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Join Pi State Sisters at the Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar “Opportunities to Connect”

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The Century House* (near Albany)
997 New Loudon Road, Latham 12110
518-785-0931

Look for *Registration Form on p. 7 & Hotel Reservation on p. 4* of this issue.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Lisa Meade

Lisa Meade is the Assistant Superintendent for Education and Accountability for the Hudson Falls Central School District. Prior to working in Hudson Falls, Lisa served as the Middle School Principal in Corinth, NY. Lisa was named the 2015 Middle School Principal of the Year for SAANYS and NASSP. Most of her career experience has been in the field of special education as a teacher, CSE Chair and Director of Student Services. Lisa considers herself a connected educator and uses *Twitter* to expand her PLN and professional development.

Lisa was a member of the 2015 New York Educator Voice Fellowship. She currently serves on the Editorial Board for SAANYS' Vanguard Magazine and writes a regular book column for the same magazine. Lisa has had guest blog posts published in EdWeek's *Finding Common Ground* (DeWitt), *Leadership 360* (Myers and Berkowicz) and NYSASCD's *Newsletter*. Some of her experiences as a Middle School Principal were also referenced in two leadership

books: Collaborative Leadership: Six Influences that Matter Most by Dr. Peter Dewitt (2017) and Principal Professional Development by Dr. Joe Sanfelippo and Dr. Tony Sinanis (2015). Lisa has over 20 years as a professional educator and is a member of *Beta Omega*.

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“Opportunities to Connect”

Mary-Martha Harvey

Pi State President 2017 - 2019

Hope to see you at the April 20-21, 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at The Century House!

In this season of giving thanks, sharing joys in our holiday seasons with friends and family and looking forward to the New Year, change seems to be an inevitable fact of life. And so it is in DKG!

As you know, 2018 is an Constitutional Convention. At a recent meeting, the International Administrative Board reviewed and evaluated over 156 proposals for amendments to the Constitution. Northeast Regional Director **Aggie Moynihan** reported: *“Feedback from State Organization Presidents and the 2017 Regional Conferences emphasized that members are discouraged by complex processes and rules. Because there is concern about our declining membership, it was decided that we must make it simpler to be an active, involved member and to fulfill leadership roles. Many of the proposed changes to the Constitution will do that. You will receive all the changes in the March/April issue of The DKG News. It is important for everyone to read those and have questions ready to ask at the 2018 International Convention in Austin. Everyone present gets to vote on the Constitution changes.”* In the spring, I will be asking Chapter Presidents to poll their members to determine their comments on these important proposed changes to the International Constitution.

One proposed Constitution change is to change the name of the Society to be called **Women Educators International (DKG)**. Its intent is to explain exactly who we are without any question as to us being a sorority. Northeast Regional Director **Aggie Moynihan** explains: *“In 1929, when Annie Webb-Blanton named our Society to sound like a sorority it was to escape the notice of the men’s organizations. The Women’s Right to Vote had just passed in 1917 and later in other parts of the USA. Men, and women also, were reluctant to have women join groups. Annie knew that because almost all scholarships and leadership positions were being given to the men, that if she tried to form a group of women to give women scholarships and encourage them to apply for leadership positions, they would want to close the Society. So, she got it by their notice by giving the society the Greek letters associated with a sorority.”* However, Annie also said:

“Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. Don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don’t be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you...” (Our Heritage Volume II, page 3)

Proposed changes approved at the 2018 International Convention will subsequently be included in our Pi State Constitution and Chapter Standing Rules.

Recommendations for changes to the Pi State Constitution from members, Chapters or Committees will be due November 1, 2018. If approved by the State BYLAWS & Rules Committee and the Executive Committee, the recommendations will be voted by the State Executive Board at the 2019 Pi State Convention.

