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Join Pi State Sisters at the 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminars *"Opportunities to Connect"*

April 20-21, 2018

The Century House (near Albany)
 997 New Loudon Road, Latham 12110
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Look for Registration, Hotel Directions & Information, Workshops and MORE
 in the Winter 2018 Pi Lights & on the Pi State Website.

Pi State Welcomes Our New Officers

Elected at 2017 Pi State Convention

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Mary-Martha Harvey

First VICE PRESIDENT



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Jennifer Lee-Alden

SECRETARY



Lisa Huyck



CTAUN

Committee on Teaching
 About the United Nations

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Friday, April 6, 2018
UN Headquarters, NYC

CTAUN 2018 Conference

"Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children"

Reminder PI STATE AREA COUNCILS:

Please send your

- Name(s) of Area Council Chair or Co-Chairs
- Dates of Area Council Conference
- Registration Form and Registrar Information

to President, Second Vice President and Executive Secretary

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“Celebrating the Invitation of Membership”

Deborah Bedard

Pi State President 2015 - 2017



In the June edition of our NYSUT UNITED professional journal, the cover stated: “*Our State’s Looming Teacher Shortage.*” The cover further announced:

- Within the next five years 32% of teachers could retire.
- New York’s enrollment could grow by 61,000 students in the next seven years and
- Our state will need 180,000 teachers in the next decade.

As Key Women Educators, we are needed to support our schools and students more than ever. Supporting students who plan to attend a New York State teacher education program with scholarship opportunities is an important way we can impact the quality of education in our state. Many Chapters have grants and other programs to assist Early Career Educators. I am proud to say that most of our Pi State Chapters are involved in supporting future teachers. **We should all be proud of these initiatives!**

This May I had the privilege to travel and speak with members in *Alpha Nu, Alpha Theta, Beta Mu* and *Chi* Chapters. My message to these vibrant, active Chapters involved the future of our State Organization and their Chapter. I asked Chapter members to imagine where their Chapter will be in 5, 10, 15 or 20 years. Who will be there to lead the Chapter? What will their membership look like? The answer to all these questions lie **in the choices each and every member makes over the next few years.** Each member needs to play an active part to help support struggling Chapters or keep their Chapter strong.

Next spring it will be time to elect a new slate of officers for our Chapters. Consider lending your talents as a leader. If you have experience as a past Chapter leader lend encouragement and mentor fellow members to step up and fill these vital roles: to retain or reinstate fellow Chapter members and support the programs of your Chapter. Your attendance is important but look for additional ways your voice can lend support. I also invite you to “*Celebrate Your Membership*” in DKG by extending an invitation to a fellow key woman educator. To maintain a strong future for your Chapter, it is essential that we continue to reach out and involve active teachers.

In closing, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all members of Pi State. Your support and patience with me over the past two years has played an important part in my leadership role. Juggling family, a first grade classroom, my Chapter responsibilities and State leadership has been one of the largest challenges I have faced.

A special *thank you* to all who supported Convention 2017. This event was successful due to the countless efforts of Chapters and members throughout our state.

As most of my fellow sisters are aware, I retired from 37 years of teaching at the close of this school year. In June, my classroom door was filled with warm expressions of *congratulations*. Many of these cards were from Pi State members and Chapters. Words alone could never express my appreciation.

At the close of my leadership, I am proud to say that I am a member of a Society of women educators of the world who unite together in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

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

***“Opportunities to Connect”*****President-Elect****2017 - 2019****Mary-Martha W. Harvey****Acceptance Address**

**To the Presidents’ Banquet,
2017 Pi State Convention, Otesaga Resort
April 29, 2017**

Madame President, Past Pi State Presidents, Executive Committee, Executive Board and members, I humbly accept the position of DKG Pi State President for the 2017-2019 Biennium and pledge to do my very best.

Thank you for placing your trust in me.

My theme for this biennium is “Opportunities to Connect.”

Pi State is 80 years strong, honoring key women educators, and a part of the International Society in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan.

As a DKG member for 28 years, I have been privileged to know, work with and be mentored by incredibly talented and dedicated key women educators in my *Omega* Chapter, in our East Central Area, in the State and Internationally. I often think of my Sponsor, the person that gave me the invitation of membership, our Primary School’s Reading Teacher. Pauline was quiet, efficient and firm and absolutely loved her struggling students. She was an exceptional educator. I knew very little about DKG as an Initiate-to-be and even less about the Chapter when I was invited. She shared stories and took me to a tea, introducing me to absolutely everyone. I shall never forget her pride in and forever commitment to the local, State and International Society. I know you all have those special sisters that you hold dear. We can honor them by our contributions and commitment to DKG and be taking opportunities to make connections.

Recently at our *Omega* Executive Board Planning Meeting, members described that sometimes intangible ... what DKG means to them and why they value and keep their membership. Though there were many ideas, the common thread was connection and thus commitment to what DKG is and to each other. I hope you share your thoughts, developing a brief personal statement about DKG, that you share with members of your Chapters and prospective members as well when you are asked ... what DKG is and what it means to you.

Our newly adopted 2017 Pi State Strategic Plan provides a roadmap to our future and challenges for achievement in the present. Recommendations include implementing the International Membership Plan, instituting Area Leadership Trainings, developing strategies and resources to support initiatives, maintaining and increasing communication on all levels of our State Organization from Chapters, State Committees, Areas and most importantly members. These recommendations will guide my leadership in Pi State this biennium. I encourage you to share ideas to meet these challenges. Communication and collaboration on all levels will be priorities.

I hope you visit the State Website frequently and send your comments and recommendations. It is designed to provide the information you need about our State Organization, upcoming events, applications, procedures and much more.

In recognizing Chapter Initiates with our beautiful and meaningful ceremony, Chapters instill in members the significance of the symbols, tradition and honor of membership and in Founders’ recognitions, histories and *Celebrations of Life*, the debt we owe to those who came before us. Continuing to honor, remember and celebrate our current members at the Chapter and State is vital. No one in this Organization exists in a vacuum. We are connected by our **mission** ... “*DKG promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*” ... **vision** ... “*Leading women educators impacting education*

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April 29, 2017***Concluded from page three*

impacting education worldwide” ... and seven essential purposes.

In this biennium, I hope we stay connected. Technology gives us many avenues from phone calls to emails to texts to websites to meetings to online and print but it is the one-to-one connection with our members that truly means the most. In our Chapters, *truly the heart of our Society*, we have many opportunities to involve, encourage, support, connect and collaborate with members, our key women educators.

I hope each of you embrace an opportunity to connect, to let members shine, feel valued and lead and to invite and honor educators you know with membership. I hope this biennium provides you with *“Opportunities to Connect.”*

Pi State Welcomes State Committee Chairs***2017-2019*****SOCIETY BUSINESS COMMITTEES****Liaison: Jennifer Lee Alden****AUDIT:** Jean Sekel, Chair (16-Pi-C)**BYLAWS & RULES:** Jean Wagner, Chair (46-Alpha Chi-NC)**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY:** Judy Wadsworth, Chair (25-Alpha Alpha-WC)**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Dr. Sharon Kulhanek, Chair (35-Alpha Lambda-NW) (*Elected Term of 2015-2019*)**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott, Co-Chair (25-Alpha Alpha-WC)
Jeanne Schenk, Co-Chair (43, Alpha Tau, EC)**MEMBERSHIP & EXPANSION:** Sue Kenoyer, Chair (23-Psi-N)**NOMINATIONS:** Diane Battaglia, Chair (61-Beta Nu-SW) (*Elected Term of 2017-2021*)**PERSONNEL:** Grace Murphy, Chair (26-Alpha Beta-SE)**SOCIETY MISSION and PURPOSE COMMITTEES****Liaison: Sue Kenoyer****AWARDS:** Erin Merrill, Chair (70-Beta Chi-SC)**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE:** Karen Jones, Chair (72-Beta Omega-C)
Lynda DeLuca, Co-Chair (65-Beta Rho-SC)
Lynne Eckert, Co-Chair (65-Beta Rho-SC)**NATIVE AMERICAN GRANT(S)-IN-AID:** Arlene Ida, Co-Chair (34-Alpha Kappa-C)
Susan St. John-Jarvis, Co-Chair (70-Beta Chi-SC)**PI STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Agnes Becker, Chair (76-Gamma Delta-NW)**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rosemary Van Wart, Chair (40-Alpha Pi-E)**TRAVEL and STUDY STIPEND:** Pat Turner, Chair (32-Alpha Theta-NW)**WORLD FELLOWSHIP:** Dr. Kathleen Bishop, Chair (13-Nu-NC)*Continued on page five*

