as stated in the **Honorable United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's** 4/24/15 Open Letter to the participants of the 2015 Biennial New York State Convention, is "to inspire women throughout the country to pursue their interests in the field of education and encourage them to apply their vision for the benefit of students everywhere." Senator Gillibrand's message to Pi State reminds me of the theme in her memoir, *Off the Sidelines: Speak Up, Be Fearless, and CHANGE THE WORLD* (2014).

## **FOUNDERS & PRESIDENTS' BANQUET**

**MARRIOTT HOTEL GRAND BALLROOMS 1, 2 and 3**

**6:00 – 9:30 PM (Saturday) APRIL 25, 2015**

## ***President's Message***

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and the responsibility of being the shepherd of this 79-year-young State Organization for the largest world Organization for Key Women Educators.

As New York (Pi) State Secretary, First Vice-President and now President, I have the privilege and honor of working for 2,600 key women educators for six years. As leaders in and outside Pi State, you have taught me valuable lessons on how to solve problems and get things done. As a perfectionist and reformer, I can now get more mileage out of every day by focusing on what is important and ignoring what is not.

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When the Society asked what makes me most proud of my State Organization and its members, I noted on the State Organization President 2014 Annual Report: **“Members’ devotion and loyalty to DKG and to the New York State Organization.”**

At the end of the Annual Report, I was intrigued by another question: What do I expect my legacy will be as a State Organization President? Without hesitation, I scribbled **“A steward who listens, shows moral leadership, demands integrity from all involved in governance at the Chapter and State levels and observes the Golden Rule.”**

I would like to end this message by quoting the “Recipe of Success” by J.W. “Bill” Marriott, Jr. and use his recipe as an inspiration for the membership. In *Without Reservations: How a Family Root Beer Stand Grew Into A Global Hotel Company* (2012), Bill Marriott tells us how he built Marriott International into what it is today – one of the most successful and respected companies in the world with nearly 3,000 properties in more than 70 countries, 300,000 employees, and annual revenues exceeding \$12 billion.

**M – is for “More.”** More satisfied customers . . . more opportunity for our people . . . more financial returns to our owners, franchises and investors . . . and, of course, more hotels in more cities and countries. Like Mr. Marriott, we want “more satisfied members, more leadership opportunities for members . . . more financial returns to Pi State investments, and, of course, more chapters in New York State.

**A – is for “Ask.”** Bill Marriott has always tried to hire people who are smarter than he is. He asks a lot of questions and listens to their suggestions. We should too.

**R – is for “Respect.”** Be humble, respect others and we will have an unbeatable team!

**R – The second “r” is for “Recognition.”** Bill Marriott writes more than 700 notes of appreciation every year to customers and associates. He tries to say “thank you” as often as possible.

**I – is for “Innovation.”** Marriott was the first hotel company to develop and acquire multiple brands. Innovation continues with more exciting lobbies, guest rooms, and leading technology.

**O – is for “Opportunity.”** The driving force behind Marriott’s core values is to open doors to opportunity for all.

**T – is for the “Tenacity.”** Bill Marriott learned from his parents, as his father said, “Success is never final.”

**T – And the final “t” is for “Time.”** Don’t waste it – make every minute count!

Let’s practice what the owner of our Convention site preaches: ***Don’t waste time and let’s move on to the next item on the Program.*** Enjoy your Dinner and the Entertainment, performed by the State University of New York Nassau Community College Music Group and “*Circle of Dances To Build a Sense of Community*” led by Educational Excellence Committee Chair **Jennifer Lee-Alden!**

**SCHOLARSHIP, AWARDS & GRANT(S)-IN-AID BRUNCH**

MARRIOTT HOTEL CHARDONNAY

10:15 AM – 12 NOON (SUNDAY) APRIL 26, 2015

**Reflections & Closing REMARKS**

We had a great Scholarship Brunch and a spectacular Convention. Thanks to everyone’s participation and support . . . but especially to the Executive Committee (**Deborah Bedard, Karen Butters, Rosemary Van Wart, Jeanne Schenk, Beryl Szwed, Suzanne Patrick, Mary-Martha Harvey, and Ellie Robinson**), Convention Co-Chairs **Dr. Valerie Lagakis** and **Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar**, Registrar **Susan Spivak**, Treasurer **Noreen LeCann**, Secretary **Beth Borzone**, Sub-Committee Chairs **Jean Fontana, Loretta Detweiler, Dr. Rosann Gonzalez, Rowena Costa, Danielle Greco, Emilie Stris, Penny Ellis**, and all **volunteers** in the Southeastern Area and from other Areas. Would all of you please stand for recognition? Thank you.

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All of the Scholarships, Awards and Grant(s)-in-Aid Committee Chairs who worked hard with their Committee members to seek out the best and the brightest for honor and recognition at today's ceremony (**Erin Merrill, Arlene Ida, Joan Slagle** for Joann Wallace, **Joyce Krupnik, Dr. Valerie Lagakis** for Elaine McNulty, **Emile Stris, Dr. Andréa Morris** for Deb Bedard, **Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, Karen Butters** and **Maria Toulas**), please stand for recognition. *Thank you.*

Also I must thank our 25- and 50-year members in the audience for their support and loyalty to DKG and to Pi State.

Appreciation also goes to Educational Excellence Chair **Jennifer Lee-Alden** and her team for organizing 14 invigorating workshops for the Convention, to Music Chair **Bridget Bishop** and the Convention Choir for the wonderful music program, to other Committee Chairs, Committee Members and volunteers who work behind the scenes quietly and diligently to make this event so special and fun.

DKG Parliamentarian **Dr. Gwen Simmons'** invigorating Keynote, workshop presentation and participation have exemplified the qualities of being a leader of leaders! Additionally, in *See Jane Not Run: Teachers Are Leaders* (2009), Dr. Simmons and co-author **Lynda Tamblyn** remind us to "*distinguish between having a say and having [our] way*" (p. 19). Thank you, Gwen for being a part of our memories of the 2013-15 Biennium.

My observation of the 3-day Convention tells me that your dedication and service to Pi State is *open-ended* and most importantly *without reservations!* Our membership is fortunate to have leaders like you showing us how to strive for excellence and make a difference in the lives of your students, Pi State members and children in your community.

The certificates, plaques, award checks or the rose pin you received from Pi State are icing on the cake. They are symbols of distinctions for the recipients. They are also constant reminders to the recipients that Pi State expects the honorees to keep doing what they are doing (i.e., "*to give in order to receive.*"). There is no better example for emulation than the recipient of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award, **Mildred Bowman**. Ninety-three years young "Ms. Millie" has worked as a lunchroom and playground monitor at the East Broadway Elementary School in Seaford for 43 years. Once again please give our extraordinary friend of education "Ms. Mille" a round of applause for her selfless dedication and love of children.

What is the **Lesson Learned** from the Convention? "***To invigorate Pi State, ask not what Joyce Tang plans to do after June 30, 2015, ask what YOU will continue to do for your Chapter and for Pi State tomorrow, next week and even after Joyce Tang passes the buck to her successor.***"

Remember **Bill Marriott's** "*Recipe of Success*" – MORE members ... MORE Chapters ... OPEN DOORS ... to opportunity for all members. ASK members for suggestions. *Don't waste TIME asking Joyce what she will do when this is over.* Make every minute count for your Chapter and for Pi State ... So please:

[1] – **Volunteer to serve on a State Committee as a member or a Chair.** Return the "*Request Form for Pi State Committees 2015-17*" to me today or by April 30.

[2] – Take a minute to complete the **Convention Evaluation Form** and leave the form on the table for collection by Co-Chairs **Dr. Valerie Lagakis** and **Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar**.

**THANK YOU TEAM PI STATE for "Invigorating Pi State"**

**PATRICIA ALENA** – Nominations

**ANNE BAILEY** – Finance

**CINDY BAKER** – Finance

**MARY ANN BALDARI** – Convention Steering

**ELLEN BARNES** – Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Personnel

**DIANE BATTAGLIA** – Nominations

**AGNES BECKER** – Pi State Achievement Award; Pi State Educational Foundation

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**DEBORAH BEDARD** – Awards; Bea Small Award; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State First Vice President

**BRIDGET BISHOP** – Educational Excellence; Music Representative

**DR. ANNA MARIE BONAFIDE** – Communications & Publicity

**DIANE BOOTIE** – Membership and Expansion

**BETH BORZONE** – Convention Steering

**BARBARA BOSTWICK-QUINN** – Communications & Publicity; Educational Excellence; Strategic Action Plan; U.S. Forum Liaison

**FRANCES BRIDA** – Convention Steering

**CELIA BRADFORD** – Scholarship

**SHEILA BRADY-ROOT** – Leadership Development; Native American Grant(s)-In-Aid; Personnel; Pi State Educational Foundation

**KAREN BUTTERS** – Awards; Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State Second Vice President

**ANNE-MARIE CARLSON** – Pi State Achievement Award; Strategic Action Plan

**REBECCA CARTER** – Finance

**LESLIE CHAMBERS** – Communications & Publicity

**RITA CHIACHIERE** – Convention Steering

**MARGARET CONNOLY** – Native American Grant(s)-In-Aid

**ROWENA COSTA** – Convention Steering

**CELESTE CRAWFORD** – Pi State Achievement Award

**JANE CROSBY** – Travel and Study Stipend

**KAREN P. CRUMLEY** – Bylaws and Rules, Strategic Action Plan

**FERN DAANE** – Convention Steering

**LORETTA DETWEILER** – Convention Steering

**VIRGINIA DUDKO** – Pi State Educational Foundation

**PENNY ELLIS** – Convention Steering

**CAROL A. ENGLE** – Nominations

**JEAN FONTANA** – Convention Steering; Pi State Achievement Award

**MARY ANN FRAUENBERGER** – Convention Steering

**DR. ROSELYN FREEDMAN-BAUM** – Awards; Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund; Personnel; Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

**RUTH ANN FULTZ** – Audit; Leadership Development

**MAXINE GELLER** – World Fellowship

**SUE GENTHNER** – Awards; Communications & Publicity

**HARLENE GILBERT** – Bylaws & Rules; Educational Excellence; Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

**JOAN GOLDSTEIN** – Convention Steering

**DR. ROSANN GONZALEZ** – Convention Steering

**DANIELLE GRECO** – Convention Steering

**SUE GRUBER** – Finance

**BARRE HALL** – Pi State Webmaster; Communications & Publicity

**MARY-MARTHA HARVEY** – Awards; Communications & Publicity; Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State Editor

**PATRICIA HERSHBERGER** – Scholarship

**MARY KAY HICKEY** – Educational Excellence

**DR. JANE HOGAN** – Educational Excellence

**ROSE HOSP** – Scholarship

**ARLENE IDA** – Awards; Native American Grant(s)-In-Aid

**LAURA JANUS** – Native American Grant(s)-In-Aid

**VIVIAN JOHNSTON** – Educational Excellence

**JANET JUDSON** – Finance

**DR. COLLEEN KELLY** – Convention Steering; Pi State Achievement Award

**JOYCE KRUPNIK** – Awards; Strategic Action Plan; Travel & Study Stipend

**Photos from 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention**

*Pi State Travel & Study Stipend Chair  
Joyce Krupnik with Recipient  
Susan Norris*



*50-Yr. Member Ann Smith with Pi  
State First Vice President and  
President-Elect Deborah Bedard*



*Pi State Educational Excellence Chair  
and Secretary-Elect Jennifer Lee-  
Alden with Workshop Presenter  
Melanie McDonald*