A change for Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs, already announced for 2018, is that they no longer need to complete the Chapter Biennial Report (*Form 54*). This is one of the many ways International is trying *“to simplify what the Society asks you to do.”*

To keep us all connected this biennium, the State Communications & Publicity Committee has contacted their Area Council Chapters to seek information on Chapter Programs informing members about DKG Society (*Chapter, Area, Pi State and International*); activities that support programs for children and families outside schools, promote literacy, support community efforts and support early career educators; initiatives that use communication tools and social media creatively; efforts to provide scholarships for members or students; and methods used to raise funds. The Committee is developing a brochure to highlight Chapter responses for distribution at the Spring Executive Board

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Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey's Message*Concluded from page 2*

Meeting April 20-21, 2018 in Latham. The World Fellowship Committee has created a survey on Survey Monkey to be sent to Chapter Presidents in January.

Our State Executive Committee and Committee Chairs look forward to hearing from our Chapters and members ... sharing your ideas and accomplishments ... and to see many of you April 20-21, 2018.

Wishing each of you a wonderful, fulfilling and Happy New Year!

Elected State Personnel Nominations – Treasurer Suzanne Patrick



The **Personnel Committee** is pleased to recommend the nomination of **Suzanne Patrick** for Pi State Treasurer for a four-year term beginning in July 2018.

Suzanne has served in the office of Treasurer for Pi State since October 2007. She finds the task of serving the members "*a challenge*" but she excels at doing just that. She has learned about the labyrinth called the IRS and has helped the Chapter Treasurers deal with its impact locally. She has devised other helpful strategies as well.

Currently a teacher in the Franklin Central School District in Franklin, NY, Suzanne has taught grades 2-6, been a coach and part of a District Wide Planning Team. She has also served on other DKG Committees for Pi State. A recipient of both a Bachelors' and Masters' degree from Oneonta, she also attended the Utica School of Commerce.

Grace Murphy

Hear Ye! Call for State Editor Nominations

The **Personnel Committee** announces that it has received **no** applications for the position of **Pi State Editor**. However, the position is open. Interested members can still send an application to **Grace Murphy** (gracemm630@aol.com) and be nominated from the floor at the Spring Executive Board Meeting April 21, 2018. The application form and job description can be found on the Pi State website.

The position of Pi State Editor requires some time and some learning, but it also comes with a great deal of support and the opportunity to learn, grow and be a part of a dynamic group of women educators!

Special thanks to the Pi State Personnel Committee for all their work:

Grace Murphy, Alpha Beta, Chair; Kathleen Baily, Beta Phi; Agnes Becker, Gamma Delta; Celia Bradford, Pi; Judy Fuller, Alpha Alpha; Mary Anna Russo, Beta Eta; and Phyllis Voegeli, Beta Psi.

Pi State President's News & Notes

Chapter Presidents receive a monthly/bi-monthly Newsletter from me, entitled **Pi State President's News & Notes**. The Newsletter highlights upcoming due dates and includes attachments of forms, information and summaries of DKG news. These communications are archived on the State website, www.dkgnystate.org in the OFFICER menu, **Pi State President**, for your reference.

Our Pi State Executive Committee is looking forward to hearing your ideas and comments.

Mary-Martha Harvey

Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meetings/Seminars Hotel Reservations

Reserve your room at The Century House for the Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar by calling 518-785-0931 and ask for the Delta Kappa Gamma room block at \$112.00 + 14% tax = \$127.68.

The Century House has NO elevator. However, handicap accessible rooms are available on the first floor and Hotel Staff will assist anyone needing help getting to the meeting rooms.

Check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

The 2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, April 20, 2018

1:00-3:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
 3:00-8:00pm Registration
 2:00pm FDF/Setup
 4:00pm FDF Sales

 5:00-6:15pm Optional Dinner
 6:30-7:15pm Workshop Session I
 7:25-8:10pm Workshop Session II
 8:20-9:15 Opening Session

 9:15pm Dessert Reception

Saturday, April 21, 2018

8:00-11:45am Registration
 7:00-8:15am Breakfast
 8:00-8:15am Executive Board Sign-In
 8:15-10:30am Executive Board Meeting
 Corporation Meeting
 10:30-11:30am FDF Sales
 10:40-11:25am Workshop Session III
 11:45-1:30pm Awards Luncheon
 1:30-2:15pm Educational Foundation
 Annual Meeting

Order Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015 Booklets

Order forms for the *Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015* booklet are still being accepted. Orders are mailed as they are received. Booklets will be available for sale at the *Pi State 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar*. Order Forms are on the State Website.

Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar Workshops

TITLES	WORKSHOP Program Descriptions	Presenter(s)
World Fellowship	DKG opportunities to promote collaboration and understanding through the World Fellowship participants and their mission will be presented through the stories of the Fellowship recipients. This will include their experiences during the fellowship and what the educational opportunity has meant to participants through the stories of the women. Given the stresses in the world today, especially for women around the world, the mission of the World Fellowship is even more essential to the overall mission of DKG to mentor young women pursuing the field of education. We hope that you will attend this presentation to learn about the women supported through this Fellowship and understand the difference the program has made for the women who become educational leaders in their countries.	Dr. Kathleen Bishop and World Fellowship Comm.
The Adolescent Mind: Learning, Literacy and Achievement	The adolescent brain develops rapidly and accelerates or impedes learning during the middle years of education. Due to motivational factors (Growth Mindset) and learning behaviors, girls achieve at higher rates in literacy than boys and the progression impacts college enrollment rates and graduation. A shift in the instructional model and curriculum is necessary to close the gender gap.	Doreen Croyle
Transform Your Home into a Safe Haven	Empower yourself by being a forward-thinker! Attractive, intuitive, universal design features can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make your home visitable 2. Bring you peace of mind 3. Provide you and your family with comfort and ease of living for many years to come 4. Give you viable living options for the future 	Sue Gruber
Chapter Resources to Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate Members	We will present the new part of the Pi State Website as it pertains to the Membership & Expansion documents section. We will show the video “ <i>The Big Picture</i> ” and how to access it online. We will talk about each of the documents on website and how Chapters can use them to <i>Recruit, Retain and Reinstate</i> members.	Sue Kenoyer and Membership Comm.
UN: Global, Local and You!	Whales in the Hudson River – Really? A Ph.D. for everyone – Really? Is climate change really real? <i>Join us and find out!</i>	Lochie Musso
Debunking the Myths of Poverty or the Effect of Poverty on Lives and Learning	Poverty impacts children and young people in multiple ways. In this workshop we will begin to answer the question, “ <i>As community members, caring citizens and educators, how can we better understand poverty so our efforts to support children are not misdirected?</i> ”	Dr. Lesli C. Myers

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Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar Workshops*Concluded from page five*

TITLES	WORKSHOP Program Descriptions	Presenter(s)
Google Docs Basic	An introduction to using Google Docs. Participants must have a Google (gmail) account and their own device.	Suzanne Patrick
Transitioning the Chapter Presidency	This workshop is for both outgoing and incoming Chapter Presidents and will offer information about Chapter materials to share, keep and store. Presidents will have the opportunity to share " <i>Glums and Glows.</i> "	Jeanne Schenk and Dr. Margie Lovett-Scott
Learn about Pi State Finances	Ever wonder where your dues money goes? Ever wonder where money for Scholarships comes from? Ever wonder where the money from the Benefit Drawing goes? Ever wonder about Pi State Finances? <i>Then this workshop is for you!</i> Come and learn about Pi State Finances. Time will be given for questions.	Suzanne Patrick

Refer to the Pi State Website, www.dkgnystate.org for more information and times for the Pi State 2018 Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar April 20-21 at The Century House in Latham.

A Letter from State Award Chair Erin Merrill

Thanks to you, Pi State sisters, the scholarships available to members and non-members continues to thrive!!
In 2017, Pi State members contributed \$5,896. What an amazing commitment from all of you!

Pi State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** has set the **2017** goal for \$6,000. "*How can I help achieve the goal?*" you ask. Well here are two ways...