Pi State Welcomes State Committee Chairs

2017-2019

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COMMITTEES SUBJECT TO ENDOWMENTS

Liaison: Lisa Huyck

BEA SMALL AWARD BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ellie Robinson, Chair (76-Gamma Delta-NW)

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Emilie Stris, Chair (45-Alpha Phi-SE) (Appointed Term 2017-2021)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REORGANIZE PI STATE HEADQUARTERS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS

(Established 2011)

Joan Slagle, Chair (72-Beta Gamma-C)

PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ginny Dudko, President (19-Tau-E)

Pi State Welcomes State Executive Committee

2017-2019

PRESIDENT: Mary-Martha W. Harvey (24-Omega-EC)

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Reminder to Chapter Presidents:

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

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

DKG International website: www.dkg.org

Pi State website: www.dkgnystate.org

CTAUN website: www.teachun.org

US FORUM website: www.usforum.dkg.org

Save the Dates:

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

Hilton Garden Inn, Syracuse

2017 Northeast Regional Conference, July 12-14, 2017

Windsor, Ontario, Canada at Caesars Resort & Conference Centre

US Forum National Legislative Seminar, "Women Poised for Action," March 18-21, 2018

Holiday Inn, National Airport, Crystal City, Arlington, VA

CTAUN "Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children," April 6, 2018

UN Headquarters, NYC

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

The Century House, Latham, NY

2018 DKG International Convention, July 16-20, 2018

Austin, Texas at the JW Marriot Austin

FALL 2017 AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCES

Look for the Registration Forms on the Pi State Website, www.dkgnystate.org.

**September 23, 2017
North Central Area Council
"Safe Passage to Oswego"**

8:00-8:45am Registration, Coffee and Light Breakfast at **GS Steamers**
70 East First Street in the Quality Inn & Suites Riverfront, Oswego 13126
 9:15am-12:45pm Tour Rotation: **Safe Harbor Museum, Fort Ontario, & H. Lee White Maritime Museum**
 1:00 Luncheon at GS Steamers
 Registration Fee: \$35.00 includes light breakfast, lunch, all admission fees, taxes and gratuities
 Please register by September 2, 2017.
 Registrar: **Jacky Robisch** - 6216 The Hamlet, Jamesville, NY 13078
 Make Check payable to: **Beta Kappa**



Lisa Meade



Sue Gruber

**October 14, 2017
Capital Area Council
The Century House, Latham 12110
Two Workshops:
"Growth Mindset" and "Making Your
Home a Safe Haven"**

The **Capital Area Council Conference** will present two workshops on Saturday, October 14th at the Century House in Latham, the site of the 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars.

The morning workshop, **"Growth Mindset"** will be presented by **Lisa Meade**, Director of Pupil Services, Hudson Falls Central School District.

The afternoon workshop, **"Making Your Home a Safe Haven"** will be presented by **Sue Gruber, Beta Chi**. Sue is a certified Aging-in-Place Specialist with the National Association of Home Builders, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corning Area Aging-in-Place Organization and Full Circle America. Her workshop will focus on making living spaces safe not only for us and our families now but also in the future.

A buffet luncheon will be included. The events will run from 10am until 2:00pm. Further details will be forthcoming. Please consider joining us for a day of information, as well as fellowship with other Pi State members. This will also be a great opportunity to introduce colleagues, prospective new members and proteges to the many benefits of DKG.

FALL 2017 AREA COUNCIL CONFERENCES

Look for the Registration Forms Pi State Website, www.dkgstate.org.

October 19, 2017

East Central Area Council

“Women’s Night Out”

Club 86, 86 Avenue East, Geneva 14456

An evening of fellowship, shopping and networking is back by popular demand.

Schedule: 5:00-8:00pm Shopping with Vendors

Benefit Drawing

5:00-6:30pm Hors d’oeuvres in bar area

6:30-7:30pm Dinner, served in dining room

Vendors: Adorn; Crown Jewelers; Divine Design; Essential Oils; Jam Berry; Lemongrass; Long’s Bookstore; Lin Locklear House Portraits; Mary Kay Cosmetics; Nature’s Way Massage; Norwex Products; Olivers; Silver Acres (*homemade soap*); Stampin’ Up; Sweet Expressions; Tastefully Simple; Tupperware; Wicked-ly Scent Soap & Candle.

Pi State FDF Sales: Joan Slagle

Registrations are due to Registrar by Wednesday, October 4th. Meal choices and prices are on Registration Form. No refunds after October 4th. Checks payable to *Beta Theta*.

Registrar: Denice Granatiero, 14806 Hadcock Drive, Sterling, NY 13156, dgranatiero@frontiernet.net

Delta Kappa Gamma International

Membership Reinstatement

A former member shall be reinstated to DKG membership by the Chapter receiving the request. There are no restrictions, Chapter or geographical, on reinstatement. The Chapter does not vote on the reinstatement. There is no reinstatement fee. Refer to the International Website, www.dkg.org, for **Membership Form 83** in Forms menu. Members, who want reinstatement, complete the form and send the form directly to Society Headquarters: email as an attachment to the membership services department at mem@dkg.org. Please also send a copy by email to your State Organization Treasurer and Chapter President.

Members reinstated on or after July 1 and before April 1 will pay dues and scholarship fee at the time of reinstatement. Members reinstated on or after April 1 and before July 1 pay dues and scholarship fee for the ensuing year no later than October 31.

This is an opportunity for Chapters to contact dropped and resigned members.

Pi State Strategic Action Plan 2017 Approved

We are pleased to announce that during this biennium the **Ad Hoc Strategic Action Plan Committee** (*Established 2014*) finalized the **SAP 2017**. The Plan was approved on 4.29.17 by the Pi State Executive Board at our Convention at the Otesaga in Cooperstown.

Thank you to **Dr. Joyce Tang**, Members of the 2013-15 Committee, along with Chapter Presidents and State Chairs who provided data and information for our areas of focus and document development. In 2015-17, under the guidance of **President Deb Bedard**, our Committee developed the document which will serve as our future organizational road map with guidelines to support Pi State and strengthen our membership.

Copies of the plan can be found on the Pi State Website, www.dkgstate.org. This plan is meant to provide a framework for our future leaders to use in developing Pi State.

Special thanks to Committee members **Karen Butters**, *Beta Mu*; **Karen Crumley**, *Tau*; **Sue Kenoyer**, *Psi*; **Sue Genter**, *Alpha Alpha*; and **Melanie McDonald**, *Beta Omega*, for all their work.

It has been a pleasure serving on this Committee and I am pleased to announce that after the approval of SAP 2017, President Bedard abolished our Committee due to the completion of our assigned task.

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Beta

Important Information

Directory Supplement for 2017-2018

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

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

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

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

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

Karen P. Crumley

2017-2018 Pi State Directory Supplement Information

Deadline: August 1, 2017

Chapter Number: _____ Chapter Name: _____

Chapter President: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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

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

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

Pi State Visitations 2015-17

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
Fall 2015	October 14	<i>Joint Beta Mu, Gamma Epsilon, Lambda and Psi Chapters</i>	Beryl Szwed
	October 17	<i>North Central Area Conference</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	October 20	<i>Alpha Psi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 24	<i>Capital Area Council</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 25	<i>Alpha Beta 60th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 27	<i>East Central Area Council</i>	Karen Butters
	November 14	<i>Alpha Iota 56th Anniversary</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	November 18	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	November 19	<i>Beta Delta 50th Anniversary</i>	Karen Butters
Spring 2016	April 9	<i>Psi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	April 20	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	April 27	<i>Alpha Tau</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 3	<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	Ellie Robinson
	May 4	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 5	<i>Alpha Chi 54th Anniversary</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 5	<i>Delta Founders' Day</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
	May 12	<i>Pi</i>	Melanie McDonald
	May 17	<i>Beta Mu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Joint Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Beta Delta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	May 20	<i>Beta Omega</i>	Sue Kenoyer
	May 24	<i>Mu</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 3	<i>Rho</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
	June 3	<i>Phi</i>	Ginny Dudko
	June 11	<i>Beta Eta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 30	<i>Phi</i>	Virginia Dudko
	August 8	<i>Northern Area Conference</i>	Ellie Robinson
	August 13	<i>Beta Kappa</i>	Deborah Bedard Melanie McDonald
Fall 2016	September 24	<i>Southeastern Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 24	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Karen Butters Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>South Central Area Conference</i>	Karen Crumley
	October 1	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Sigma</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 22	<i>West Central Area Conference</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	November 5	<i>Alpha Iota</i>	Jane Tanner
Spring 2017	March 15	<i>Alpha Phi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 4	<i>Alpha Nu</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 10	<i>Alpha Theta</i>	Deborah Bedard
	May 18	<i>Chi</i>	Deborah Bedard
	June 6	<i>Omega</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2017	September 23	<i>North Central Area Conference: "Safe Passage to Oswego"</i>	Deborah Bedard

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

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 raised **\$5,896 in Scholarship benefit tickets**, exceeding last year's goal by \$86!