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**MARY KULA** – Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award; World Fellowship  
**DR. SHARON KULHANEK** – Communications & Publicity; Finance  
**DR. VASILIKI (VALERIE) LAGAKIS** – Convention Steering; Nominations; Scholarship  
**CAROL LAMB** – Audit  
**NOREEN LECANN** – Finance; Convention Steering  
**JENNIFER LEE-ALDEN** – Educational Excellence  
**ELIZABETH LOGAN** – Scholarship  
**KATHRYN LONDRVILLE** – Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid  
**DELLA LUDWIG** – Communications and Publicity; Finance  
**MARY MCCARTY** – Bylaws and Rules  
**DR. MARGARETHE MCCURRY** – Nominations  
**MELANIE MCDONALD** – Educational Excellence  
**ELAINE MCNULTY** – Awards; Scholarship  
**ERIN MERRILL** – Awards; Educational Excellence  
**CATHERINE MLYNIEC** – Finance  
**PAT MINERO** – Communications and Publicity  
**MARGARET (PEGGY) MISNER** – Convention Steering  
**RITA MOORE** – Scholarship  
**DR. ANDREA MORRIS** – Bea Small Award; Convention Steering; Educational Excellence; Strategic Action Plan  
**RUTH MOWRY** – Nominations  
**GRACE MURPHY** – Convention Steering; Educational Excellence; UN-NGO Representative  
**LOCHIE MUSSO** – Nominations; Strategic Action Plan  
**ELLEN NOWYJ** – Nominations  
**CATHERINE OLINGER** – Convention Steering; Personnel; Strategic Action Plan  
**DEBORAH PACKARD** – Native American Grant(s)-In-Aid  
**TERRI PALMIERO** – Membership and Expansion  
**TONI POMERANTZ** – Convention Steering  
**NANCY PANKOW** – Bea Small Award; Communications and Publicity  
**SUZANNE PATRICK** – Audit; Finance; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Leadership Development; Membership and Expansion; Pi State Treasurer  
**SUE PENNOCK** – Communications and Publicity  
**DR. KUMKUM PRABHAKAR** – Convention Steering  
**ANNE PRICE** – Pi State Educational Foundation  
**BARBARA BROOKS QUINN** – Nominations  
**F. CAROL RAMSEY** – Bea Small Award; Pi State Achievement Award  
**COLLENE RICHARDSON** – Personnel  
**KELLY-JO RIKER** – Nominations  
**ELEANOR (ELLIE) ROBINSON** – Bylaws and Rules; Leadership Development; Pi State Parliamentarian  
**RACHELLE ROMODA** – Communications and Publicity  
**GAIL RUMSEY** – Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund; Travel and Study Stipend  
**LISA SACKETT** – Communications and Publicity; Membership and Expansion;  
**JEANNE M. SCHENK** – Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State Immediate Past President  
**JEAN SEKEL** – Audit; Membership and Expansion; Strategic Action Plan  
**SUE SHARON** – World Fellowship  
**NANCY SIEGEL** – Bylaws and Rules  
**JANE SLACK** – Finance  
**JOAN SLAGLE** – Leadership Development; Pi State Achievement Award; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State FDF  
**DR. LUCY SMASSANOW** – Communications and Publicity; Educational Excellence

**Photos from 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention**

*Pi State Convention Co-Chair Dr. Valerie Lagakis and Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar*



*Pi State Second Vice President and First Vice President-Elect Karen Butters at Awards Brunch*



*Pi State Communications Member and Website Tutorial Creator Leslie Chambers*

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- DR. JOYCE TANG** – Awards; Bea Small Leadership Speakers Fund; Convention Steering; Finance; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State President
- JANE TANNER** – Audit; Pi State Educational Foundation; Strategic Action Plan
- EMILIE STRIS** – Awards; Convention Steering; Strategic Action Plan; Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award; World Fellowship
- MARCIA SWIATEK** – Educational Excellence; Travel and Study Stipend
- BERYL SZWED** – Bylaws and Rules; Finance; Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-In-Aid; Leadership Development; Membership and Expansion; Strategic Action Plan; Pi State Executive Secretary
- LINDA SMITH** – Bea Small Award
- SUSAN SPIVAK** – Convention Steering
- MIREILLE TAUB** – Communications and Publicity
- MARIA TOULAS** – Awards; Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award
- ROSEMARY VAN WART** – Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award; Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan, Pi State Secretary
- DR. ANNETTE VARCOE** – Frederica Hollister Professional Educator Award
- JEAN WAGNER** – BYLAWS & Standing Rules
- JUDY WADSWORTH** – Communications & Publicity
- ANN WALKER** – Convention Steering
- JOANN WALLACE** – Awards; Pi State Achievement Award
- WANDA WARD** – Leadership Development; Strategic Action Plan; World Fellowship
- MARY LINDA WILLIAMS** – Travel and Study Stipend

*Dr. Joyce Tang*



*Pi State Parliamentarian Ellie Robinson with Pi State BYLAWS & Standing Rules Chair and Past President Karen Crumley*

*Photos from 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention*



*Pi State President Dr. Joyce Tang Addresses the attendees at Convention Awards Brunch*



*(Front row) Dr. Joyce Tang, Pi State President, with Pi State Executive Secretary, Beryl Szwed and Convention Co-Chair Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar (Back row l to r) Convention Co-Chair Dr. Valerie Lagakis; Pi State Finance Chair, Noreen LeCann; International Guest Dr. Gwen Simmons; Pi State World Fellowship Chair Emilie Stris*



*Timekeepers for the 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention (l to r) Pat Odessa, Alpha Beta Maria Weimer, Alpha Lambda Laura Janas, Alpha Tau*

*Installation of Pi State Officers for 2015-2017 Biennium  
Pi State Convention on April 25, 2015*



*Pi State President Dr. Joyce Tang installs First Vice President Deborah Bedard as Pi State President for 2015-2017 Biennium; Second Vice President and First Vice-President-Elect Karen Butters; Second Vice President-Elect Sue Kenoyer; Secretary Rosemary Van Wart; Secretary-Elect Jennifer Lee-Alden*

*Pi State President*



*Dr. Joyce Tang and  
Deborah Bedard*

*Pi State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*



*Deborah Bedard and  
Karen Butters*

*Pi State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*



*Karen Butters and  
Sue Kenoyer*

*Pi State Secretary*



*Rosemary Van Wart and  
Jennifer Lee-Alden*

*Pi State President-Elect Deborah Bedard's Message  
To the General Session at the Pi State Convention on April 25, 2015  
"Celebrating the Invitation of Membership"*

It is indeed an honor and privilege to be selected to guide our Pi State Organization over the next two years. As a leader of Pi State, I look forward to working with my Executive Committee to inspire members to actively participate in the Society's business. I envision a biennium where Pi State members embrace the *Invitation of their Membership*. I look forward to assisting our Chapter Presidents as they reach out to actively engage members in Chapter programs, projects and the challenge of leadership roles.

As a member of this professional organization of key women educators, it will be my goal to continue to support my fellow active teachers as we struggle to meet the demands of our Common Core classrooms and APPR evaluations. Through the efforts of the Educational Excellence Committee and Pi State Executive Board Meetings/Seminars and Conferences, our State will continue to provide workshops, programs and professional credit hours that meet the needs of all of our members: both retired and active. My hope is that through my efforts and those of the Executive Committee, educators throughout Pi State will indeed "*Celebrate the Invitation of Their Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma International.*" I invite you to join me in this celebration!

*Deborah Bedard*





\$6,775 in Pi State  
Scholarship Benefit Tickets



Pi State Awards Chair,  
Erin Merrill, draws  
winning names for the  
Pi State Benefit Awards  
Gift Baskets at the Pi  
State 70<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Awards Luncheon on  
April 26<sup>th</sup>.



Pi State 70<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Co-Chair Dr. Kumkum  
Prabhakar and Pi State  
World Fellowship Chair  
Emilie Stris hold Benefit  
Quilt, created by Lydia  
Paulsen, Alpha Phi.

## Congratulations, Pi State!

The Pi State Awards Committee extends a huge THANK YOU to all members! Your generosity and commitment to DKG, Pi State and the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid awarded each year is appreciated beyond words. With your help, Pi State has exceeded President Tang's 2014 challenge to raise \$6,334 in Scholarship benefit tickets.

**Your contributions totaled \$6,775!!**

Along with this amazing support, we had eleven fabulously generous **gift baskets** donated from our 10 areas and one from Joyce Tang & her family, all to enhance the theme "Invigorating Pi State," to share with twelve excited members from .....

| Area Council                    | Contribution  | Winner   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Capital</b>                  | <b>Invigorating Your Calmer Self!</b><br>\$100 LL Bean Gift Card, Alden Estate Wine and Sweet Treats  | Sandra Plimpton<br><i>Gamma Epsilon</i>                          |
| <b>South Central</b>            | <b>Invigorating the Mind &amp; Spirit!</b><br>Body & Bath Gift Certificate, <i>The Piano Guys</i> CD, Journal, Puzzle Books, Aromatherapy Lotion, Candle/Diffuser, <i>Friends</i> Wall Plaque, etc. | Eileen Petrillo<br><i>Beta Xi</i>                                |
| <b>Northwestern</b>             | <b>Invigorated by 'Dough'!</b><br>\$100 – Pi State Scholarships are "kneaded."  | Jan Przybylski<br><i>Alpha Rho</i>                               |
| <b>Southwestern</b>             | <b>Invigorate the Shopper!</b><br>Variety of Gift Cards   | Sharon Perrele<br><i>Pi</i>                                      |
| <b>West Central</b>             | <b>Invigorating the Body!</b><br>\$100 LL Bean Gift Card Plus   | Leanne Bucco<br><i>Zeta</i>                                      |
| <b>Northern</b>                 | <b>Invigorating Your Palate: Tastes from the North!</b><br>Local Northern NY Products like Wine, Maple Syrup, Honey and more!   | Ellie Robinson<br><i>Gamma Delta</i>                             |
| <b>Eastern</b>                  | <b>Invigorate Your Glam!</b><br>\$100 Tiffany Gift Card   | Sheri Hunter<br><i>Nu</i>  |
| <b>Southeastern</b>             | <b>Invigorating Your Travel!</b><br>Coach Handbag, L'Occitane Gift Box  | Erin Merrill<br><i>Beta Chi</i>                                  |
| <b>North Central</b>            | <b>Vivify Your Décor!</b><br>MacKenzie-Childs Teapot<br>MacKenzie-Childs Pedestal Bowl  | Jean Sekel,<br><i>Pi</i><br>Mary Jane Eckel,<br><i>Alpha Rho</i> |
| <b>East Central</b>             | <b>Roses Are Red!</b><br>Red Rose Tote and Umbrella, DKG Note Cards, Handmade Rose Notecards (Barb Lee, <i>Beta Theta</i> ), \$100  | Mary Ann Baldari<br><i>Alpha Beta</i>                            |
| <b>Tang Family Contribution</b> | <b>Pearls for Pi State! (donated by Joyce Tang's family)</b><br>Pearl Necklace and Bracelet with Two Flower Medallions  | Patti Hunter<br><i>Zeta</i>                                      |

*Exceeding President Joyce Tang's goal could not have happened without each of you.*

*Thank you again, Erin Merrill*

## Pi State Awards Benefit Patrons 2015

### Alpha

Bernadette Dvorak  
Colleen Greco  
Patty Hershberger  
Angela Houlihan  
Susan Maloney  
Carol Matrianni  
Vivian Yettru

### Beta

Jan Argentine  
Sandy Attleson  
Gwen Barbato  
Chirs Baron

Lisa Benedict  
Cathy Boland  
Marcia Bulger  
Judy Casciani  
Brenda Comolli  
Karen Cunningham  
Mary Davis  
Linda Delorenzo  
Jeanette Diplo  
Susan Eligh  
Anna Finamore  
Ester Gros  
Lori McGivern  
Lynn New

Barb Bostwick-Quinn  
Gail Renniger-Smith  
Norma Riley  
Mary Kay Hickey  
Jeanne Sangiorgi  
Kathleen Tavarone  
Deb Vibbard  
Janet Vorstadt  
Ruth Whiting  
Melinda Young

### Delta

Doris Bedell  
Margaret Connoly

Diane Davison  
Judy Hoover  
Sharon Patrick  
Maria Reid-Roberts  
Margaret Singer

### Zeta

Leanne Bucco  
Doreen Croyle  
E. Duffy  
Patti Hunter  
Nancy Lussier  
Valerie McPartland

Pam Mitchell  
Stacey Rhubin  
Annmarie Santorelly  
Sheilah Setti  
Janice Steeves  
Jessica Szeli

### Lambda

Stephanie Allen  
Judy Austin  
Pat Fanning  
Kathy Londraville  
Sue Stuhbs

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Marjean Nielsen

**Nu**

Nu Chapter Members

**Pi**

Celia Bradford  
 Carol Burkhart  
 Rebecca Carter  
 Louise Huth  
 Linda Casler  
 Lisa Lane  
 Marilyn Martin  
 Elaine Mc Nulty  
 Joanne Mickle  
 Sharon Perrella  
 Jean Sekel  
 Sue Summerfield  
 Cindy Van Allen

**Rho**

Joan Ackerman  
 Susan Daniels  
 Lisa Huyuk  
 Dottie Lawson  
 Barb Lennon  
 Fran Nichols  
 Suzanne Patrick  
 Karen Rowe  
 Jo Salo

**Sigma**

Carol Bandlow  
 Diane Bootie  
 Kathie Burnside  
 Nancy Carroll  
 Leota Cray  
 Linda Evans  
 Diana Henry  
 Stella King  
 Gloria Lenhart  
 Jean Martin  
 Noreen Morris  
 Sue Sharon  
 Marjorie G. Tornatore  
 Laura Winchester

**Tau**

Nancy Catalano  
 Penny Coombe  
 Karen Crumley  
 Ginny Dudko  
 Leah Exner  
 Maxine Evans  
 Franci Solomon-Kirtack  
 Mary Ellen Levy  
 Judy Lucyk  
 Lauren Miller  
 Robin Pantel  
 Pat Segar