1. Check out the Pi State website, www.dkgnystate.org for a list of Awards, Scholarships and Grants-in-Aid. There are many prestigious awards just waiting to be used to recognize the accomplishments of members as well as women in our community who support education or are becoming educators. We all know at least one person who fits into one of these categories. Please make sure they are identified and honored with a Pi State Award.
2. Purchase Pi State Benefit Tickets at your Chapter meetings and Area Council meetings. The money raised from the sale of these tickets goes directly to the Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid fund.

2018 Pi State Awards Benefit Ticket for
Awards, Scholarships, Grants-in-Aid

Name _____

Chapter _____

Phone _____

Drawing at Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting, Latham, April 20-21, 2018

Donation: 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10

Look for tickets at your Chapter meetings this year!

****A note to members who spend the winter away, purchase your tickets at your Chapter meeting before you leave. ****
We can all take advantage of "*Opportunities to Connect*" by supporting the Pi State Awards Benefit through ticket purchases and applying for awards!

Erin Merrill

REGISTRATION FORM**2018 Pi State Executive Board Meeting/Seminar****April 20-21, 2018****The Century House**997 New Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110

(518) 785-0834

www.thecenturyhouse.com*Please PRINT the following information:***Name** _____**Badge Name** _____**Email** _____**Address** _____**Phone** _____ **Chapter** _____ **Position** _____**Guest Name(s) for Badges** _____*Registration Fee includes Dessert Reception, Luncheon and meeting materials.***Early Registration Fee (Due by March 10th)** **\$60.00** _____**Late or On-Site Registration Fee (Postmarked after March 10th)** **\$70.00** _____**Friday, April 28****Optional Dinner 5:00-6:15pm***Petite Wedge Salad, Rolls and Butter, Bistro Steak with Sautéed Mushrooms, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Plated Cookies on every table; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee; Tea Selections***\$36.00** _____**Dessert Reception 9:15-10:15pm****Included in Registration***Viennese Pastry Shop: Oh Cannoli, Spogadael, Tarts, Éclairs, Biscotti, Ginettes, Cheesecakes, Shooters, Pies, Tortes, Cakes and Petite Cookie Jar filled with a Variety of Mini Cookies; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea Selections***Guest Charge \$21.00** _____**Saturday, April 29****Birthday Luncheon 11:45am-1:30pm****Included in Registration***Century Salad, Rolls and Butter, Roasted Chicken with Truffle, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Seasonal Cobbler; Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee; Tea Selections***Guest Charge \$36.00** _____**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR REGISTRATION AND MEALS** **\$** _____**List any dietary needs** _____**Please make check/money order payable to Delta Kappa Gamma Pi State.****Mail to: Karen Jones, 8 Holly Lane, Latham, NY 12110****e-mail: kjones20@nvcap.rr.com phone: (518) 785-9910****Refunds and Cancellation Policies:**

Cancellation notice must be made in writing. 100% of registration fees will be refunded if written cancellation is received before March 10, 2018. Cancellation and refund requests received after March 10, 2018 will NOT be accepted. All fees are non-refundable after March 10, 2018. Unfortunately, under no circumstances can Pi State issue refunds for no shows.

Remember to make your ROOM RESERVATIONS directly with The Century House, (518)785-0834.**Mention DKG to receive room block rate**

Pi State Scholarships, Awards, Stipends and Grants-in-Aid**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS and APPLICATIONS: February 15, 2018**Refer to the Pi State website www.dkgnystate.org for applications and further information.