Along with this amazing support, we had 11 fabulously *sparkling* Area Council gift baskets to share with 11 excited members.

76% of our Chapters participated in the benefit drawing. Fantastic support came from each **Area Council** (% of chapters within each AC participating): Capital 86%, Eastern 75%, East Central 100%, Northern 75%, North Central 63%, Northwestern 60%, South Central 75%, Southeastern 71%, Southwestern 75%, and West Central 80%.

(Please note: All information on the benefit tickets and patron lists are destroyed in an incinerator to keep your information private.)

Sincere, and *shimmering*, thanks to you all for *shining* brightly!

Erin Merrill, Awards Committee Chair

2017 Pi State Scholarship, Awards, and Grant(s)-in-Aid Benefit Baskets

Area Council	Contribution Theme	Congratulations to...
Capital	Enjoy the Shimmering Outdoors LL Bean gift certificate, DKG memorabilia and Alden wine	Anne Price <i>Gamma Zeta</i>
South Central	Sparkling Picnic Amazon gift card, Wine, picnic fixings and sparklers!	Celia Bradford <i>Pi</i>
Northwestern	Sparkling Moments in Chocolate Watson's Chocolate Gift Basket	Suzanne Patrick <i>Rho</i>
Southwestern	Shining Shopping Times Target gift card	Patti Montaldi <i>Gamma Delta</i>
West Central	Shimmering Shop-ortunities Amazon gift card	Kim Goldhirsch <i>Alpha Zeta</i>
Northern	Get your Sparkle On! Sparkling Jewelry	Kathleen Cruly <i>Beta Omricon</i>
Eastern	Shimmer like Tiffany Tiffany gift card Hudson Valley photo book	Ellen Barnes <i>Beta Theta</i>
Southeastern	Shimmer and Shine Macy's gift card and gold earrings	Joan Goldstein <i>Gamma Alpha</i>
East Central	Shiny like the Finger Lakes Finger Lakes offerings	Norma Gabriel <i>Beta Omicron</i>
North Central	Shimmering Moments with Friends Two full baskets of goodies to make times great with friends	Christine Hanna <i>Gamma Alpha</i>
		Kirsten Grunberg <i>Gamma Alpha</i>

Check the Pi State Website, www.dkgnystate.org for the **2018 Pi State Benefit Tickets for Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid** to be drawn at the Pi State 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminars at The Century House in Latham April 20-21, 2018.

Pi State = 81 years Honoring Key Women Educators

Pi State Awards Benefit Patrons 2017**Beta**

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Lisa Benedict
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Kappa

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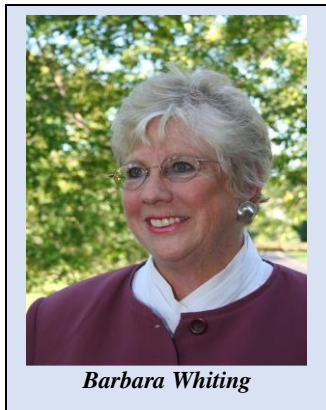
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Barbara Whiting

**2017 Pi State Convention Theme:
"Sparkle, Shimmer & Shine"**

**Otesaga Resort, Cooperstown
April 28-30, 2017**

International Guest

Barbara Whiting

An excerpt from her Address at the President's Banquet

"Please take a moment to look around the room. Look beyond the sparkling appearances and point to a woman in this room that you know is a **leader**. She could be a leader in DKG, her community, church or school.

OK- Now look around again. Point to another woman who is a leader.

Once more- point to another woman ... *Thank you.*

Did you point to yourself? You should have. **In every sense, everyone here is a leader.**

Women tend to look to others as leaders and yet each of you is a leader who has much to offer DKG and your communities.

DKG exists to promote personal and professional growth... we offer a safe and nurturing environment to learn and grow as a woman, as a professional, as a leader.

Think of the ripple effect we have as women on other women and the possibilities for impacting education and our communities if only we were stronger leaders and if we were present at the table.

If you want to reach your potential or your chapters potential and make them shine and shimmer, consider what **Parker and Anderson** say in their book **212 Degrees- The Extra Degree.**

Water is water. At 211 degrees it is just hot water

At 212 degrees, it boils.

And with boiling water comes steam

And steam can power a locomotive.

By adding one degree- so much more is possible.

It reminds us that seemingly small things can make tremendous differences. What if each of us added one degree more to our personal lives? To our Chapters?

Think about your Chapter ... Is it operating at 211 degrees or less? Would just a bit more effort make a difference? Imagine what your Chapter could accomplish if you could raise its temperature another degree."

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"You hold the keys to success. You have the potential. Everything is possible.

I urge you to take a 360 degree view of your Chapter. Look around - at the past, present and future of your Chapter.

We need to understand the connectedness. 360 degree thinking encourages a belief that ideas, actions and information are interconnected throughout an organization.

The loss of peripheral vision results in tunnel vision- which results when we don't use a 360 degree perspective.

Effective organizations are looking around themselves at all times and making adjustments and changes as needed."

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"Strong Chapters have many leaders. Every member is a leader. Every member contributes to the health and strength of the Chapter. It makes a difference when members step forward and accept responsibility for the many aspects of the Chapter. *Many hands truly do make small work.*"

Election to the Pi State Finance Committee

Congratulations to the following members on their election by their Area Council at the 2017 Pi State Convention for 2017-2021 terms on the Pi State Finance Committee: **Beryl Szwed, Beta Mu, N; Rebecca Carter, Pi, C; Mary Frances Seymour, Beta Chi, SC; Mona Lee Ann Bogan, Tau, E; Teri Palmiero, Alpha Chi, NC.**

Congratulations to our Pi State 25- and 50-Year, our 100-Year Young members and our Chapter Women of Distinction

25-Year Members



Margaret Burgio, *Alpha Theta*
 Dawn Capece, *Pi*
 Consuelo Champlin, *Alpha Phi*
 Brenda Comolli, *Beta*
 Jeanette Dippo, *Beta*
 Judith Geer, *Alpha Lambda*
 Karen Griffin, *Alpha Iota*
 Maryann Haigh, *Gamma Gamma*
 Colleen Jackson, *Alpha Chi*
 Joan Johnson, *Alpha Delta*
 Risë Messmer, *Nu*
 Melissa Mirch, *Tau*
 Mary Lee Page, *Beta Tau*
 Gloria Petitto, *Epsilon*
 Martha E. Sturtz, *Alpha Iota*
 Katrin Summers, *Beta Psi*
 Annette Tuzzo, *Alpha Beta*

50-Year Members



Beverly Castiglione, *Alpha Iota*
 Margaret Connolly, *Beta Omega*
 Esther Davis, *Sigma*
 Mary Dunkle, *Beta Gamma*
 Mary Eaton, *Beta Epsilon*
 Remigia Foy, *Alpha Kappa*
 Esther H. Gros, *Beta*
 Dorothy Lawson, *Rho*
 Mary Lorich, *Gamma Delta*
 Dr. Margarethe McCurry,
Alpha Epsilon
 Catherine Reid, *Phi*
 Mary Savage, *Alpha Beta*
 Marilyn Solomon, *Alpha Phi*
 Kay Williams, *Beta Epsilon*