**Phi**

Ann Marie Carlson  
 Lynn Fargo  
 Barbara Keis  
 Lucille Leong  
 Carole Phillips  
 Catherine Reid

**Chi**

Dorro Boland  
 Elizabeth Bolton  
 Patty Burke  
 Sandy Geiss  
 Colleen Henegan  
 Liz Kuhl  
 Marianne Malatino  
 Kathleen Marceau  
 Marion Opela  
 Sue Pennock  
 Lyn Perry  
 Sandra Roberts  
 Diane Rogers  
 Janet Rumsey  
 Karen Spooner  
 Karen Stowell  
 Marilyn Trainor  
 Judy Waligory  
 Donna Yancy

**Psi**

Psi Chapter Members

**Omega**

Sisters of Omega Chapter  
 Jan Astles  
 Cindy Avery  
 Angela Bates  
 Jenn Bay  
 Christine Bennett  
 Lydia Berrong  
 Evie Bottorf  
 Kathleen Burke  
 Gail Burr  
 Kammy Catchman  
 Sharry Cirulli  
 Mary Chermiso  
 Denise Clarke  
 Linda Coons  
 Susan Cunningham  
 Jennifer Davison  
 Mary Dorgan  
 Renee Durso  
 Kathy Eckler  
 Arlene Eddington  
 Jerry Fletcher



Phyllis Frantel  
 Helene Goodberlet  
 Sue Gray  
 Jeanne Guastaferro  
 Julie Hadyk  
 Mary-Martha Harvey  
 Liz Hezel  
 Laura Hill  
 Lynda John  
 Elaine Kennedy  
 Judy Kiehle  
 Mary King  
 Liz Koster  
 Bev Lanove  
 Della Ludwig  
 Lois Ludwig  
 Cindy Lynch  
 Sally Maxson  
 Adelle Miller-  
 Wadsworth  
 Amy Monachino  
 Barbara Morgan  
 Elizabeth Mussack  
 Cindy Myers  
 Marilyn Nicholson  
 Deborah Poplasky  
 Sharyn Powell  
 Carol Ramsey  
 June Renner  
 Patricia Rice  
 Holly Rich  
 Mindy Ritter  
 Gail Rumsey  
 Dawn Scales  
 Mary Shelly  
 Bev Simons  
 Kerry Smartt  
 Linda Smith  
 Peg Snyder  
 Karja Stevens  
 Deb Trombino  
 Linda Upchurch  
 Kay Van Deusen  
 Karen Varrichio  
 Jamie Wagner  
 Janalee Weaver  
 Maggie Wiegand  
 Jennifer Wohlschlegel  
 Janice Wright  
 Jacquie Johnson  
 Margo Van Haneghan

**Alpha Alpha**

Carrie Archie  
 Betsy Balzano  
 Jeannette Banker  
 Roselyn Freedman-  
 Baum  
 Judy Cante Berry  
 Bridget Bishop  
 Monica Cosgrove

Pam Eberhardt  
 Joan Fenton  
 Jean Fuller  
 Judy Fuller  
 Sue Genthner  
 Mary Ann Geonie  
 Gretchen Hughes  
 Lynne Keefer  
 Donna Noble  
 Sheila Brady Root  
 Faith Prather  
 Pam Quamo  
 Anne O'Toole  
 Margie Lovett Scott  
 Wanda Ward  
 Francis Whited  
 Eileen Wuethrich

**Alpha Beta**

Alpha Beta members  
 Mary Ann Baldari  
 Patricia Odessa

**Alpha Gamma**

Deb Adelberg  
 Lydia Blake  
 Debbie Cestone  
 Wanda Flickinger  
 Janet Judson  
 Marylyn Kowalczyk  
 Mary Ann McMorrow  
 Joanne Mellia  
 Mary Lo Scalzo  
 Emmy Schwartz  
 Ruth Spillman  
 Claudia Sullivan  
 Dorene Tomaskovic  
 Barbara Warren  
 Nan Weiss  
 Lori Whitman  
 Florence Wildner

**Alpha Delta**

Yanick Frederic  
 Beverly Jefferson  
 Ruth McCalla  
 Margaret Misner  
 Barbara Schermerhorn  
 Barbara Schnitzer  
 Carole Siegel  
 Eileen Venezia  
 Ann Walker  
 Alpha Delta Chapter

**Alpha Epsilon**

Alpha Epsilon members

**Alpha Zeta**

Kim Goldhirsch  
 Martha Strever

**Alpha Theta**

Carol Blumrick

Marge Burgio  
 Nelda Callard  
 Jan Cilip  
 Kathleen Clarke  
 Barb Filipiak  
 Peggy Hanavan  
 Louanne Hogan  
 Jeannette Lindke  
 Marcia McCarthy  
 Diane McKee  
 Sue Richards  
 Cindy Smith  
 Cathleen Spero  
 Jen Stickney  
 Tricia Stacey  
 Pat Turner

**Alpha Kappa**

Elizabeth Day  
 Arlene Ida  
 Susan Mahigian  
 Linda Seymour  
 Mazine Terpening  
 Kathy Town  
 Wynne Wright  
 Debra Zaffuts

**Alpha Lambda**

Diane Andriaccio  
 Jill Barrile  
 Kathy Brachmann  
 Pat Bulger  
 Mary Ellen Campiere  
 Suzanne D'Amato  
 Trish Del Principe  
 Hettie Domino  
 Susan Dunkle  
 Liz Egan  
 Judy Geer  
 Juliana Hamm  
 Patricia Harmon  
 Bonnie Hogan  
 Annemarie Jason  
 Vivian Johnston  
 Janice Juliano  
 Mary Kraft  
 Sharon Kulhanek  
 Jo Ellen Kuuzina  
 Rosemary Lomburdo  
 Paula Malesa  
 Joanne McIsaac  
 Myrna McNaboe  
 Merlene Miller  
 Lynn Morganti  
 Ginna O'Leary  
 Michele Pagliaroli  
 Nancy Pankow  
 Cheryl Potter  
 Fran Romeo  
 Marcia Swiatek

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Marianne Sullivan  
Anne Szczesny  
Dolores Tracy  
Leslie Victor  
Anne Ward  
Marie Weimer

**Alpha Nu**

Gloria Autrey  
Anna Marie Bonafide  
Sue Campbell  
Jane Conte  
Wendy Diskin  
Wanda Dorpfeld  
Linda Drahushuk  
Diane Dreig  
LuAnn Frederksen  
Carol Gans  
Dodie Gearing  
Sandra Gill  
Carol Ann Jason  
Sue Merrill  
Michele Mickle  
Virginia Nightingale  
Bonnie Persico  
Karen Risch  
Mary Ann Shook  
Pat Wharton

**Alpha Pi**

Janet Antonucci  
Joanne Carroll  
Jean Kennedy  
Nancy Morningstar  
Julia Morreale  
Ann Ten Eyck  
Katherine Turkewitz  
Rosemary VanWart  
Corinne Wynne

**Alpha Rho**

Helen Bentley  
Mary Ann Caroscio  
Sue Collican  
Gilberta Corneby  
Mary Jane Eckel  
Sue Fahnestock  
Maureen Nicolo  
Jan Przybylski  
Sandy Schultz

**Alpha Tau**

Jane Alden  
Linda Armstrong  
Kathryn Bailey  
Robyn Ballard  
Cathryn Bishop  
Mary Kay Bolan  
Annita Breitweiser  
Amy Busby  
Shirley Carney  
Connie Castelluzzo

Mary Lou Charland  
Peg Colacino  
Cecilia Colosi  
Jane Crosby  
Erin Cunningham  
Sharon Dredericks  
Corrine DeRue  
Janice Driscoll  
Doris Eldredge  
Mary Ann Guarney  
Joan Geise  
Mary Ann Gilman  
Dawn Goodman  
Alice Grealy  
Nancy Green  
Michelle Griffin  
Joan Handfield  
Kelly Hart  
Laura Hovey  
Laura Janas  
Lynn Johnson  
Maria Johnson  
Karen Lahue  
Patti Larche  
Stacy Liberati  
Linda Lindner  
Carol Martin  
Lucile McKay  
Deb Minor  
Arlene Morley  
Freida Mulheron  
Kristi Curtin-Mussaw  
Elin Orman  
Mary Peck  
Betty Pilato  
Lorraine Reed  
Rachel Rogers  
Amy Rozelle  
Alice Russell  
Kelly Sacchitella  
Marilyn Sacheli  
Jeanne Schenk  
Jeanne Smith  
Ann Smithers  
Mary Lee Strakosh  
Sandy Sucher  
Laura Tantillo  
Heather Tillman  
Rebecca Trank  
Alyson Vitticore  
Rosemary Wallace  
Brenda Ward  
Deborah Wilbur  
Tammy Wood  
Nancy Wright  
Amy Zimmerman

**Alpha Phi**

Beth Borzone  
Rita Chiachiere  
Rowena Costa

Mary Curry  
Jean Fontana  
Danielle Greco  
Emilie Stris  
Jane Sanacora  
Joyce Tang  
Maria Toulas

**Alpha Chi**

Patty Aubry  
Charlene Castelletti  
Dorene Clarkin  
Cathy DiBernardo  
Celia Domser  
Rose Hosp  
Leanne Jardine  
Terri Palmiero  
Andrea Rounds  
Gail Spadafora  
Mary Sundberg  
Joanne Truman  
Jean Wagner  
Carol Zaleski

**Alpha Psi**

Bunnie Bates

**Beta Gamma**

Joan Bellanca  
Nancy Beyer  
Sandra Bojanowski  
Joan Carlucci  
Mary Carris  
George Ann Carter  
Claudia Cerasani  
Sally Conrad  
Kristin Cox  
Carol Cucinotta  
Marie-Elana Deeney  
Judy De Grood  
Renee Falkowski  
Nancy Fitch  
Linda Flaherty  
Ursula Fuest  
Ruth Ann Fultz  
Joanne Herman  
Melissa Hodnett  
Kathy Hubacher  
Marilyn Hubbard  
Kathy Humphrey  
Jo Konvinse  
Leslie Kunze  
Becky Lane  
Lydia Lonsberry  
Angel Lowery  
Debra Lutz  
Esther Mangino  
Diane McCallum  
Jackie McDanel  
Laurie McKeown  
Catherine Mlyniec  
Kim Monahan

Mary Margaret Morgan  
Marie Ochal  
Ruth Parker  
Pamela Partridge  
Pat Powell  
Margaret Prinzi  
Mary Rase  
Monica Reding  
Linda Rubeck  
Lynne Rowley  
Diane Santora  
Eleanor Ann Smith  
Alexandra Stachowiak  
Ruthanne Vitagliano  
Judy Winston  
Mary Zentz

**Beta Delta**

Beta Delta Chapter  
Members  
Liz Becht  
Diane Cappellino  
Jan Driscoll  
BJ Garnsey  
Harlene Gilbert  
Deborah Hoffman  
Ellen Hughes  
Gail Johnson  
Diana Katovitch  
Sherry Meyers  
Delia Olufsen

**Beta Epsilon**

Leslie Chambers  
Joyce Krupnik

**Beta Theta**

Beta Theta Chapter  
Members  
Ellen Barnes  
Sally Burgess  
Bev Camp  
Kebby Clute  
Barb Packard  
Marcia Waterman  
Dorothy Wiggins

**Beta Kappa**

Beta Kappa Chapter  
Members

**Beta Mu**

Karen Butters  
Linda Jackson  
Carol Lamb  
Stephanie Quinn  
Cheryl Schillee  
Pam Susice

**Beta Nu**

Diane Battaglia  
Judy Breslin

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Judy Breslin  
Helen Davis  
Maria Hager  
Joanne Haskell  
Kay Kilburn  
Cathie Phelps  
Carol Polisen  
Cindy Reger  
Nancy Schwab  
Janet Simons  
Elaine Stumpf  
Liz Wascak  
Pat Zurbrick

**Beta Xi**

Beta Xi Chapter  
Members  
Collene Richardson

**Beta Omicron**

Claire Chastaine  
Rebecca Maeder-Chien  
Kathy Curley  
Janet Dolezel  
Susan Gearhart  
Mary Jane Hendersen  
Beatrice Hinkley  
Linda Iwanow  
Marsha Kathman  
Priscilla Little  
Deb Mueller  
Sue Ostrom  
Patricia Thompson  
Laura Scranton

**Beta Tau**

Marcia Ayers  
Jane Barnard  
Helen Cole  
Cathy Dickinson  
Patti Genereux  
Betsy Hoefen  
Jane Hogan  
Karen Kelley  
Jonette Lancos  
Carolyn Lowell  
Mary Lee Page  
Deirdre Phillips  
Vicki Rose  
Melinda Riviello  
Susan Schedlbauer  
Kristin Smith  
Barb Stewart  
Dorothy Topping  
Margaret Vangalio  
Cindy Zhe