Title	Description	Send Applications to
Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award	Nominations can be made by a Chapter or an individual. Nominees must meet the criteria set forth in <i>Pi State Standing Rules (SR 14.72)</i> : "...the woman who has exemplified the best in education in New York State...had considerable visibility...and made a significantly positive impact on education in New York State and possibly at the national level. Her contributions should be varied, widely known and should be well documented over a period of five years." <i>Frederica Hollister</i> was a <i>Beta Rho</i> Chapter member and the 15th Pi State President in 1967. She was instrumental in beginning our <i>Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid</i> and was a dedicated educator and scholar during her lifetime. The <i>Award</i> was established in 1988 from a bequest made by her to recognize fellow members who have impacted education significantly.	Jennifer Lee-Alden 227 Fayville Road Galway 12074 teachmusic@nycap.rr.com
Gladys L. Mersereau Grant(s)-in-Aid	Established in 1975 to honor <i>Beta Rho</i> member and past Pi State President <i>Gladys L. Mersereau</i> (1946-1948) who wanted to help women become teachers, this award is given to a non-member whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.	Mary-Martha Harvey 185 Park Street Canandaigua 14424 mharvey@frontiernet.net
The Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award	This award with a plaque and stipend for up to \$300 is given to a New York State woman, ineligible for membership, who has provided outstanding service to education.	Emilie Stris 41 Parkwold Drive East Valley Stream 11580 ejstris@hotmail.com
Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid	Award is \$500 per semester with a maximum of \$5000 and given to Native American women pursuing college study in the field of education and social service. Co-Chair Arlene Ida, 3 Sherwood Park Drive, Burnt Hills 12027 aiddski@gmail.com	Co-Chair Susan St. John-Jarvis 199 Chemung St. Corning 14830 susansjarvis@gail.com
Pi State Achievement Award	The Pi State Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a member of at least five years. A Chapter or member may nominate a member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to education and exceptional service to <i>Delta Kappa Gamma</i> at the state level. Instituted in 1954, the award is a small gold pin in the form of a Tudor rose.	Agnes Becker 3448 East River Road Grand Island 14072 ambecker13@gmail.com
Bea Small Award	Established in 1999 in memory of Bea Small, a member of <i>Omega</i> , 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.	Ellie Robinson 625 Championship Drive Victor 14564 ejb67r@gmail.com
Travel & Study Stipend	Two stipends may be offered not to exceed \$1000.00 each in accordance with the <i>Pi State Standing Rules</i> . Efforts will be made to award one stipend to a retired member of the <i>Pi State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International</i> and one to a Pi State member currently employed in the profession. Preference will be given to first time attendees. The stipends are available to help with expenses at DKG International and Pi State Events, Meetings, Conventions, Regionals and CTAUN.	Pat Turner 7200 Brookside Drive Lockport 14094 tunes14@yahoo.com
Scholarship	Pi State Scholarships information, criteria and applications are available on Pi State website with a \$2000 maximum. International Scholarships are due February 1 by application to DKG International. Applications are available on website www.dkg.org .	Rosemary Van Wart 105 Tomahawk Street Yorktown Heights 10598 rvw20@optonline.net

Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award***Did you know...***

In 1988, Past Pi State President **Frederica Hollister** left a bequest to OUR organization. Her vision was to recognize an active (*not reserve*), current or former educator in Pi State whose documented service has exemplified the highest ideals in education.

I am confident that our fifty-five Pi State Chapters include many women worthy of the prestigious ***Frederica Hollister Professional Educator's Award!*** Unfortunately, Pi State has not presented this award for **two** years because the Board of Trustees did not receive any nominations.

Please consider honoring a colleague, and the memory of Frederica Hollister, by nominating a notable Pi State member today! Please don't delay – the nomination process does require some documentation, including a letter of support for the candidate. Further details and applications can be found on the Pi State website, dkgnystate.org under the **Pi State** column, *Pi State Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid* tab. **Submissions must be postmarked by February 15, 2018.**

The Frederica Hollister Board of Trustees looks forward to reviewing many deserving submissions for this honorarium!

Jennifer Lee-Alden

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

The ***Gladys L. Mersereau Grants(s)-in-Aid*** was established in 1975 to honor Past Pi State President (1946-1948) **Gladys L. Mersereau, Beta Rho**, who wanted to help women become teachers. The purpose of this Award is to provide funding to a non-DKG member(s) whose education was interrupted and who now needs financial aid to complete certification requirements.

Please take some time and survey your membership to see if such a woman should be nominated. All Chapters are invited to nominate worthy applicants. Questions may be sent to Chair **Mary-Martha W. Harvey**, mharvey@frontiernet.net. **The application form is due February 15, 2018** and is available on Pi State's website: http://www.dkgystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_glm.pdf.