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Florence
 Mugglin

Pi State Centenarians

Dorothy Hiler, *Alpha Iota*, 107 years
 Florence Mugglin, *Rho*, 101 years
 Mary Ann Maurer, *Rho*, 100 years
 Eleanor Lattimer, *Alpha Kappa*, 100 years
 Ellamae Albeck, *Beta Rho*, 99 years

2017 Women of Distinction

Northwestern

Phyllis DiMiero, *Alpha Theta*
 Fran Romeo, *Alpha Lambda*
 Pamela Doore, *Gamma Gamma*
 Carol Brenner, *Gamma Delta*

West Central

Marjorie Wagner, *Mu*
 Jane Barnard, *Beta Tau*
 Linda Flaherty, *Beta Gamma*
 Barbara Brooks Quinn, *Beta Eta*
 Dr. Roselyn Freedman-Baum, *Alpha Alpha*

South Central

Cynthia Goertemoller, *Rho*
 Donna Homuth, *Alpha Rho*
 Rebecca Maedar-Chien,
Beta Omicron
 Vanessa DuBrava, *Beta Rho*
 Sue Walker, *Beta Phi*
 Susan St. John Jarvis, *Beta Chi*
 Mary Bacalles, *Gamma Zeta*

Northern

Judy Austin, *Lambda*
 Judy Corigliano, *Psi*
 Karen Butters, *Beta Mu*
 Ann Adams, *Gamma Epsilon*

Eastern

Angela Houlihan, *Alpha*
 Janice Stevens, *Zeta*
 Virginia Dudko, *Tau*
 Janet Matthews, *Phi*
 Deborah Cestone, *Alpha Gamma*
 Kim Goldhirsch, *Alpha Zeta*
 Daryl Marx, *Alpha Eta*

Southwestern

Holly Hannon, *Kappa*
 Kathleen Sprague, *Beta Epsilon*
 Doris Kirsch, *Beta Nu*

East Central

Judy Kiehle, *Omega*
 Deb Minor, *Alpha Tau*
 Harlene Gilbert, *Beta Delta*
 Kathleen Clute, *Beta Theta*

North Central

Brenda Comolli, *Beta*
 Eilene Edwards, *Nu*
 Lorraine Merrick, *Beta Kappa*
 Esther Davis, *Sigma*
 Donna Yancey, *Chi*
 Louise Kellogg, *Alpha Iota*
 Cindy Killian, *Alpha Chi*
 Susan Cline, *Alpha Omega*

Capital Area

Andrea Null, *Pi*
 Dr. Margarethe McCurry, *Alpha Epsilon*
 Debra Zaffuts, *Alpha Kappa*
 Sandra Gill, *Alpha Nu*
 Regina Anderson, *Alpha Psi*
 Jennifer Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*

Southeastern

Virginia Sullivan, *Epsilon*
 Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*
 Jean Fontana, *Alpha Phi*
 Jessica Mills, *Beta Xi*
 Zobeida Acevedo, *Beta Psi*
 Dr. Colleen A. Kelly, *Gamma Alpha*
 Suzanne Lindsay, *Alpha Pi*



Mary-Martha W. Harvey

2017 Pi State Achievement Award Presented to Mary-Martha Harvey

Mary-Martha Harvey was presented with the *Pi State Achievement Award* at the 2017 Pi State Convention President's Banquet on April 29, 2017. The Award, established in 1954, is presented to a member who has made outstanding contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at the State level. The recipient is chosen by members of the Achievement Award Committee from among those who have been nominated by their Chapters and supported by Pi State members.

Mary-Martha has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member for 28 years. Although an active member in her Chapter, her impact at the State level truly began in 2010 when she was appointed Editor of *Pi Lights*. She has developed *Pi Lights* into a publication that is most informative, attractive and well-read. She has left her mark on a newsletter that benefits every Pi State member.

At the 2012 International Convention in New York City, Mary-Martha served as Editor for the International Newsletter. The position was demanding as she had to prepare four informative and meaningful issues during a short time. The International President at the time praised her work as "exceptional".

Mary-Martha has worked with the current and past Webmasters to develop a user-friendly State website. She serves on the Committees for Communications & Publicity, Leadership Development, Awards, Ad Hoc Headquarters and the Frederica Hollister Professional Awards and Chairs the Ad Hoc Website Committee. She has presented workshops at State meetings and is the liaison to West Central Area Council. She is currently involved in developing the past twenty years' history of Pi State.

Mary-Martha is truly a dedicated member who has made outstanding contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at the State level.

Agnes Becker, Chair



Danielle Jeffrey

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.

Danielle Jeffrey

Danielle Jeffrey is seeking a Masters of Science degree from Utica College that will lead to certification as a childhood and special education teacher. She hopes to complete her degree requirements by May of 2019. **Susan Sharon, Sigma**, states: "Danielle is a professional, positive student who demonstrates passion and energy in her studies and in the classroom. Danielle has wanted to be a teacher since she was a young child. She believes that every student wants to and is capable. Teachers need to be approachable and make the

commitment to care about and treat each student well. There is a story behind every child that provides insight for their behavior or struggles." Danielle's educational philosophy addresses meeting the individual needs each student by providing multiple strategies. She lives in Oneida with her husband and two children.

Rebecca Rudinger-Mulhearn

Rebecca Rudinger-Mulhearn is seeking a Masters in Library Science from Long Island University, Palmer School of Library and Information Science. She hopes to complete her degree requirements by June of 2019 which will lead to a certificate in public library administration. **Cynthia Zhe, Beta Tau**, states that Rebecca has a passion for libraries and believes they are the heart of a community. Rebecca's philosophy of education is summed up in her "My A, B, Cs of Education." **A** stands for the access libraries provide. Rebecca states: "Libraries should be welcoming, provide a space for fellowship or socialization and reinforce a sense of community." **B** is building empathy and respect. Rebecca states: "Education is enabled by empathy and respect AND that empathy and respect for others is strengthened by education." **C** stresses the importance of culture and arts. Rebecca is a proponent "of a well-rounded education and that means more than you can experience in the traditional classroom. We must get out of our comfort zones and challenge preconceived notions we have of others. Exposure to culture is one of our best tools for this." Rebecca resides in Rochester with her husband and daughter.

Deborah Bedard, Chair

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.

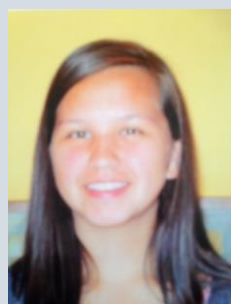
Four *Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid* are being awarded to deserving young Native American women who seem destined to make positive contributions to their communities through service.



KC Herne

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KC Herne, a senior at Massena Central High School, will receive a *Native American Grant* for \$500. She will graduate in June and plans to attend Norwich University in the Fall of 2017 where she will major in biology as a pre-med student. KC is not only a scholar (*National Honor Society, GPA over 90*), but an athlete as well. She plays hockey for a high level team in Ottawa and the varsity team at her high school, earning NYS Public High School Athletic Association MVP and Academic All-Northern awards. As part of her high school program, she is enrolled in the St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Allied Health program where she has had opportunity to shadow different health careers in local hospitals and clinics including the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Health Clinic.



Alanna Pyke

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Alanna Pyke is awarded \$1000 as she enters her junior year at Yale University. She has maintained an outstanding academic record in her chosen major – biomedical engineering. This past summer she was given the opportunity to conduct research which enabled her to better focus on her career goals. In addition to academics, she is taking Mohawk language classes, serves as a peer liaison for the Native American Cultural Center to aid other Native American students at Yale, and has leadership roles in several other organizations which advocate for indigenous women's issues and promote awareness of their cultures and issues that Native Americans face. She also finds time to enjoy participating in Club figure skating on campus. Alanna was awarded the Pi State Native American Grant in her freshman and sophomore years at Yale.



Lori Lachowski

Lori Lachowski

Lori Lachowski is awarded \$1000 for the 2017-2018 academic year. She is currently a sophomore Dean's List student at Niagara University with a goal of teaching history at the college level after graduation. In addition to her demanding academic schedule, Lori is a member of the Women's Club Soccer Team which travels to many other universities to participate in games and tournaments. She is actively involved in community service both on campus and on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation. She values these experiences as ways to develop meaningful relationships with peers and positive connections with her community. Lori also received the Pi State Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid last year.