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Wendy Allard  
 Kathy Bailey  
 Nicole Bennett  
 Becky Sue Bianco  
 Marilyn Denson  
 Barbara Franzese  
 Linda Gregory  
 Susan Lemak  
 Susan Muhall  
 Marianne O'Rourke  
 Karen Rowe  
 Ann Shepardson  
 Christine Updyke  
 June VanSkiver  
 Sue Walker  
 Angela Weeden  
 Kelsey Wood

**Beta Chi**

Doreen Bonomo  
 Audrey Carr  
 Patty Becerril-  
 Drapikowski  
 Sue Gruber  
 Helen Hanak  
 Cheryl Jordan  
 Janet Latour  
 Barb McDowell  
 Sheila Mahady  
 Erin Merrill  
 Vicie Rolling

Susan St. John-Jarvis  
 Mimi Whittenhall

**Beta Psi**

Zobeida Acevedo  
 Fran Brida  
 Valerie Cordiale  
 Jo Davis  
 Loretta Detweiler  
 Rosemarie Devlopoulos  
 Fern Doane  
 Janet Fuleher  
 Catherine McDonnell  
 Selena Mitchell  
 Catherine Olinger  
 Eileen Pujdak  
 Susan Spivak  
 Phyllis Voegeli

**Beta Omega**

Jennifer Lee-Alden  
 Patricia Bennison  
 Alice Crotty  
 Barbara Cervenka

Arleen Donnan  
 Joanne Donnan  
 Jeanine Flinton  
 Kathy Hoeltzel  
 Karen Jones  
 Carol Ann Maguire  
 Melanie McDonald  
 Lynn Prehn  
 Julia Roy  
 Laura Sheldon  
 Carol Troost  
 Carol Vieira  
 Elaine Vandenburg

**Gamma Gamma**

Leah Robinson  
 Amy Dentinger  
 Diane Carlson  
 Wianne Kotula  
 Julia Schrader  
 Rhonda Ball

**Gamma Alpha**

Joan Goldstein

Eleanor Guido  
 Colleen Kelly  
 Patricia Kelly  
 Rita King  
 Jean Lloyd  
 Mary Metzger  
 Debbie Ottenberg  
 Eileen Venezia  
 Joan Bruner Timmons

**Gamma Delta**

Agnes Becker  
 Carol Brenner  
 April Carere  
 Jayne Davignor  
 Nancy Duffy  
 Lori Ellman  
 Jule Finicki  
 Mary Jane Fonte  
 Judy Hagan  
 Heidi Himes  
 JoAn Holesko  
 Stacey Jufarjian  
 Jen Kendt

Donna Krayenvenger  
 Mary Lorich  
 Karen Mauro  
 Janice Peters  
 Ellie Robinson

**Gamma Zeta**

Penny Allington  
 Mary Bacalles  
 Andrea Bocko  
 Barbara Cook  
 Mary Franklin  
 Teresa Graham  
 Diane Huggler  
 Patty Kahl  
 Doris Knowles  
 Diane Masters  
 Cathy Patterson  
 Anne Price  
 Doris Roy  
 Mary Suffern  
 Meri Terwilliger  
 Day-Lih Tung  
 Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz  
 Geraldine Wolf

84% of our chapters participated in the benefit drawing. Fantastic support came from each Area Council (% of chapters within each AC participating): **Capital** 100%, **Eastern** 75%, **East Central** 100%, **Northern** 100%, **North Central** 75%, **Northwestern** 75%, **South Central** 86%, **Southeastern** 86%, **Southwestern** 67%, and **West Central** 80%.

**Travel and Study Stipend**

*The Travel and Study Stipend Committee is to present Travel and Study Stipends to active and retired educators and promote interest in Society Seminars and Conferences. No one award is to exceed \$1000.00 and efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession.*

The Travel and Study Stipend recipients for 2015 both have the first name of Susan and epitomize the enthusiasm that one wants to find in a DKG member. Both have applied to attend the **Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore, July 8-11, 2015.**

**Dr. Susan Dunkle**

**Dr. Susan Dunkle** is an Assistant Professor of Adolescent and Elementary Education at Medaille College. She has been a member of *Alpha Lambda* since 2011 and has served as an Interim 2nd Vice-President in 2013 as well as presenting a program regarding Teacher Education.

Dr. Dunkle writes that her college has cut funding for travel and she would appreciate the Stipend since she will be presenting at the Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore. Her workshop is titled, "*Professional Dispositions for Teacher Candidates: From Standardization to Wisely Effective Classrooms.*"

Dr. Dunkle anticipates returning to her Chapter to share the lessons learned from other professionals at the NE Conference. She plans to share her experiences with her students and professionals at her college for both their growth as well as her own professional development.

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**Susan S. Norris** is a National Board Certified Teacher, teaching third grade at Indian Lake Central School. Initiated in 2001, Susan is a member of *Beta Mu* and is currently their Vice- President. She has served on the Membership Committee as well as the Program/Educational Excellence Committee. Since Susan has become Vice President, she has attended the Executive Board Seminar in Syracuse, the Leadership in Education Training for Presidents in Syracuse, the Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 Executive Board Meetings/Seminars as well as 2015 CTAUN in NYC.

She states that these experiences have allowed her to meet DKG women who exhibit both friendliness and professionalism. Ideas have been exchanged as well.

At one conference Susan was able to make connections with a teacher who had an exchange student from Australia. Because Susan has a project that involves sending a stuffed bear around the world with his journal, the bear was soon off to Australia, his seventh continent.

Susan is looking forward to meeting other professionals in Baltimore as well as attending the workshops to glean more inspirational ideas to enhance her classroom and to share with her Chapter members.



*Susan Norris*

*Joyce Krupnik*

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

*Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid are given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service.*

Two \$1000 Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid are being awarded to deserving young Native American women who seem destined to make positive contributions to their communities through service.

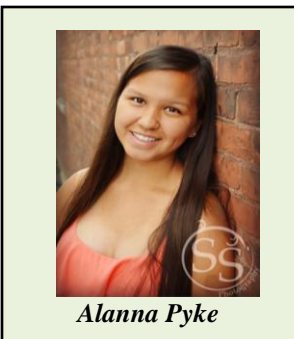
**Kaitlyn Lauzon** is currently enrolled in the nursing program at Canton Community College. After receiving her nursing degree, she plans to attend a specialized training program in Aboriginal Midwifery. Her ultimate goal is to return home and establish a birthing center for all women who choose to have their babies at home. In doing so, she feels she will help save the Native American culture and bring back the traditional ways of her community.

**Alanna Pyke** is currently a senior at Massena High School in the very demanding International Baccalaureate Diploma program, maintaining High Honor Roll status. Alanna has not decided which University she will attend but is planning to major in biomedical engineering with a minor in Native American Studies.

*Arlene Ida*



*Kaitlyn Lauzon*



*Alanna Pyke*



*Pi State Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid Chair Arlene Ida (center) with recipients Alanna Pyke and Kaitlyn Lauzon*



*Pi State UN-NGO Representatives (l to r) at their Workshop: Anne-Marie Carlson (CTAUN Chair), Joan Goldstein, Lochie Musso, Grace Murphy & Eileen Venezia*

**2015 Bea Small Awards Honored**

Established in 1999 in memory of **Bea Small**, a member of *Omega*, the Award is presented to a Pi State Chapter(s) having an outstanding existing program or project which addresses a need of a specific population within the Chapter's geographic area. The *Bea Small Awards* are given for outstanding Chapter projects that are ongoing for at least two years. The 2015 *Bea Small Awards* were presented at the Pi State Convention Awards Brunch.

This year, the awards are being given to:

*Deborah Bedard*

| <b>Chapter</b>               | <b>Director</b>   | <b>Project</b>                                    | <b>Description</b>   |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Alpha Iota</b><br>\$300   | <b>Elaine Suskin</b><br><br>President:<br>Jill Walch                                | <b><i>“Serving Children From Head to Toe”</i></b> | This project has served students in Oswego County since 2008. As retired and active teachers, we all know that students cannot concentrate on school work with wet socks and underwear. This project provides school nurses with clean socks and underwear. Books are supplied to build a small library for children to use until their parents arrive. Elaine says, <i>“That in a small way we are helping students be comfortable and prepared for learning.”</i>  |
| <b>Alpha Zeta</b><br>\$300   | <b>Linda Greenbalt</b><br><br>President:<br>Kim Goldhirsch                          | <b><i>“Grace Smith Literacy Project”</i></b>      | Since 2010, <i>Alpha Zeta</i> members have been creating backpacks filled with books, school supplies and personal care items for use by battered children seeking shelter at the Grace Smith House. Linda testifies, <i>“Alpha Zeta members have helped children and women who arrive with very little but quickly learn that the community will help to provide and that a great many people care about their safety and concern.”</i>   |
| <b>Beta Omicron</b><br>\$500 | <b>Patricia Thompson</b><br><br>President:<br>Deborah Mueller                       | <b><i>“Treasure Totes For Tots”</i></b>           | This project began when <i>Beta Omicron</i> members described their concerns when nervous or upset children were experiencing long waiting periods in Emergency Rooms. Over 422 totes have been created and filled with gently used books and stuffed animals then distributed in four waiting areas: the ER, Specialty Clinic and Health Offices in Delhi and Andes. Patricia states <i>“This is a great way to calm and distract fearful children and get books into homes.”</i>   |
| <b>Gamma Delta</b><br>\$300  | <b>Mary Jane Fontane</b><br><br>President:<br>Tressa Smith                          | <b><i>“Seneca Street Reading Camp”</i></b>        | <i>Gamma Delta</i> has worked with the Seneca Babcock Community to support their summer reading program which strives to keep impoverished children from falling further behind in their reading skills. This Chapter project provides healthy snacks and participates in the development of curriculum and instruction. Mary Jane expresses that her Chapter would like to support this project with educational materials. Positive feedback from classroom teachers indicates that students come back in the fall at or above reading level from the previous June. <i>“This project keeps suburban and rural teachers more informed about the problems of inner-city children and willing to do what we can to make education the route out of poverty.”</i> |
| <b>Psi</b><br>\$300          | <b>Missy Bristor-Cross and Linda Noyes</b><br><br>President:<br>Dr. Beverly Burnell | <b><i>“Welcome Bags for New Teachers”</i></b>     | Since the fall of 2009, 150 recently hired teachers in North Country Schools have been welcomed with bags of supplies and personal letters of encouragement that reminds new educators they are valued and honored for choosing the teaching profession. Linda affirms that past recipients of <i>“Welcome Bags”</i> are being inducted into <i>Psi</i> chapter.   |

Elaine McNulty

*Dee Katovitch**Jennie Snapp Scholarship*

**Diana (Dee) M. Katovitch**, *Beta Delta*, is the Assistant Director of the Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education at Syracuse University. She coordinates a highly-regarded program called the *Peer-to Peer Program*.

Diana currently serves as the *Beta Delta* Chapter President. Colleagues describe her as reliable, dedicated and eternally upbeat. Also, her peers state that she is passionate about her work and is an advocate for the education of students with intellectual disabilities.

Diana will use her scholarship to fund research-related expenses for a book she is writing entitled *Beautiful Children: The Story of the Elm Hill School and Home for the Education of Feeble-Minded Youth*.

*Phoebe Mersereau Eldridge Scholarship*

**Anne-Marie Carlson**, *Phi*, is an active, dedicated member of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Chapter, State and International levels. Currently retired, Anne-Marie taught at various grade levels as an elementary classroom teacher and as a Reading/Language Arts Specialist. From 1991-1993, she served as Pi State President.

Anne-Marie has proudly attended almost every Pi State Convention and Executive Board Meeting since 1978. In addition, she has attended every DKG International Convention and NE Regional in that time frame. Since 1995, she has served as the DKG Representative to the United Nations and is responsible for spearheading the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) and serving as Chair.

Anne-Marie will use this scholarship to participate in a Road Scholar program, titled *On the Silk Road in Central Asia*. Her journey includes explorations in Kyrgystan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

*Anne-Marie Carlson**Edna B. Mack Scholarship*

**Susan Gruber**, *Beta Chi*, currently teaches French in Grades 9-12 in the Corning-Painted Post School District. Susan is an active member in Delta Kappa Gamma at the Chapter and State levels, serving as her Chapter's Corresponding Secretary and on the Pi State Finance Committee. She is involved in numerous educational, professional and community service organizations.

Susan is a coordinator of an after-school Elementary French program and is a member of the NYS Association of Foreign Languages. Recently, she earned a Master's Degree in Theology and has served as a Pastoral Associate at All Saints Parish.