Cierra Mt. Pleasant

Cierra Mt. Pleasant is a candidate for June 2017 graduation at Niagara-Wheatfield High School. She will receive a *Native American Grant* for \$500. She plans to attend NCCC and then transfer to SUNY Geneseo in the childhood education program. A student leader in the classroom, she has maintained National Honor Society grades while participating in a myriad of extracurricular activities, including Student Council, Women's Chorale and musical theater productions to name a few. She is also an athlete and has played soccer, track and lacrosse. In addition, Cierra has found time to volunteer in Tuscarora's Pre-K classes and run in charity marathons as well as working part time at Banana Republic.

Arlene Ida. Chair



"... Education e'er we'll further ..." *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*
Verse two by *Annie Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin*



Dee Hushmendi

Edna B. Mack Scholarship

This year's ***Edna B. Mack Scholarship*** recipient is **Dilnavaz (Dee) Hushmendi**, *Alpha Nu*, an English teacher at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School in Ravena. She is a Ph.D. candidate in the Literacy Teaching and Learning Department at the University of Albany. Last year she collected data in one of her Grade 11 English classes for her study: "A Practitioner Inquiry Exploring Critical Literacy in a Secondary English Classroom." Now the data collected must be analyzed. She will use the funds from this scholarship in that phase as she works on her dissertation and completes her doctorate. Her colleagues express their high regard for her work, her opinions and her professionalism. Her Chapter members appreciate her active participation in the Chapter as the Co-Chair of their Scholarship Committee.

A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship

This year's ***A. Evadna Crawford Scholarship*** is **Lois Restrepo** *Alpha Beta*. She is a Kindergarten Teacher at the Michael J. Petrides School in Staten Island. She is enrolled in a Fordham University program to obtain an additional teaching certification in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages. With this certification, Lois feels she will be better able to teach her students from what has become a large and growing population of immigrants in her school and community and will better serve their families as they settle into their new surroundings. She will also be able to train and work with her colleagues to develop programs that will assist the non-English speaking students at the school.

In addition to being a busy teacher, Lois has been an active member of *Alpha Beta* Chapter since 2009. For many years she has served as a member of the Chapter Scholarship Committee and on the Holiday Gala Committee. She has been the Assistant Treasurer, a sponsor for new members and often does special things for her Chapter sisters. She has also attended the Southeastern Area Conference and worked at the 2012 DKG Convention in NYC. She was presented with her Chapter's "Woman of Distinction" award in 2014.



Lois Restrepo

Rosemary Van Wart, Chair

Bea Small Awards

*Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of Omega, the **Bea Small 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 project must respond to the needs of a particular population within a Chapter's geographical area.*

Project Personal Care (Alpha Zeta)

Kim Goldhirsch, Chapter President

Linda Greedblatt, Project Co-Director

Since November 2014, the *Alpha Zeta* Chapter has collected personal hygiene items (*soaps, shampoo, combs, deodorant, etc.*) and donations of cash to purchase items which are passed along with school supplies in fifty backpacks and donated to schools in their rural area along with food items each summer. The benefit to families keeps the Chapter motivated to continue the project.

GEMS (Girls Empowered and Motivated) (Beta)

Deborah Vibbard, Chapter President

Sara Earl, Project Director

This project is targeted for girls in the Bridges for Kids Program, run by the Cortland YWCA. Beta Chapter began the project in 2015, volunteering their support for fund-raising, donations and time. The program began with ten girls and has expanded to two groups of fifteen. The academic progress of the girls in the program is monitored as well as school attendance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and a reduction in disruptive behavior in school. The chapter is committed to continuing this project that has a beneficial effect on the young women in the greater Cortland County area.

Karen Butters, Chair

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.

**Christina Unger**

Christina Unger is a recipient of the ***Travel and Study Stipend*** and is looking forward to attending the CTAUN Conference in New York City in 2018. She is thankful for this opportunity and to be able to learn and share from experienced fellow educators and distinguished speakers as they come together and give new insights and possible solutions to issues that impact all of us. Christina feels that while the knowledge gained at CTAUN will benefit not only her students by making them more world ready, it will also benefit other teachers and students as well. When a global issue is presented and discussed, ideas can be generated and solutions can be fostered within our students. Our students are already citizens. Let's make them world-ready citizens. Christina realizes that continuous professional development is a must in this ever-changing society. She feels that the more excited and informed about learning she is that it will automatically reflect in her love of teaching her students. The classroom, just like the world, is always changing. We need to continue to stay in front of changes that could one day impact our school. She feels learning and professional development is a journey and should be an ongoing process throughout her entire life. The CTAUN

Conference will be able to enhance this learning.

Christina's enthusiasm for learning is reflected in her classroom. She has taught students with special needs for the last 17 years in the Royalton Hartland Central School District. Constantly being a strong advocate for her students, she serves on several committees including PARP and RTI. She is currently the First Vice President of *Alpha Theta*. She has served on the NW/SW Conference Planning Committee and is part of *Alpha Theta*'s 60-Year Anniversary Planning Committee. She is active in the Chapter's participation in the "Joining Hearts and Hands" Scholarship. Christina lives in Depew, New York with her husband Jeff and has 4 children.

**Leah Exner**

Leah Exner is a recipient of this year's ***Travel and Study Stipend*** and is looking forward to attending the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario. Leah is a second grade teacher at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School where she has taught kindergarten, first, third and dual language during her 26 years with the district. She has been nominated for the NYS Teacher of the Year, Disney at Hand Award and Better Beginnings Award. She has received enrichment grants to create reading center games for kindergarten, a grant to create phonemic awareness music for first grade and a current Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Communities grant which serves the entire district through the coordination of a walking/wellness trail. Leah has been a new teacher mentor, extended day instructor, summer school instructor, talent show and musical director.

Currently serving as *Tau* Chapter President, Leah has been a member of DKG since 2011. She is a singer/songwriter and is looking forward to singing at Pi State Executive Board Meetings and Conventions as well as the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor. She looks forward to sharing information gained through the Conference.

Her goal as an educator is to empower those around her to bring out their individual talents, strengths and creativity and to instill a love of learning from others, whether they are children, active teachers or lifelong learners. Leah lives in Woodbourne, New York with her husband Paul and children Andrew and Ashley.

Pat Turner, Chair

Election to the Pi State Nominations Committee

Congratulations to the following members on their election by their Area Council at the 2017 Pi State Convention for 2017-2021 terms on the Pi State Nominations Committee: **Dr. Valerie Lagakis**, *Alpha Phi*, SE; **Diane Battaglia**, *Beta Nu*, SW; **Claudia Cerasani**, *Beta Gamma*, WC; **Julia Schraeder**, *Gamma Gamma*, NW.



Pi State President Deborah Bedard having afternoon tea on the Otesaga veranda



66-Year Member Marion (Bonnie) Buchner, Pi, with International Guest Barbara Whiting

Photo by Jean Sekel



Our Past Pi State Presidents at the Pi State Executive Board Meeting:
(seated l to r) **Dr. Andréa Morris, Jane Tanner and Dr. Margarethe McCurry;**
(standing l to r) **Jeanne Schenk, Joan Slagle, Wanda Ward, Catherine Olinger, Karen Crumley, Dr. Joyce Tang and Anne-Marie Carlson**

Photo Courtesy of Judy Wadsworth



Pi State Leadership Development Chair & Past Pi State President Jeanne Schenk; Pi State Editor and Pi State President-Elect Mary-Martha Harvey; Pi State Executive Secretary & Past Pi State President Karen Crumley

Photo by Sue Genthner

Alpha Kappa



(Front l to r) **Debra Zaffuts, Remigia Foy...50 year pin, and Diane Davison**
(Remigia was a member of Delta.)
(Back row l to r) **Nancy Siegel, Sharon Patrick, Arlene Ida, Katie Ferguson**

Photo Courtesy of Sharon Patrick

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



**50-Year Member Margaret Connolly,
Beta Omega, with Pi State President
Deborah Bedard**
Photo by Sharon Patrick



A Group of Pi State's "Woman of Distinction" Recipients

Photo by Sharon Patrick

**Pi State Officer
Installation Ceremony**



**President-Elect Mary-Martha
Harvey with International
Guest Barbara Whiting**



**Secretary Lisa Huyck,
Second Vice President
Jennifer Lee-Alden and
First Vice President Sue Kenoyer**
Photos by Judy Wadsworth



Speaker at Opening Session

2012 NYS Teacher of the Year Kathleen (Katie) Ferguson, Alpha Kappa

Photo by Sharon Patrick

Bea Small Award



First Vice President Karen Butters with 2017 Bea Small Award GEMS Project Director Sarah Earl and Beta President Deb Vibbard



State Treasurer & Convention Co-Chair Suzanne Patrick



Travel & Study Awards

Leah Exner, Tau; Travel & Study Stipend Chair Pat Turner; and Christina Unger, Alpha Theta



Past Pi State Presidents Cathie Olinger, Beta Psi, with Dr. Maggie McCurry, Alpha Epsilon



Past Pi State Presidents Wanda Ward, Alpha Alpha, with Jeanne Schenk, Alpha Tau



50-Year Members Dr. Maggie McCurry, Alpha Epsilon, with Marion (Bonnie) Buchner, Pi

Photo by Joan Slagle

Pride of Pi



Alexandra Blazey with Omega District Liaison Jenn Bay



Skylar Guest with Omega member Kay VanDeusen



Paige Boor with Omega District Liaison Tammy Olmstead

Omega awarded five \$750 Grant(s)-in-Aid to the following graduating seniors who are planning to pursue a degree in education: **Paige Boor**, Geneva HS, FLCC Childhood Education/Special Education/Transfer Program; **Skylar Guest**, Canandaigua Academy, FLCC Transfer/Art Education; **Alexandra Blazey**, Canandaigua Academy, Primary/Elementary Childhood Education/Special Education at St. John Fischer College; **Kayli Krossber**, Marcus Whitman HS, FLCC Early Childhood Education/Transfer Program; and **Anna Socha**, Phelps-Clifton Springs HS, Early Childhood Education, Daeman College.

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Omega 2017 Grant(s)-in-Aid Recipients

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

VISION STATEMENT: *Leading women educators impacting education worldwide*

Congratulations to Pi State Second Vice President Sue Kenoyer on her Woman of Distinction in Education Award by 115th Assemblyman Billy Jones



"United for the Troops"



"Welcome Bags"

Alpha Pi Chapter Projects

For several years *Alpha Pi* has been supporting the Walter Hoving Home in Garrison, a facility to help women who are recovering addicts and alcoholics, by donating toiletries they gathered on their travels. Since 2015, the Chapter makes 25 "*Welcome Bags*" which included a towel, washcloth, toiletries, toothpaste and notepad and pen each year.

The Chapter also makes donations of toiletries and personal care products, snacks and books to women troops through the organization "*United for the Troops*."

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Beta Gamma



Marie-Elena Deeney, 60-Year Member Honoree Ruth Parker and President Claudia Cerasani

Photo by Marie Ochal

Kappa Initiates



Front Row (l to r): Dina Marchincin, Kindergarten at Falconer CSD; Heather Metzger, HS Math at Cattaraugus-Little Valley CSD; Katy-Jan Bobseine, Criminal Justice at Jamestown CC; 2nd Row (l to r): Kathleen Magiera, Special Education at SUNY Fredonia; Jeannine Gambrel, MS Math at Jamestown CSD; Top Row (l to r): Beth Starks, Early Childhood Coordinator at Jamestown CC; Sharon Huff, Superintendent for Cattaraugus-Little Valley CSD

Photo & Text by Dr. Renee Funke

Beta Tau



2017 Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid Award recipient

Rebecca Budinger-Mulhern, Director of the Avon Free Library, with Beta Tau President Cindy Zhe

Photo Courtesy of Cindy Zhe

Beta Omicron Initiates



l to r: Abby Losie, Delaware Academy College/HS Tech Collaboration (CTEP); Mary Hinkley, Roxbury School, Special Education; Patti Kruppo, ONC BOCES, Physical Education; Missy White, Delaware Academy Elementary Education; Nancy Piper, Delaware Academy, Math/Technology

Photo & Text by Robin White

Kappa

Kappa President Renee Funke was awarded PhD in Special Education from Northcentral University. Her dissertation, "The Effectiveness of the Current Reading Program for Middle School Students with and without Disabilities in a Rural School," findings supported the need for additional intervention and instruction for struggling readers in middle school, particularly those with disabilities. Her dissertation will be available on the ProQuest database. Renee was also selected to present her research in a poster presentation prior the commencement ceremony on July 8th in Phoenix, Arizona.

Tau Initiates

l to r: Hazel Yaun, retired MS Health/PE, Liberty MS; Roxanne Kerhley, Special Ed 7-12, Eldred CSD; Mari Martin, Pre-K, Livingstopn Manor; Ericka Gamella, First Grade, Fallsburg CSD; Karen Billig, Retired Fourth Grade, Fallsburg CSD; Cindy Hemleker, Sixth Grade, Sullivan West; Jamie Crofoot, Fourth Grade, Roscoe CSD

Photo by Patricia Segar

Sigma

President Nancy Carroll with 50-Yr. Member Esther Davis

Photo by Cindy Martin

Beta Chi Initiates

(l to r) Jayasree Mangalagiri, HS Math; Anne Walters, Grade Three; Kate Borkowski, Grade Two and daughter of Beta Chi member Marilyn Puccio; and Charity Packard, AIS Support Teacher; all teachers in Corning-Painted Post School District. Anne, Kate and Charity all teach at the Frederick Carder Elementary.

Photo & Text by Erin Merrill

Alpha Alpha

Lynne Keefer with Initiate Jan Marchetti at her Initiation

Photo by Judy Wadsworth

Gamma Alpha

l to r: Secretary Patricia Kelly; Mary Metzger; Initiate Huyen Hoang; Treasurer Dr. Colleen Kelly; & President Joan Goldstein

Photo Courtesy of Joan Goldstein

Alpha Pi Initiates

Barbara Russ, retired HS Special Education, with Carol Lieto, newly retired HS English, both from the Somers CSD



Francesca Davide, HS Math at Ossining SD with President Joanne Carroll

Photos & Text by Rosemary Van

Congratulations to DKG World Fellowship Award recipient Huyen Hoang, Gamma Alpha, who received her Masters' Degree of Art in American Studies at New York University. Huyen will return to Vietnam to teach at the Vietnam National University in Hanoi in the International Studies Department.

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The **Pi State Educational Foundation** is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and chapters. These projects are supported solely by your donations and membership fees. Please remember the Foundation when looking for some gift idea or memoriam for a friend or family member.

Please note the list of new Foundation members in this current *Pi Lights* issue! Over 25 new members have joined just since our Convention in Cooperstown. The Directors in cooperation with our Chapter Presidents have begun an **18-by-18 Challenge** whereby we have challenged Chapters to enroll at least 18 members in the Foundation by 2018. Smaller Chapters have a challenge to meet a smaller number. *Some have already begun . . . wonderful!* We are also grateful for the increase in donations.

The Foundation's financial health was discussed at the Annual Meeting in Cooperstown. While almost \$8000 was awarded in grants in 2016, only a little over \$4200 in donations was received. It is easy to see that we will be out of money if this trend continues. We have been very excited by the caliber of the grants and love the work the Foundation does. It would be great to be able to fully fund all requests that meet the criteria of advancing literacy and learning. In the event that the treasury cannot financially support all applications that are made, the Directors have adopted the following guidelines:

"Grants are not limited to, but are usually in the \$100-1000 range. In the event that the treasury cannot support all the requests that come before the Board of Directors, preference for full funding MAY be given to first-time applicants."

We do love seeing the commitment displayed by the Chapters that have long-running programs and have applied for grants more than once. But, we are also excited when members and Chapters apply for a grant to start a new program. The Foundation is here to help you do so ... *start dreaming and think about applying for a grant for the November 1st funding round!*

Tau Chapter was recognized at the Annual Meeting for having the highest percentage of Chapter members as Foundation members. They received the Foundation plaque. This ends the 10-Year Plaque Challenge. The Directors voted to award the plaque at year's end to *Gamma Zeta*, the Chapter with the highest overall percentage of members.

The Directors are pleased to announce that they received three applications for grants in the May 1st funding round and all won approval.