Susan will put her scholarship funds toward National Home Builders Association Courses in Michigan this August. She is working toward certification as a Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS). This initiative teaches people how to make their homes safe and accessible for the aging population.

*Susan Gruber**Jeannette Johnson Scholarship*

**Barbara Bostwick-Quinn**, *Beta*, is a retired educator who remains active as an Educational Consultant, a school building leader scorer, a substitute teacher and an instructor through Educate Online. Her teaching experiences vary from the elementary classroom to Director of Curriculum and Instruction in Romulus. Barbara is presently the Pi State U.S. Forum Liaison and a member of the Educational Excellence, Communications and Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committees. She serves as *Beta* Chapter President, attends and presents at many State Seminars, Conventions and Leadership Trainings.

Barbara feels that it is important to use technological tools in recruiting, maintaining and developing new DKG members. She will use this scholarship to update her computer technology skills and will begin her SUNY coursework through Cayuga Community College this summer.

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn*



*Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau, Pi State Immediate Past President and recipient of 2015 Pi State Achievement Award*

## 2015 Pi State Achievement Award

**Jeanne Schenk**, *Alpha Tau*, was honored at the Pi State 70<sup>th</sup> Convention Awards Brunch on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> as this year's *Pi State Achievement Award* recipient.

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. The 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.*

A retired elementary teacher from Marcus Whitman CSD for 37 years, Jeanne is a valued member of her community whose colleagues and students speak of her with respect and affection. As a 29-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Jeanne has been actively involved in all aspects of her Chapter, *Alpha Tau*, including her role as President (1998-2000).

On the State level, Jeanne has held all of the elected offices Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President (2011-2013). Her ability to

be a team player and a consensus builder has been evident in her work as Pi State Chair of the Scholarship Committee, the Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award, Gladys L. Mercereau Grant(s)-in-Aid Award and Bea Small Award Committee. She has also assisted in the Leadership Development of Pi State Chairs and Chapter Presidents.

During her Presidency Jeanne was extremely supportive of all that the 2012 International Convention entailed, including carrying the American flag during the Opening Ceremonies and the close of the Convention. She also presented the Keynote Speaker at the final General Meeting. She continues to play a leadership role as a member of the 2015 Northeast Regional Workshop Committee, highlighting her outstanding commitment to Pi State and DKG.

With her "vivacious energy and tireless efforts" Jeanne epitomizes the theme she chose for her biennium "Be the Spark, Ignite the Flame." We are pleased to honor **Jeanne Schenk** with this year's prestigious Pi State Achievement Award.

*Pi State Achievement Award Committee: Chair JoAnn Wallace (Alpha Omega), Agnes Becker (Gamma Delta), Anne-Marie Carlson (Phi), Celeste Crawford (Alpha Theta), Jean Fontana (Alpha Phi), Dr. Colleen Kelly (Gamma Alpha) and Joan Slagle (Beta Omega)*

*JoAnn Wallace*

## Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

*Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award is an award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 and is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.*

**Mildred (Ms. Millie) Bowman** is an icon at East Broadway Elementary School in Levittown, NY. She has been a school monitor since 1974 and has treated the students there as if each one belongs to her.

Her youthful, upbeat personality does not change with the seasons. She runs a tight ship but her management skills make it all seem so easy. If she sees a student acting out, being solitary or experiencing difficulty, she seeks out help with that child and keeps information confidential.

No one can imagine the indoor or outdoor recess without her.

***She is the heart and soul of a friend in educating our youth!***

Millie was nominated by **Jean Fontana**, *Alpha Phi*.

*Maria Toulas*



*Maria Toulas, Pi State Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Chair, presents award to Millie Bowman at Pi State Convention Awards Brunch on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*"DKG is a learning organization. ... Dr. Blanton's model for forming DKG in 1929[still has] the potential to recreate itself by constantly learning and adapting for change. ... The adventure of learning transforms you if you choose to participate."*

*~ Dr. Gwen Simmons' Address to the 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention in Uniondale*



## Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid

The *Gladys L. Mersereau Grant-in-Aid* was established in 1975 to award non-members whose education was interrupted and need financial help to return to school and complete the requirements for teacher certification.

This year the award is being given to *Aneesah Willis*.

*Aneesah's* sponsor is *Lynne Keefer* of *Alpha Alpha* Chapter.

**Aneesah Willis** is completing her undergraduate education in Health Science with "Inclusive Childhood Education" Certification at the State University of New York Brockport College in December 2015. She plans to obtain certification as an Inclusive Childhood Educator. She is on the SUNY Brockport Dean's List and a recipient of Monroe Community College's Snowball Scholarship, RIT's NACME Scholarship and RIT's Urban League Scholarship. Born in Rochester, New York, Aneesah is a wife and mother of five children. To support her family and education, she has worked as General Merchandise Associate, New York Statewide School Health Services Center Information and Data Specialist Consultant, and private Day Care Provider.

Ms. Willis "believes that every child needs and deserves a quality education. One that is comprehensive and inclusive; providing all students, despite their readiness or achievement level, with opportunities to acquire factual knowledge, while simultaneously developing lifelong skill."

Additionally, SUNY Brockport College's Associate Director of the Honors College **Dr. Priya Banerjee** noted that "her high GPA, and her professional demeanor during our advisement meetings, speaks not only to her fine mind, but her sound work ethic and good interpersonal skills. She has chosen to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher and I believe that she is well-suited for this because of her skills, temperament, and motivation."

Professor **Janet Waasdorp** concurred that "Ms. Willis possesses the personal attributes and professional lens necessary for continued successful study."



*Aneesah Willis*

*Dr. Joyce Tang*

## Pi State Celebrates 50-Yr. Members



*Ruth Spillman, President Janet Judson and Helen Brass (right)*

### Alpha Gamma

**Helen Brass** was recommended by her peers to become a member of *Alpha Gamma*. She was a nurse teacher in the Mt. Vernon School District. During her membership of 50 years, Helen has enjoyed fellowship with her *Alpha Gamma* sisters, the Chapter programs and the Chapter service projects.

**Ruth Spillman** was recommended by her colleagues to become a member of *Alpha Gamma*. She taught 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades in the Scarsdale School District. Ruth enjoys fellowship with other colleagues, scholarship fundraisers, and fondly remembers the Chapter making lighthouse table decorations for the Pi State Convention in Tarrytown many years ago.

### Alpha Zeta

**Virginia Garofalo** says her greatest honor has been being invited to join *Delta Kappa Gamma*. Ginnie enjoys golf, cards and bowling. She graduated from the University of Toledo in Ohio and SUNY New Paltz. She has also taken courses at Wayne University and Hofstra. Ginnie held various elementary teaching positions and has taught Humanities at the Jr. High level. She has served her Chapter, *Alpha Zeta*, as the Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and President. She also served as Co-Chair of the Eastern Region of Pi State in 1980.

**Margaret Hunt** is a retired Home and Careers Teacher from Rhinebeck School District in Dutchess County. In addition to teaching, Peg served for many years as the Head of the Milan Volunteer Auxiliary. In that capacity, she was a paramedic and has not only saved many lives herself but taught others first aid and CPR so they might go out and help save others.

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*Eleanor Ann Smith (center with white pocket book) on her Initiation day*

### *Beta Gamma*

**Eleanor Ann Smith** was initiated on May 8, 1965. Ann was the School Librarian at the Arcade Elementary School for 33 years. After she retired from education, she worked for 14 years as a Home Health Aide, which she says was a very rewarding job. As a volunteer in Bliss, she is on the Eagle Free Library Board, President of the WCCH Auxiliary Board and a volunteer at the local hospital. She is also an Eagle Valley Community Club Member, Curator of the Town of Eagle Historical Center and a member of the Town of Eagle Senior Citizen Committee. Ann is also busy with 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.



*Ann Smith wearing one of her Chapter's gifts as a 50-Yr. member at her Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 14<sup>th</sup>*  
Photo by Marie Ochal



*Suzanne Moore*

### *Beta Theta*

**Suzanne Moore** was a Charter member of *Beta Theta* (1969). She transferred into *Beta Theta* from *Omega*. She served and chaired many Committees in *Beta Theta* over the years of her membership, including President from 1970-1972.

Suzanne was a high school English Teacher in Sodus and retired in 1992. As an active teacher, Suzanne was very involved in many organizations. Suzanne served as National Honor Society Advisor, AFS Student Advisor and belonged to the National Council of Teachers of English, Sodus Sports Booster Club, and as a Trustee for the Sodus Central Scholarship Fund, Inc., to name a few. Suzanne remains active in her community and church.

### *Nu*

**Janet Burt** graduated from Poland Central School. She pursued degrees at the New York State College for Teachers and Stanford University. Janet taught Science and Mathematics for 38 years. She served over 30 years as the Math Team Leader and the K-12 Math Supervisor in the Clinton CSD.

Over the course of her teaching career, Janet chaired several Committees, served as an Advisor and was active in the Clinton Teachers Association. Janet has worked with Houghton Mifflin co-authoring books and served as a Consultant for the NYS Education Department. Upon retirement Janet took lessons in Braille Transcribing and was certified by the Library of Congress as a Literary Braille Transcriber. She remains active in her community and church.



*Janet Burt*



*Mary Luckern*

### *Omega*

**Mary Luckern** is a retired Principal of North Street School and Prospect Avenue School for the Geneva Central School District. She holds degrees from SUNY Geneseo, Hobart & William Smith College in Geneva and Syracuse University. She has been honored by NOW, Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls and is currently a Supervisor for the Town of Geneva and on the Board of Directors for the Geneseo Alumni Association.

*Deborah Bedard*

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Lucille Horton

### Alpha

**Frances Filchie** taught at the New Paltz School. Upon retirement she has worked for the State Education Department. She has spent the last several years working for the North County Hospice and is currently retiring a second time from her hospice work.

**Lucille Horton** taught high school Mathematics at Monticello High School for many years and was always an asset to Monticello. The 1984 Yearbook was dedicated to her. Lucille taught courses from Course I Math to Calculus and everything in between when asked by her administration. Lucille served as Math Team Advisor and performed in many of the school musicals.

Lucille's three daughters are Monticello High School graduates. She has a grandson who will be graduating this June.

Deborah Bedard

### 25-Year Members

Initiated from January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> 1990

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Alpha Alpha</i>                  | Eunice Chestnut<br>Eileen Wuethrich            |
| <i>Alpha Beta</i>                   | Julie Sherwood                                 |
| <i>Alpha Kappa</i>                  | Elizabeth Day<br>Donna Langley-Peck            |
| <i>Alpha Omega</i>                  | M. Catherine<br>Richardson                     |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i>                 | Carol Vieira                                   |
| <i>Beta Omicron</i>                 | Elaine Smith                                   |
| <i>Gamma Delta</i>                  | Eleanor Robinson                               |
| <i>Gamma Gamma</i>                  | Grace Cole                                     |
| <i>Kappa</i>                        | Theresa Klein<br>Brenda Morris                 |
| <i>Alpha</i>                        | Kathleen Larson<br>Mary McCue<br>Susan Paisley |
| <i>Psi</i>                          | Kathryn Curran<br>Lynn Mulholland              |
| <i>Sigma</i>                        | Karen Jacobs                                   |
| <i>Honorary<br/>Pi State Member</i> | Ruth Colvin                                    |

### Milestone Birthdays

**Congratulations to Chapters Celebrating a Special Birthday in 2015!**

During the Pi State Executive Board Meeting at the Convention on Saturday, 25 April at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, Pi State President **Dr. Joyce Tang** presented the following Chapters with certificates honoring their *Milestone Anniversaries* in 2015.

| Chapter            | Date Organized      | Anniversary |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <i>Delta</i>       | April 12, 1940      | 75          |
| <i>Nu</i>          | April 1, 1950       | 65          |
| <i>Pi</i>          | June 24, 1950       | 65          |
| <i>Chi</i>         | April 5, 1955       | 60          |
| <i>Psi</i>         | April 30, 1955      | 60          |
| <i>Omega</i>       | May 14, 1955        | 60          |
| <i>Alpha Alpha</i> | May 14, 1955        | 60          |
| <i>Alpha Beta</i>  | October 8, 1955     | 60          |
| <i>Alpha Pi</i>    | April 30, 1960      | 55          |
| <i>Alpha Rho</i>   | May 20, 1960        | 55          |
| <i>Beta Gamma</i>  | May 9, 1965         | 50          |
| <i>Beta Delta</i>  | November 2,<br>1965 | 50          |
| <i>Beta Mu</i>     | July 8, 1970        | 45          |
| <i>Beta Tau</i>    | June 24, 1975       | 40          |
| <i>Gamma Alpha</i> | May 17, 1980        | 35          |
| <i>Gamma Gamma</i> | May 9, 1985         | 30          |

Congratulations to our  
25-year Members

### Pi State Celebrates Our 100-Yr. Young Members

**Dorothy Hiler,**  
*Alpha Iota*  
(Charter Member)  
106 Years Young!

**Helen Rice**  
*Beta Eta*  
103 Years  
Young!

**Helen Brass**  
*Alpha Gamma*  
102 Years  
Young!

**Florence Mugglin**  
*Rho*  
101 Years  
Young!

**Nola Reagan**  
*Beta Gamma*  
100 Years  
Young!



*Erin Miller, Chair*

*Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Coordinator*

*Grace Murphy, Member Educational Excellence Committee*

## 2015 Chapter Women of Distinction

### Northwestern

LouAnne Hogan, *Alpha Theta*  
 Maria Weimer, *Alpha Lambda*  
 Jenelle Bauer, *Gamma Gamma*  
 Mary Jo Fonte, *Gamma Delta*

### West Central

Suzanne Babbitt, *Mu*  
 Judy Wadsworth, *Alpha Alpha*  
 Eleanor Ann Smith, *Beta Gamma*  
 Victoria House, *Beta Eta*  
 Helen Cole, *Beta Tau*

### South Central

Lisa Huyck, *Rho*  
 Dr. Margaret C. Locke, *Alpha Rho*  
 Patricia Thompson, *Beta Omicron*  
 Annette Varcoe, *Beta Rho*  
 Barbara Franzese, *Beta Phi*  
 Fran Seymour, *Beta Chi*  
 Barbara B. Cook, *Gamma Zeta*

### Northern

Stephanie Allen, *Lambda*  
 Susan Kenoyer, *Psi*  
 Marge Ransom, *Beta Mu*  
 Sandra J. Plimpton, *Gamma Epsilon*

### Eastern

Colleen Greco, *Alpha*  
 Stacy Rhubin, *Zeta*  
 Patricia Newman, *Tau*  
 Linnea Fargo, *Phi*  
 Lydia Blake, *Alpha Gamma*  
 Sarah Stevenson, *Alpha Zeta*  
 Lochie Musso, *Alpha Eta*  
 Rosemary Van Wart, *Alpha Pi*

### Southwestern

Gay Maria Norgen, *Kappa*  
 Kathleen Sprague, *Beta Epsilon*  
 Nancy Schwab, *Beta Nu*

### East Central

Mary Cherniss, *Omega*  
 Laura Janas, *Alpha Tau*  
 Janet Driscoll, *Beta Delta*  
 Ellen Barnes, *Beta Theta*

### North Central

Melinda Young, *Beta*  
 Janet Burt, *Nu*  
 Leota Cary, *Sigma*  
 Lynette Robinson, *Chi*  
 Barbara Amedro, *Alpha Iota*  
 Colleen Jackson, *Alpha Chi*  
 Christine Spring, *Alpha Omega*  
 Michelle Grosnick, *Beta Kappa*

### Capital Area

Kathleen Ferguson, *Delta*  
 Susan Summerfield, *Pi*  
 Deborah Bedard, *Alpha Epsilon*  
 Arlene Ida, *Alpha Kappa*  
 Janice Peters, *Alpha Psi*  
 Melanie McDonald, *Beta Omega*  
 Dr. Anna Marie Bonafide, *Alpha Nu*

### Southeastern

Kathleen Gutleber, *Epsilon*  
 Patricia Odessa, *Alpha Beta*  
 Ann Walker, *Alpha Delta*  
 Gerri Brown, *Alpha Phi*  
 Marilyn Wilson, *Beta Xi*  
 Loretta Detweiler, *Beta Psi*  
 Patricia Lee Kelly, *Gamma Alpha*

## The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

Past recipients of the *Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award* include **Beverly Sills**, internationally renowned opera singer and Chair for national charities and the first winner of this Award; **Ruth Johnson Colvin** of Syracuse, the founder of *Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.*, which merged with **Robert Laubach's Literacy International** and is now known as *ProLiteracy*.

*Jean Fontana*

***Congratulations!***

**Elections for Pi State for 2015 – 2019**

**Pi State Convention Executive Board Meeting April 25, 2015**

**Election of Nominations Committee:**

NORTH CENTRAL: Mary Kay Hickey, *Beta*

CAPITAL: Dr. Margarethe D. McCurry, *Alpha Epsilon*

EASTERN: Barbara Keis, *Phi*

NORTHERN: Charlotte Garofalo, *Gamma Epsilon*

SOUTH CENTRAL: Mary Bacalles, *Gamma Zeta*

**Election of Finance Committee:**

SOUTHWESTERN: Cindy L. Baker, *Beta Epsilon*

WEST CENTRAL: Linda Carol Flaherty, *Beta Gamma*

EAST CENTRAL: Harlene Gilbert, *Beta Delta*

NORTHWEST: Dr. Sharon Kulhanek, *Alpha Lambda*

SOUTHEASTERN: Noreen LeCann, *Beta Xi*

**Pi State Webmaster:**

Barre Hall, *Gamma Epsilon*

*Photos from  
70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention*



*Scholarship Recipient, CTAUN Chair  
and Pi State Past President  
Anne-Marie Carlson*



*Scholarship Recipient and  
Beta Delta President Dee Katovitch*



*Pi State President-Elect Deborah  
Bedard with Pi State  
Past President Dr. Maggie McCurry*



*Pi State Secretary-Elect Jennifer  
Lee-Alden with Pi State Past  
President Joan Slagle*



*Accepting Chapter Birthday Recognitions (l to r):*

*Psi President Dr. Beverly Burnell; Beta Mu President Linda Jackson; Alpha Pi  
President Joanne Carroll; Nu President Sheri Hunter; Omega President & Pi State  
Editor Mary-Martha Harvey; Alpha Beta President Mary Ann Baldari; Beta Gamma  
President Marie Ochal; Alpha Alpha Member & Pi State Communications Chair Sue  
Genthner; Gamma Alpha President Joan Goldstein*



*Pi State Choir Directed by Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha  
Accompanist, EEC Chair & Secretary-Elect Jennifer Lee-Alden; (l to r) Signing  
Vicky Stockton, Alpha Chi; Jean Sekel, Pi; Andréa Morris, Alpha Beta; Pi State  
Treasurer Suzanne Patrick, Rho; Pi State Finance Chair Noreen LeCann, Beta Xi;  
Bea Small Speakers Chair Dr. Roslyn Freedman-Baum, Alpha Alpha*

## Pi State Educational Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual Membership Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* was held on Saturday, April 25 at the Pi State 70<sup>th</sup> Convention in Uniondale. The following business was conducted:

- \* **Virginia Dudko** was elected Chair of the Foundation Board of Directors.
- \* Three seats will be available in 2016.
- \* The Treasurer's report indicated that the Foundation has a balance of just over \$7,700.
- \* There were no award recipients from the Foundation for this term due to no applications.
- \* *Omega* Chapter President, **Della Ludwig**, accepted the Foundation Challenge plaque recognizing the Chapter with the greatest percentage of members who are *Pi State Educational Foundation* members.

At the *Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in 2016*, the Chapter with the greatest percentage of members who belong to the Foundation will again be recognized. Membership is a one-time, tax-exempt donation of \$25.00. Once a member, you may submit Award Proposals to help finance your individual or Chapter projects that promote literacy, not limited to reading. Projects may be new or ones that have already been started. Membership and Contribution forms are available on the Pi State web site.

*Agnes Becker*

*Foundation Project Grant Applications are due November 1 and May 1.*

### Pi State Educational Foundation Donations

(September 1, 2014 - May 10, 2015)

**Diane Huggler**, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price  
**Annamarie Santorelly**, *Zeta*, donation to the Foundation  
**Phyllis Coombe**, *Tau*, donation to the Foundation  
**Virginia Dudko**, *Tau*, donation to the Foundation  
*Beta Xi* in memory of Irene Barta  
*Beta Xi* in memory of Barbara O. Meyer  
**Northwest & Southwest Area Conferences** donation to the Foundation  
**Diana Masters**, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Anne Price  
**Rebecca Carter**, *Pi*, in memory of Lucinda Gus Burton and Linda Hoshlyk  
**Terri Palmiero**, *Alpha Chi*, donation to the Foundation  
**Sue Norris**, *Beta Mu*, in memory of Niki Graham  
*Beta Omega* in memory of Mary Lee Weeks  
**Anne Price**, *Gamma Zeta*, in honor of Chapter Members  
*Pi* in memory of Linda Hoshlyk  
*Pi* in memory of Ludima Burton  
*Omega* donation to the Foundation in honor of Alpha Alpha's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
*Alpha Delta* in memory of Nancy Newton  
**Frances Whited**, *Alpha Alpha*, in honor of Rosalie Gabbert  
**Sheila Brady-Root**, *Alpha Alpha*, in honor of Emily F. Brady  
**Ruth H. Mowry**, *Psi*, donation to the Foundation  
*Alpha Kappa* in honor of Pi State President-Elect Deborah Bedard  
*Delta* in honor of Pi State President-Elect Deborah Bedard  
**Ginny Dudko**, *Tau*, in memory of Lillian Dudko

### Pi State Educational Foundation Lifetime Members

(September 1, 2014 - May 10, 2015)

#### *Alpha*

Elizabeth Siegel-Blasha

#### *Tau*

Phyllis Coombe

Leah Exner

Mary Ellen Levy

Judith A. Lucyk

Robin Pantel

#### *Pi*

Marion Buchner

#### *Zeta*

Annamarie Santorelly

#### *Alpha Alpha*

Rosalie Gabbert

Frances Whited

#### *Alpha Chi*

Vicky Stockton

#### *Alpha Nu*

Patricia Ackley

#### *Alpha Rho*

Harriet Sweet

#### *Beta Mu*

Sue Norris

#### *Beta Omega*

Melanie McDonald

#### *Beta Tau*

Melinda Riviello

#### *Beta Psi*

Janet Fulcher

#### *Gamma Alpha*

Jean Lloyd

### Pi State Foundation Directors

**Virginia (Ginny) Dudko**, *Tau*, Chair 2014-18

**Jane Tanner**, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer 2015-19

Terms ending in 2016

**Sheila Brady-Root**, *Alpha Alpha*

**Agnes Becker**, *Gamma Delta*

**Jean Sekel**, *Pi*

*Photos from 70<sup>th</sup> Pi State Convention*



*President-Elect Deborah Bedard with Nu 50-Yr. Member and 2015 Chapter Woman of Distinction Janet Burt at Chapter Celebration on May 11 in Utica  
Photo by Sheri Hunter*



*Convention Workshop Display*



*Pi State LDC Chair Ruth Ann Fultz (left) and DKG Members at Convention Birthday Lunch*

*“Each member is a contribution.” ~Lynn Schmidt, DKG International President 2014-16  
85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*

**Alpha Lambda Inducts 2015 Pi State Honorary Member  
Dr. Ellen Grant**



*Dr. Grant spoke to the members of Alpha Lambda after her Initiation.  
(l to r) Marlene Solly (Co-Chair Membership Committee), Marcia Swiatek, Dr. Ellen Grant, Maria Weimer (1st Vice-President) and Marlene Miller (co-chair of the Membership Committee)*

**Pi State *Congratulations & Welcome!***



*Alpha Lambda Initiation Ceremony  
Pi State Honorary Member Initiate  
Dr. Ellen Grant with Membership  
Co-Chair Marlene Solly*

On June 9, 2015, **Dr. Ellen Grant**, Deputy Mayor of Buffalo, was initiated as an Honorary Member of Pi State, Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International. The DKG Society promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Dr. Grant was nominated by the local chapter, *Alpha Lambda*, in recognition of her leadership in developing health and education policies that positively impact the city of Buffalo. In 2013 Dr. Grant welcomed DKG Pi State members to the city of Buffalo at their Convention. She also spoke eloquently about the essential role of educators in today's society.

*Hettie Domino*

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



*Pi State Past President Maggie McCurry with Pi State President-Elect Deborah Bedard (center) and Pi State Past President Ann Cleveland*

### THREE State Presidents! *Bedard, McCurry and Cleveland* **Pi State Thanks Alpha Epsilon**

**Pi State President-Elect Deborah Bedard 2015-2017** was initiated into *Alpha Epsilon* in 1998. According to **Tracy Watson**, Chapter President, “*Debbie will prove herself a very professional, extremely well organized and proven leader to Pi State as she has for her Chapter and her school district. Be prepared to follow the goals she sets for both Pi State and herself.*”

**Pi State Past President Dr. Margarethe D. McCurry 1997-1999** was initiated into the “secret Society,” *Alpha Epsilon* Chapter in 1967. She finally REALLY retired as an educator in February 2014. Maggie was a classroom teacher in the Queensbury UFSD for 41 years in the Middle School. She worked in Special Ed for 10 years and having initiated the

gifted program, taught for more than 20 years as the Reading Teacher for grades 5 & 6 and the English Teacher for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She spent 14 years as a Student Teacher Supervisor for the College of St. Rose and gave 8 years to Pi State as an Officer and 4 more years as Pi State Parliamentarian.