Congratulations to following 2017 grants and sponsors:

- **Barbara Cook, Gamma Zeta**, is receiving a grant for their Chapter project entitled **"Salvation Army Backpack Program."** Members of their Chapter partner with the local Salvation Army and local churches to provide backpacks filled with necessary school supplies for needy students for the upcoming school year. They have been doing this program since 2008. The grant is for \$600.
- **Patricia Thompson, Beta Omicron**, is receiving a grant for \$800 for their Chapter project, **"Totes for Tots."** This has been an ongoing project for the last four years for children who visit their local hospital emergency rooms and health clinics. Children receive a tote bag. Items in the bag include a stuffed animal, a reading book, coloring book and crayons that all help to calm upset children and give them something to do while waiting for treatment.
- **Debora Minor, Alpha Tau**, is being awarded a grant for \$500 for their Chapter project, **"Books for Yates County WIC."** Their Chapter purchases and distributes books for babies and pre-schoolers who come to the Yates County WIC offices. The grant will allow them to give out more books.

The deadline for the next funding round is November 1st. Applications may be found on the *Pi State Educational Foundation* section of the Pi State website, www.dkgynystate.org. Remember that we now encourage you to submit your application electronically.

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

Ginny Dudko

Project Grant Applications due May 1st and November 1st

Pi State Educational Foundation Lifetime Members

(Through June 1, 2017)

Alpha Alpha

Bridget Bishop

Alpha Kappa

Arlene Ida

Alpha Nu

Gloria Autrey

Mary Boice

Dee Hushmendi

Alpha Rho

Cynthia Haigh

Alpha Tau

Mary A. Peck

Teresa Keyes

Alpha Theta

Lucinda Smith

Alpha Zeta

Kim Goldhiesch

Eileen Kerins

Marilyn Wakefield

Diane Zduniak

Alpha State

Theta Chi

Connie Rensink

Beta

Brenda Comolli

Deborah Vibbard

Beta Psi

Ann B. Walker

Beta Theta

Jacinda Lisanto

Claudia M. Hann

Chi

Doris K. Boliver

Sue Peters Bush

Elizabeth Huhl

Madelyn Perry

Karen Stowell

Sharon A. Tallman

Judy Waligory

Nu

Jen Hummel

Omega

Mary Cherniss

Sally Maxson

Psi

Alison Brown

Judith Corigliano

Colleen Ryan

Michele Snyder

Tau

Mona Lee Bogan

Lauren Miller

Patricia Newman

Zeta

Karen Brock

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations

(Through June 1, 2017)

Brenda Comolli, *Beta*, donation to the Foundation

Omega, donation to the Foundation

Tau, donation to the Foundation

Ginny Dudko, *Tau*, donation to the Foundation

Theresa Palmiero, *Alpha Chi*, donation to the Foundation

Claudia M. Hann, *Beta Theta*, donation to the Foundation

Ellie Robinson, *Gamma Delta*, donation to the Foundation

Pi State Executive Committee in honor of Dr. Maggie

McCurry's 85th Birthday

Pi State Executive Committee in honor of Lisa Huyck

Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, in honor of Wanda Ward, JoAnn

Wallace and Barbara McCaffery

Jen Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*, in honor of Beta Omega sisters

Tracy Watson, *Alpha Epsilon*, in honor of Dr. Maggie McCurry

Alpha Pi in memory of Sara Llorian

Alpha Delta in memory of Patricia Herfurth

Alpha Delta in memory of Helen Brion

Ginny Dudko, *Tau*, in memory of Karen Crumley's Sister-in-Law

Karla Bates, *Alpha Psi*, in memory of Betty Lou Buel

Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu*, in memory of Margaret Ransom

Carol Zaleski, *Alpha Chi*, in memory of Wanda Goodrow

Rose Hosp, *Alpha Chi*, in memory of Wanda Goodrow

Cindy Smith, **Kathie Clarke** and **Kathy Fox**, *Alpha Theta*, in memory of Gladys DiMiero

Congratulations to 2016-17 Grant Recipients

Barbara Cook, *Gamma Zeta*

"Salvation Army Backpack Program"

Susan Coolican, *Alpha Rho*

"Books for Food Bank Backpacks"

Susan St. John-Jarvis, *Beta Chi*

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

Patricia Thompson, *Beta Omicron*

"Treasure Totes for Tots"

Jane Fonte, *Gamma Delta*

"Turtelini, The Turbo-Charged Turtle"

Elizabeth Huggler, *Tau*

"Reading for All Ages"

Jennifer Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*

"Using Ukuleles to Teach Literacy Music & ELA"

Debora Minor, *Alpha Tau*

"Books for Yates County WIC"

Jacqueline Robisch, *Beta Kappa*

"Activity Bags"

Cindy Zhe, *Beta Tau*

"Authors and Storyteller Visits to St. Agnes School"

ATTENTION: FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the **Pi State Spring 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminars at The Century House in Latham on Saturday, April 22, 2017, after Saturday's luncheon.**

The Agenda will be announced.

Pi State Foundation Directors

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

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

Terms Ending 2020

Jean Sekel, *Pi*, Secretary

Sheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*

Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

Reaching out to Dropped Members: Maintaining Relationship and Encouraging Reinstatement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Melanie McDonald

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

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

Deborah Bedard, Pi State President 2015-2017

Membership = to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate

Another Benefit of Belonging to DKG: SISTERHOOD

Since becoming a member of DKG in 1983, I have found the friendships, comradery and sisterhood to be the most meaningful reason to join and remain a member. I have encouraged my fellow *Pi* Chapter members to participate in DKG above the Chapter level. With the 2017 Convention at our south door, many took the opportunity to come to their first Pi State Convention.

I asked them to reflect on their experience at Convention. Here are their responses.

Deb C.: “For the first time I experienced the DKG State Convention held in Cooperstown. One of the things that impressed me most was the friendly welcome I received from everyone. I was met with smiles and help with all my questions. The Conference was very well organized. I attended two of the workshops and the speakers were very informative. I had to give a short talk at the first General Session. Afterwards, several people I did not know came up to me to congratulate me and tell me I had done a great job. That was so meaningful to me since I was very nervous to speak in front of such a large group. I was greatly impressed with the entire event. I would love to participate and attend another such event.”

Claudia R.: “At the opening ceremony, the energy in the room was amazing! Everyone seemed excited to be there and they were all very friendly. People I didn't know offered to take pictures and send them to me. It was easy talking with like-minded people. I loved that there were workshops to choose from. I went to the “Learn About the Road Scholar Program,” which was very informative and something I will most likely pursue. The second one I went to was “The Story of Elm Hill School” on special education and how and why the laws changed. That one, too, was very interesting and informative. Oh my, can't forget that dessert buffet! That was amazingly delicious! The set up was great for meeting new people.”

Teresa H.: “I had never attended a state convention before but with it being close by, I thought what a great opportunity. I am so happy that I made this decision. During the general session, to be in that room with all of those women teachers, was amazing. You could truly feel the camaraderie and commitment held by everyone in that room for education. It was inspiring. The workshop and member display were excellent. I enjoyed listening to an educator's experience visiting other schools in another country. It was also amazing to see how much talent there is in this organization. Once again kudos to you and everyone who helped make this conference a wonderful experience.”

Rachelle C.: “I truly enjoyed my experience on Saturday of the state convention. It was great to meet new members as well as our old friends. The workshop I attended about teaching in Peru was excellent. The Otesaga was a perfect place to hold the convention....and the food was wonderful!”

Sharon P.: “There is incredible friendship in our chapter, but you don't truly understand the international society until you get to a convention. I've seen pictures in *Pi Lights*. I've heard others talk about people from around the state. But you don't really understand the sisterhood, the bond, that exists on a larger level.

DKG is something like a family in the way that you think about others, and you continue to learn and grow from that. I think that is why one of the concerns that we have is younger teachers don't understand why you need a strong association and think about things for retirees. They don't look that far in the future. The number of retirees that come to convention is a sisterhood thing. You want to see the companions you've been with to improve education. There is so much change of personnel in schools, but you are always friends, colleagues with the sisters of DKG. I believe that is the strongest thing I took away from it. **Ludima** (a fellow *Pi* Chapter member whom Sharon taught with for a while) was always proud and pleased to be a member of DKG right up until her death. One of the reasons, among many, that I became close to her after she retired was because of DKG. Our sisterhood.”

Sue S.: “As a first timer at the Pi State Convention I was totally impressed! From the opening session Friday evening to the workshops to the president's banquet and Awards Brunch, everything was so organized. And of course The Otesaga Hotel was such a beautiful place for all of our Pi State sisters to Sparkle, Shimmer, and Shine! Thank you to everyone who planned such an awesome weekend.”