During her tenure as Pi State President, Maggie appointed the first Pi State Webmaster (as she pointed out ... “*even though she didn’t know anything beyond teaching keyboarding!*”) She attended Canadian Conventions in Montreal and Toronto (*beside the International one*), which started the “*Hands across the Border*” project that *Chi* Chapter has continued across the St. Lawrence River! Maggie conducted a State Executive Meeting in Pearl River (*down the Hudson*) so that the State Officers could go by limo (*not drive individual cars*) to attend **Anne-Marie Carlson**’s very first CTAUN meeting. Maggie states that “*We were so proud of Anne-Marie and her UN accomplishments!*” The first US Forum was held during Maggie’s Biennium. Both Maggie and the Pi State Legislation Chairs and elected Officers attended. This became a positive BYLAWS change.

Maggie served *Alpha Epsilon* in many capacities and remembers going to Indianapolis for her first International Convention: “*The Chapter paid for the hotel room for the Chapter President and me, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. They paid all expenses for the President but only paid for me to put my head on a pillow!*” In the late 1970’s, Maggie and Bonnie Buchner were appointed Co-Chairs of Pi State’s Legislation Committee. Together they produced a *Pi State Legislative Handbook for Chapters*. In that same time period, Maggie accompanied Pi State President **Anne Cleveland** to the first NY State Women’s Convention in Albany. Maggie remembers: “*I still have the hard hat they gave me when I “manned” a microphone. I guess they were expecting trouble!*” Maggie was the recipient of the Pi State Achievement Award in 2001.

**Pi State Past President Anne C. Cleveland 1977-1979** was a charter member of *Alpha Epsilon*. A very tall, stately woman, Anne was a no-nonsense, rigid, yet very creative person. She is remembered stating: “*The membership pin is NOT a decoration! Put your right thumb under your throat and reach down over your heart. Where your pinkie lands is where your pin should be.*” Anne learned that from **Gladys Mersereau**, *Beta*, our fifth Pi State President and the first State Executive Secretary. Anne was always impeccably dressed. She loved it when hats and gloves were a MUST for Chapter meetings and evening gowns with long white gloves were the dress at State Conventions!

Anne was totally committed to and had a great love for Delta Kappa Gamma unless meetings competed with The Bradford Society or the many Home Economics organizations she lead! In 2006, Anne was recognized by Pi State for her 50 years as a member. In 1996, Pi State awarded Anne the Frederica Hollister Award for outstanding service outside of the field of education. She gave the money from the award to the Adirondack Chapter of the American Red Cross and Literacy Volunteers. There wasn’t an organization that Anne belonged to that didn’t utilize her leadership expertise. She was the recipient of the Pi State Achievement Award in 1983.

*Alpha Epsilon* was a daughter Chapter of *Delta* in the Albany area. Organized in the great secrecy days of 1956, *Beta Omega* is the daughter Chapter of *Alpha Epsilon*. They were sponsored when Anne was State President and Maggie was Chapter President. Does *Delta* Chapter realize it is a grandmother?

*Dr. Maggie McCurry*



**Nu Initiates and their Sponsors**



*(l to r) Nu Initiate Margaret Steele (Clinton CSD) and her Sponsor Susan King; Sponsor Heather Johnson and her Initiates Michele Weissenberger (Westmoreland CSD) and Joanne Paratore (Westmoreland CSD); Initiate Melissa Olmstead (Waterville CSD) and her Sponsor Janet Jury; Sponsor Kim Palinski and her initiate Lauryn Blake (Camden CSD)*

*Photo by Sheri Hunter*

**Tau Initiates**



*(l to r) Tau 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mary Ellyn Levy, Initiate Karen Stewart (5<sup>th</sup> grade at Monticello Central School), Tau Secretary Patricia Segar, Tau President Virginia Dudko, Initiate Kimberly Wright (Kindergarten at Ellenville Central School) and Tau 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Leah Exner*

*Photo by Patricia Segar*

**Beta Nu Initiates**



*Beta Nu Initiates (l to r): Carolyn Richards (Grade 5), Lisa Mangino (Grade 5), Lisa Byers (Kindergarten) (all Teachers in Pioneer Central Schools) and Bridget Caradori (AIS Teacher & Literacy Specialist in Holland Central School)*

*Photo by Maria Hager*

**Alpha Nu Initiates**



*Alpha Nu Initiates (l to r): Darlene Stott (English Teacher in Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk CSD), Kathleen Leaman (Special Education Teacher in Catskill CSD) and Jaimee Boehme (Retired from Chatham CSD)*

*Photo by Pat Wharton*

**Psi Initiates**



*Psi Initiates (l to r): Sonya Lambert (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Chazy Central Rural School), Dr. Maureen Squires (Assistant Professor in Teacher Education at SUNY Plattsburgh) and Kathryn Brown (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Chazy Central Rural School)*

*Photo by Dr. Beverly Burnell*

**Alpha Alpha Initiates & Sponsors**



(l to r) **Co-Sponsor Jeanette Banker and Initiate Dr. Lesli Myers** (Superintendent of Brockport Schools); **Initiate Kory Hart** (retired from Brockport CSD and SUNY Brockport) and **Co-Sponsor Donna Noble**; **Initiate Jill Harris** (ESL Teacher at the International Academy for Grades 7-12 of the Rochester City School District) and **Sponsor Annie Tran**.  
 (Not pictured: Co-Sponsor for Kory Hart Bridget Bishop and Co-Sponsor for Dr. Lesli Myers Dr. Frances Moroney Whited.)  
 Photo by Judy Wadsworth

**DKG Gallery of Fine Arts Selections**



**Judith A. Corigliano**

**Judith A. Corigliano** is a member of Psi Chapter. Three pieces of her artwork were recently selected by DKG International to be featured on the May **Gallery of Fine Arts**, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

Judith was born and raised in Springfield, Missouri. She is a graduate of Missouri State University and SUNY Albany. She is a retired MSHS Art teacher (*Peru Central School District*) and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Art at Clinton Community College at Plattsburgh, teaching Foundation Courses in 2D and 3D Design.

For the past 34 years she has been producing artwork, participating in local invitational exhibits, receiving recognition in regional juried exhibits by winning Juror's Choice awards, 1<sup>st</sup> Places and Honorable Mentions for her oil paintings, pastels and drawings. She has produced and mounted artwork for 3 solo exhibitions and small group art shows in local galleries. Her artwork is now in private collections in Upstate New York as well as Virginia, Illinois, Texas and California.

She has served in leadership roles as a Past President of Region Five, NY State Art Teachers Association. Currently she is an Officer in Northeast Zone, NYS Retired Teachers as well as Treasurer for *Psi*. She has designed and sewn costumes, helped build and decorate sets for high school musicals and the Adirondack Ballet Company. She now enjoys being a character in costume at Psi Chapter's *Famous Ladies Annual Tea*. She can sometimes be

found making art in her tiny studio space in Port Kent. Having grown children that live on both coasts, she has been able to feed her passion for museum visiting with grandchildren. Summers are spent veggie gardening, enjoying the beach and sailing Lake Champlain with her husband on their Ericson sailboat.

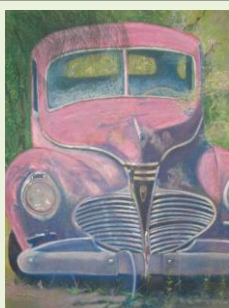
**Announcement by:**  
**June M. Bowers, Chair**  
**Arts and Humanities Jury 2012-2016**  
**DKG International**



**Smiling on Your Face**  
 Oil



**Seen to Be Patriotic**  
 Sculpture



**Rosie**  
 Pastel

**Pi Initiates**

**Pi President Jean Sekel, Initiate Deborah Conte** (Special Education Teacher), **FDF Administrator & Past Pi State President Joan Slagle and Initiate Samantha Marchese** (First Grade Teacher) Both Initiates teach at the Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Central School District.

Photo Provided by Jean Sekel



**Alpha Omega Member Janet Brooks and guest Susan Jarosz at Fundraiser for Chapter's Grants-in-Aid/Scholarships**

Photo by Charlotte Munoz



**Beta Gamma celebrated Nola Regan's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Photo by Alexandra Stachowiak

## Notes from Pi State Communications & Publicity Committee

As we begin the 2015-17 Biennium, we have even more opportunities to stay connected through social media whether using our smart phones, i-pads or laptops. So how does it so often occur that our Pi State Regions are rarely in conversation with one another until a State Executive Seminar, Conference or Convention is held?

**YOUR Chapter can affect the change that impacts the success of others throughout the State when you connect outside of your Chapter and Region.**

Those who attended the very engaging DKG Pi State Convention in Uniondale, Long Island would agree that distance in miles should not keep us from sharing the news of incredible programs and community events, especially inviting members to participate within their region during the year **before** they occur. Special *thanks* to our Southeast Region for extending such a warm welcome with celebrations for our 25 and 50 Year members and our 100-Yr. Young members, Scholarship & Award recipients and Chapter Anniversaries. Pi State President **Joyce Tang** and our **Pi State Team** have *invigorated* us with well-planned and beneficial Workshops to attend. We welcome Deborah Bedard, our newly elected President, and Executive Committee to lead us forward in the coming biennium.

★ **Highlights and ☐ Recommendations to move us forward:**

- ★ **Pi State has a Chapter website in 9 of the 10 regions with 8 being DKG certified :** *Alpha Alpha (WC), Alpha Chi (NC), Alpha Rho (SC), Beta Omicron (SC), Gamma Delta (NW), Gamma Zeta (SC), Lambda (N) and Omega (EC). Beta Psi (SE), Beta Mu (N) and Beta Epsilon (SW) are all preparing for fall 2016 certifications.*
- ☐ **Contact the Webmaster of the site closest to your Chapter and ask to share news and an invitation to an upcoming program or event .**
- ★ **Video and text website tutorials designed for DKG are available on Pi State website: [www.deltakappagamma.org/NY](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/NY) .**
- ☐ **Contact Leslie Chambers, [lchamber@sbu.edu](mailto:lchamber@sbu.edu) to schedule a workshop with other Chapters in your region. She welcomes all levels of interest and technical expertise.**
- ★ **Pi State approved changes to the Standing Rules effective 4/25/15: The Historical Records & Scrapbooking Committee will now be part of the Communications & Publicity Committee.**
- ☐ **We see the possibility of creating a link on our DKG Pi State website for access to current and past Historical Records . It is most important for individual Chapters to preserve the scrapbooks of their past and continue to chronicle their Chapter's history by maintaining primary records that can be shared digitally.**
- ★ ☐ **Pi State Communications & Publicity Committee is looking for 2015-17 representatives from each of our regions to assist us as we explore Facebook and other media.**
- ☐ **Contact Sue Genthner , [subeart@aol.com](mailto:subeart@aol.com). Thank you!**

*Sue Genthner*

**BENEFITS****BENEFITS****BENEFITS****BENEFITS****BENEFITS**

**Ladies, DKG has so many benefits to offer.** Over the next year or two, I hope to explain in more detail the many benefits of belonging to Delta Kappa Gamma. Below is a listing of benefits (*Incomplete, I'm sure, since International is always adding new benefits!*). Watch in this and future *Pi Lights* for more detailed descriptions.

Or go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) and research them now.

Here goes:

1. **Scholarships and Awards - both International and State - up to \$10,000**

For members, for women returning to education majors, for travel, for Native American Women and more

2. **Leadership training** at both the International and state level

3. **A juried professional journal, an International newsletter and State newsletter**

4. **An International Emergency fund** where YOU can apply and receive funds

5. **Affiliation with the United Nations Economic and Social Council** where you or your Chapter can help women and children worldwide.

6. **Affiliation with the Institute of International Education**

7. **The United States Forum** that informs us about current on educational issues and legislative events

8. **Insurance:**

Liability, both personal and chapter  
Auto, Home and Renters Insurance  
Excess Major Medical Insurance  
Cancer Insurance  
Travel Accident Insurance  
Medicare Supplement Insurance  
Hospital Plus Insurance  
Surgical Assistance Insurance  
Term Life Insurance  
Long Term Care Insurance  
ID Theft Assist Recovery Service  
VPI Pet Insurance



9. **Medical History Bracelet**

10. **Flight deals to International Conventions**

11. **Opportunities to join Committees** at all levels of the society

12. **Educational Foundations** at both the International & State levels to join, donate tax free money and receive grants

13. **An International Speakers Fund** to host speakers worldwide or become a speaker.

14. **Capella University offers 10% discount** to DKG members

15. **One Cause: CLICK, SHOP, CONTRIBUTE and AmazonSmile**



16. **The Bob Pike Group** provides "Train the Trainer" Workshops

17. **Headstone markers**

18. **Memorabilia** like picture frames, vases, etc.

19. **Gallery of Fine Arts** to display your creative works

20. **Plenty of ways to keep current:** Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and Pinterest

21. **Jewelry with DKG logo**



22. **Workshops** at Area, State, Regional and International Meetings, Conferences and Conventions that can be used towards your Professional Development and APPR credit

23. **Officers at all levels of the Society** that are there to help you, encourage you, honor you, support you, educate you, and be your friend and opportunities for YOU to serve in leadership and Committee positions

24. **Approximately 82,000 members in 17 countries**

25. **A focus on support for Early Career Educators** through Chapter projects in local communities

26. **Networking with educators around the world**

27. **ME, and the lady who invited you to be a member,** the lady who sat next to you at the last meeting and the Officer who helps your Chapter stay strong and the State Officer who visited your Chapter and so on. **Take a good look at the marvelous women who surround you at every gathering of DKG members. You are blessed to know them and they are blessed to know you.**

*Jean Sekel*



*Alpha Lambda Members Annemarie Jason, Diane Andriaccio and Fran Romeo participated in the 26<sup>th</sup> National African Read-In at Buffalo's Stanley M. Makowski Early Childhood Center. This event helps promote the importance of literacy by reading books authored by African Americans for young readers.*

*Photo Provided by Fran Romeo*

**Congratulations to Alpha Phi Members:**

- \* **Andrea Honigsfeld's** book, *Breaking the Mold of Classroom Management: What Educators Should Know and Do to Enable Student Success*, was featured on the cover of the Molloy College Magazine this month.
- \* **Jean Fontana's** book, *Me and That Asperger's Kid*, was selected as the Book-of-the-month in the NYSUT magazine.

**The Alpha Alpha Outstanding Service Award Recipient**



*Alpha Alpha Member Mary Ingersoll shares her Outstanding Service Award with her husband Earl.*

The Alpha Alpha Outstanding Service Award is intended to recognize the personal and professional contributions made by a dedicated member of the Chapter who have given outstanding service above and beyond what is outlined in the Standing Rules. Nominees for this award have provided sustained service to the organization through active participation, advocacy and leadership.

*Photo by Donna Noble*



*Kat Turkewitz*

**Alpha Pi SEPTA Award Recipient**

**Kat Turkewitz** of Alpha Pi Chapter recently received an award from the *Special Education Parent Teachers Association (SEPTA)* of the Somers Central School District for her many years teaching Special Education students through the district's Inclusion Program. When the Somers Middle School was first organized to be a grades 6-8 school, Kat and the other 6th Grade teachers on her team volunteered to pilot the Inclusion program. She continued to teach the Special Education students as a Science teacher at the Somers Middle School. One of her former students heard that Kat will be retiring at the end of this school year so she brought her a bouquet of flowers. Kat said she was so very touched by that sweet gesture. Obviously Kat touched her student's life in all the right ways, too.

Alpha Pi is very proud of our Chapter Sister's work in the classroom and **congratulate** her on this well deserved award.

*Rosemary Van Wart*



*Corinne Wynne and Jean Reidy*

**Alpha Pi Honoree**

**Jean Reidy**, Alpha Pi, was recently recognized at the Somers Public Library in Somers for her 50 years as a Library Board Trustee. She was on the Library Board when it was a small library in an historic building in town, then helped plan for the new Library building in the Town Park, assisted in planning the library expansion some years later and continues to be a creative voice on the Board. Alpha Pi Chapter has been privileged to have Jean as a member since 1981. At 96 years young, she is an enthusiastic DKG member and she continues to add her positive energy to the Chapter as well as to the Library. Alpha Pi members, **Corinne Wynne and Rosemary Van Wart**, also attended the Ceremony.

*Rosemary Van Wart*

**Beta Tau Hosts  
DKG World Fellowship Recipient**



*Beta Tau Member Betsy Hoefen,  
DKG International World Fellowship Recipient  
Hanita Putra Djaya  
(who is studying at University of Buffalo) and  
Beta Tau Member Mary Lee Page  
Photo Provided by Betsy Hoefen*

For many years, the ladies of **Beta Tau** have enjoyed fun, little ideas that World Fellowship Chair **Mary Lee Page** devises to garner contributions for World Fellowship. This year we were delighted to learn that DKG World Fellowship Recipient **Hanita Putra Djaya** from Indonesia was studying at the University of Buffalo.

In the fall **Betsy Hoefen** and Mary Lee took Hanita Putra to lunch at a Pakistani restaurant she selected that served *halal* foods that are allowed under Islamic dietary guidelines from the Quran. The food was delicious and the Proprietor was warm and friendly.

Hanita charmed us throughout the meal with stories about her family and life in Indonesia. She spoke very positively about all her experiences since arriving in the US. She loves the city of Buffalo and cherishes this opportunity to broaden her horizons and attain personal growth. We were impressed at the courage she demonstrated to embark on this adventure.

*Betsy Hoefen*



*Congratulations to  
Donna Homuth, Alpha Rho,  
Recipient for the 2015  
Woman of Achievement Award  
Chemung County Council  
Photo by Jan Przybylski*

**Tau Chapter Guest Speaker**



*Tau President Ginny Dudko (right) with  
DKG International US Forum Representative  
Regina Campbell, Alpha Alpha State, who  
spoke to Tau Chapter members about what the  
US Forum does and how we can get involved.  
Photo by Patricia Segar*



*Delta Member Kathleen Ferguson,  
2015 Delta Woman of Distinction &  
2012 NYS Teacher of the Year, gave  
program on her NEA/Pearson  
Global Learning Fellowship Study  
Tour to Brazil for Delta & Alpha  
Kappa Photo by Sharon Patrick*



*Psi President Glenda Rowe with Charter  
Member & Past Psi President 1996-98  
Mary Jane Chilton in front of display of  
Psi Chapter Presidents 1955-2015  
Photo by Dr. Beverly Burnell*



*Delta President Sharon Patrick and  
President-Elect Deborah Bedard at  
Pi State Convention with Dr. Joyce  
Tang's Certificate for the Delta  
Chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Delta is Pi State's 4<sup>th</sup> oldest Chapter.*



*Alpha Alpha President Pam  
Eberhardt & Pi State President  
Dr. Joyce Tang at  
Alpha Alpha's  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Photo by Judy Wadsworth*

| BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2015-June 30, 2016     |                                    | 2014-2015           | 2015-2016           |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ESTIMATED INCOME</b>                   |                                    |                     |                     |
| 105                                       | Dues - Active                      | \$ 37,950.00        | \$ 34,850.00        |
| 110                                       | Dues - Reserve                     | \$ 1,700.00         | \$ 1,700.00         |
| 115                                       | Initiations                        | \$ 175.00           | \$ 150.00           |
| 125                                       | Directory                          | \$ 1,450.00         | \$ 1,250.00         |
| 130                                       | Publications                       | \$ 6,400.00         | \$ 5,750.00         |
| 140                                       | Miscellaneous                      |                     |                     |
| 143                                       | Carry over from 2014-2015          | \$ 13,813.00        | \$ 12,878.00        |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                       |                                    | <b>\$ 61,488.00</b> | <b>\$ 56,378.00</b> |
| <b>ESTIMATED EXPENSES</b>                 |                                    |                     |                     |
| <b>EXECUTIVE EXPENSES</b>                 |                                    |                     |                     |
| 205                                       | President's Vouchered Expenses     | \$ 9,000.00         | \$ 7,000.00         |
| 200's                                     | Other Officers' Vouchered Expenses | \$ 20,000.00        | \$ 15,000.00        |
| 235                                       | Executive Secretary Honorarium     | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| 240                                       | Treasurer Honorarium               | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| 250                                       | Editor Honorarium                  | \$ 3,000.00         | \$ 3,000.00         |
| 251                                       | Clerical Assistance                |                     |                     |
| 265                                       | FDI Administrator Honorarium       | \$ 599.00           | \$ 599.00           |
| 270                                       | Webmaster Honorarium               | \$ 1,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00         |
| <b>Total Executive Expenses</b>           |                                    | <b>\$ 39,599.00</b> | <b>\$ 32,599.00</b> |
| <b>FUNCTION COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>        |                                    |                     |                     |
| 300's                                     | Function Committees                | \$ 7,500.00         | \$ 8,000.00         |
| <b>Total Function Committees Expenses</b> |                                    | <b>\$ 7,500.00</b>  | <b>\$ 8,000.00</b>  |
| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>            |                                    |                     |                     |
| 405                                       | State Convention (seed monies)     | \$ 1,000.00         |                     |
| 415                                       | Area Council Meeting Loss          | \$ 100.00           | \$ 100.00           |
| 430                                       | New Chapters                       | \$ 50.00            | \$ 50.00            |
| 435                                       | Bond for Members of Exec. Comm     | \$ 307.00           | \$ 307.00           |
| 440                                       | Safe Deposit Box                   | \$ 180.00           | \$ 180.00           |
| 445                                       | Auditor & Federal Tax Preparation  | \$ 350.00           | \$ 350.00           |
| 469                                       | Go To Meeting                      | \$ 56.00            | \$ 56.00            |
| 470                                       | Travel Insurance (Boone-Chapman)   | \$ 200.00           | \$ 280.00           |
| 482                                       | Office Rent                        | \$ 1,980.00         | \$ 1,980.00         |
| 485                                       | Property Insurance (Zurich)        | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| <b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>      |                                    | <b>\$ 4,703.00</b>  | <b>\$ 3,783.00</b>  |
| <b>PUBLICATIONS</b>                       |                                    |                     |                     |
| 505                                       | Directory Production               | \$ 2,000.00         | \$ 2,000.00         |
| 507                                       | Directory Distribution             | \$ 100.00           | \$ 480.00           |
| 508                                       | Web Site                           | \$ 36.00            | \$ 36.00            |
| 509                                       | Publications                       | \$ 500.00           | \$ 500.00           |
| 510                                       | Pi Lights                          | \$ 7,000.00         | \$ 9,000.00         |
| <b>Total Publications Expenses</b>        |                                    | <b>\$ 9,636.00</b>  | <b>\$ 12,016.00</b> |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                      |                                    |                     |                     |
|   | International Gifts                | \$ 50.00            |                     |
| 900                                       | International dues and fees        |                     |                     |
| 910                                       | Unexpected Expenses                |                     |                     |
| 999                                       | Reserve Fund                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>       |                                    | <b>\$ 50.00</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                     |                                    | <b>\$ 61,488.00</b> | <b>\$ 56,378.00</b> |

### LINK to U.S. FORUM *Facebook Page*

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics, refer to the U. S. Forum *Facebook* page online at [www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum](http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum).

U.S. FORUM WEB SITE <http://bit.ly/DKGUSE>

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## **Pi State Area Conferences Scheduled**

Refer to Pi State website for  
Information, Updates and  
Registration Forms

### **Capital Area Conference**

**October 24, 2015**

**Powers Restaurant  
Clifton Park**

Extended Workshop with  
Melanie McDonald  
"Moments of Being: Writing  
Your Life Stories"  
10:30am-2:30pm  
Registrar TBA

### **East Central Area Conference**

**October 27, 2015**

**Club 86, Geneva  
"Women's Health"**

Contact Chair Dee Katovitch  
[katovitch@verizon.net](mailto:katovitch@verizon.net)  
Registrar TBA

### **Northwest Area Conference**

**September 24, 2016**

**Fox Hill Country Club  
Lancaster**

Program & Registrar TBA  
Contact Chairs Tressa Smith  
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### **West Central Area Conference**

**October 22, 2016**

Location, Program &  
Registrar TBA

### **Northern Area Conference**

TBA

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### **South Central Area Conference**

TBA

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*Find information and registration forms at*  
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## Pi State Membership

(June 26, 2015)

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Active           | 2185 |
| Reserve          | 202  |
| Chapter Honorary | 51   |
| Active Life      | 5    |
| Initiates        | 47   |

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

## Attention: New York Dines Out!

If you are attending the 2015 DKG Northeast Regional Conference this summer July 8-11 in Baltimore, reserve **Thursday evening, July 9** for sisters and guests to gather for dinner. The restaurant will be in walking distance from the Hyatt Regency. Separate checks will be available.

Contact **Karen Butters**, [kbutters@frontier.com](mailto:kbutters@frontier.com) for reservations asap.

## Information for Fall Issue of *Pi Lights* (online) Due September 1, 2015

E-mail Articles, Chapter Initiates, Service Projects, Photographs, Area Conference information and *Pride of Pi* highlights to:

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

## *Pi Lights* Deadlines for 2015-16

September 1, 2015 ... December 1, 2015 ... March 1, 2016 ... June 1, 2016