Linda C.: “At the convention we were encouraged to look at the elements of our membership. Why do we belong? What is my purpose? And to look at the elements of our chapters. What is our purpose?

I felt that although among a large group of members, you were not lost in the masses. At the Executive Meeting and General Meeting we were meeting purposes for the Convention, and you brought everyone into it. You felt like you were being spoken to individually. At the Banquet my eyes went immediately to the roses and I thought what an impressive gift for each of us! But when I got home, upon reflection, I realized that the vases were personalized for DKG! I proudly showed my daughter the vase and felt again the awe of the moment.”

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Another Benefit of Belonging to DKG: SISTERHOOD*Concluded from page*

To fully benefit the sisterhood of DKG, I encourage all members in the State to attend a State Executive Board Meeting/Seminars or a State Convention. I will close with Andrea N.'s thoughts which I believe sums up the benefit of belonging to DKG quite nicely.

Andrea N.: "I was honored to be in the presence of such dedicated and professional women. Each woman shimmered with her own unique light, yet we were all tightly woven together with the common thread of sisterhood, education, and leadership."

Jean Sekel

Editor's Note: This is the fifth article on the Benefits of DKG by Jean Sekel. Her articles may be found on the Pi State Website, www.dkgstate.org in MORE Menu ... <http://www.dkgstate.org/dkg-benefits-of-membership.html>.



DKGNext! 2016-2018

Looking for a few good women—from many

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? Then complete the **DKGNext! 2016-2018** application to be selected to represent a particular DKG population.

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

The **DKGNext Think Tank** will be comprised of interested members who may or may not have been identified as DKG leaders and who represent multiple populations of DKG members. The information requested is designed to ensure diversity among those selected. The discussion will be an examination of DKG and how its present status affects its future status. We want YOU to be heard.

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

Send your completed form no later than **August 11, 2017**, as an e-mail attachment to societvexec@dkg.org.

Please note: An interactive form may be downloaded from the International Website, www.dkg.org.

Call for FALL GALLERY Submissions: August 1- September 1, 2017

The International **Arts & Humanities Gallery** (online at www.dkg.org) announced its first theme to challenge members to stir member's creative juices. "**The Butterfly Effect**" theme is inspired by our 2016-18 International President **Carolyn Pittman**. President Pittman's article addressing a vision of DKG's role in making a difference in education and how the smallest of acts puts something in motion that will impact the bigger world. See article (SEP/OCT 2016 DKG NEWS, Pg. 2).

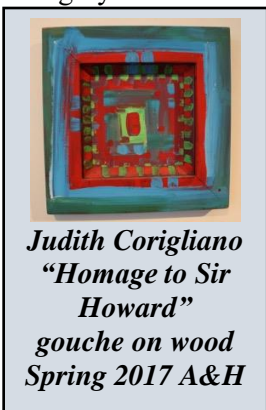
It is expected that members will put their own personal interpretation on "The Butterfly Effect" theme, choosing a category to best communicate an individual vision. The Arts and Humanities' categories will remain the same. The jurying will employ same criteria for acceptance of works that are submitted to the Jury.

For more information about submissions: go to the International Website, www.dkg.org/Committees/Arts and Humanities Jury. You'll find directions, categories, rubrics and frequently asked questions, examples and tips for photographing visual artworks.

Submission forms are available under Applications and only during the Fall window dates of August 1-September 1, 2017. Applications are accessible only with your membership ID and password.

Consider this opportunity to share your creative side and explore the idea of "an action that redefines the future." (*Butterfly Effect-Urban Dictionary*)

Please contact **Judith Corigliano, Psi**, Pi State Liaison to the A&H Gallery, Jcorigliano9915@charter.net with any questions.

Judith Corigliano



US Forum Update

Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Pi State and NE Representative

Fellow DKG Sisters, it has been a pleasure serving you as the **Pi State US Forum Representative** during President Deborah Bedard's biennium. The purpose of the program is to provide members with information on pertinent issues regarding women, children and education in a nonbiased manner.

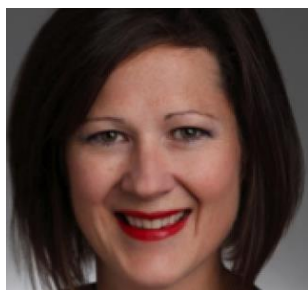
It is more important now to become familiar with federal, state and local legislation and make sure that your voice is heard. One needs to be cautious on the flood of misinformation. The League of Women Voters (www.lwv.org) and AAUW (www.aauw.org) both have websites that accurately focus on women's issues. You can also log onto Congressional website (www.congress.gov) and New York Legislation (www.ny.gov) to get updates on bills.

Postcards are a key asset. With technology advancing and mass media alerts, legislators are more likely to react to postcards and handwritten letters. A concise cursive note has the greatest impact since they are being viewed by a real person not a form letter or email.

Northeast Regional Windsor, US Forum Women "Poised for Legislative Action" July 13, 2017, 10:15am-12:15pm, Caesar Augustus III and IV

NE US FORUM Representative Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, Presider

Please Join the US Forum in Advocating for change to meet the needs of Women, Child and Education.



*Shelley Gilbert, B.S.W.,
R.S.W. Coordinator of
Social Services LAW*

Our Keynote Speaker Shelley Gilbert, Coordinator of Social Work Services WEFIGHT CANADA, will share with members how Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) at the University of Windsor, Ontario, uses Community Based Advocacy from the Street to the Courtroom to address Human Trafficking and Women's needs. The Unique Clinic involves students from the School of Social Work and Faculty of Law in using a combination of skills to handle client issues. LAW has the lead role in dealing with the human trafficking initiative WEFIGHT. WEFIGHT partners with Windsor agencies and works on solutions for the barriers that are created by laws while advocating for changes needed.

During our session, we will work on Advocacy Issues that will be the focus of our March 18-21, 2018 National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC. These issues will be used to present programs and information to our Northeast Sisters.

Save the date for the National Legislative Seminar March 18-21 in Washington, D.C.

Work with colleagues in understanding how to advocate and receive pertinent information on legislative issues. Then visit your congressional representatives, while catching in the beauty of our National Capitol. Follow the US Forum on Facebook (DKG.US.Forum) and our website (www.usforumdkg.org).



United States Forum Mission Statement

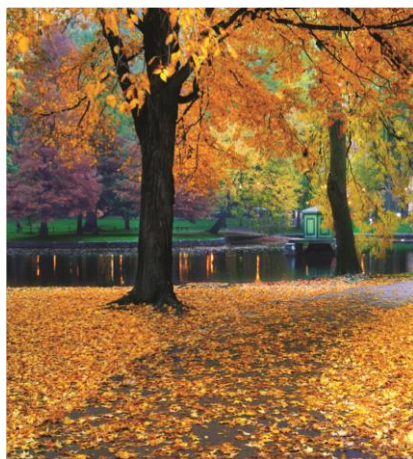
The mission of the United States Forum is to engage its members to take an active role in fulfilling Purposes Four and Seven of the Society in a non-partisan manner.

Go Ahead



FALL FOLIAGE TOUR: VERMONT TO MASSACHUSETTS

with The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



8 DAYS | OCTOBER 8, 2017

Starting from \$2,199* | \$450 deposit

Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show every October, when the eastern forests burst into red, orange and yellow hues. That makes autumn the perfect season to explore New England's time-honored landmarks. From the quintessential fall fare of Vermont to the colonial roots of Salem, take in the history and charm of the East Coast—all under a vibrant canopy of color.

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Check out the DKG website at **www.dkg.org**
for a more detailed itinerary.

*Advertised tour price is based on October 8, 2017 land only departure. Additional departure gateways are available. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and vary by gateway. Changes or cancellations will result in a fee of up to the total tour price. Applicable airline baggage fees are not included and can be found at goaheadtours.ca/baggagefees. Please contact the airline for more information. To view Go Ahead's complete Terms and Conditions, visit goaheadtours.ca/terms. The tour operator for your trip is EF Education.

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Proposed Amendments to International Constitution & Standing Rules

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Attend an International Convention!

Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents!

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

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

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

Attend a workshop about the election process at your Regional Conference!

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

Cast your vote for the proposed amendments! (2018 in Austin)

Carolyn Rants, Chair Ad Hoc Committee



Your DKG Member Profile – Get Connected!

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

What's in it for you? CONNECTIONS!

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

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

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

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

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