Mary-Martha W. Harvey

Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award

The ***Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committee*** met during the summer to review the criteria, establish goals and suggest ways to achieve their goals. Some of which include:

- To increase Chapter awareness of the purpose of the Award
- To encourage Chapter Presidents to assist their members to identify worthy recipients
- To make Chapters aware that they can make donations to the Verna Mulholland fund

Chapters can help the ***Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Award Committee*** make connections by nominating worthy women who are not DKG members but who have made considerable contributions to education.

The Nomination Form can be found on the State website, www.dkgystate.org. **Nomination applications are due February 15, 2018.** Completed applications should be mailed to the Chair of the Verna Mulholland Friend of Education Board of Trustees **Emilie Stris**, 41 Parkwold Drive East, Valley Stream 11580, ejstris@hotmail.com.

Emilie Stris

Pi State is part of the DKG Northeast Region that includes:

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid

**Did you know that for 50 years, Pi State has been helping
Native American women achieve their college goals?**

The *Native American Grant(s)-in-Aid* program is available to college bound young women who have membership in New York State Indian tribes. The grants are unique in that they are *continuing* college assistance – up to \$ 4,000 over 8 semesters. The initial awards are \$500 to \$1000 for the first year. Successful applicants may continue funding by submitting a letter of request and documentation of progress toward a teaching or related to teaching or public service degree. Currently, four young women are receiving assistance from the program.

Any Native American woman, who is planning to work in the field of education or other service related field, may apply. The application requires proof of tribal affiliation, official copy of grades for the past year or semester, two letters of recommendation and a one-page personal letter which includes aspirations or future plans.

Applications must be postmarked by February 15th. High school educators may request that the application link be added to their schools' website listings for "*Scholarships*." The link is updated annually and future students may access current grant(s)-in-aid forms.

Application link: https://www.dkgynystate.org/uploads/5/8/7/8/58789757/dkg_application_native_american_1.pdf

Susan St. John-Jarvis and Arlene Ida

Pi State Achievement Award

Have you been at a Spring Executive Board Meeting or a Pi State Convention when the *Pi State Achievement Award* was presented? Did you wonder how that recipient had been chosen? You could be a part of choosing a member to be recognized for her work in Pi State.

The *Pi State Achievement Award* is presented each year at the Spring Executive Board Meeting or Pi State Convention to a Delta Kappa Gamma member who has made exceptional contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at the Pi State level. Any member may nominate a member for the Achievement Award. The nomination must be approved by the nominee's Chapter President and supported by at least three letters of recommendation from members with whom she has worked. The nominee's information is then shared with members of the Pi State Achievement Award Committee who decide on the recipient. Nominees are considered for two consecutive years when not chosen the first year.

The *Pi State Achievement Award* Nomination form is on the Pi State website. **Nominations are due by February 15th.** Please consider nominating a member you know who has made outstanding contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at the State level. There are many in our midst.

Agnes Becker

The Bea Small Award
Nominations due February 15, 2018

The *Bea Small Award Board of Trustees* are looking forward to receiving applications for support of Chapter projects that have been in process for at least two years and respond to a particular population within the Chapter's geographical area.

Please find the application on the Pi State Website, www.dkgynystate.org. Fill out the application with details and photos, if desired, and send it to Chair **Ellie Robinson**, 625 Championship Drive, Victor 14564, ejb67r@gmail.com.

Ellie Robinson

**See the full list and information about the *Pi State*
Awards, Scholarships and Grant(s)-in-Aid in this issue on page eight.**

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International VISION STATEMENT:
*Leading women educators impacting education worldwide***

Travel and Study Stipend

Members of the Travel and Study Stipend Committee chaired by **Patricia Turner**, *Alpha Theta*, wish to encourage all Pi State members to think about attending the International Conference in Austin, Texas or any other upcoming DKG Conference or Convention.

Last year's recipients were **Leah Exner**, *Tau*, and **Christina Unger**, *Alpha Theta*. Leah was able to attend the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario. Christina will be attending CTAUN in April 2018. They both have expressed much appreciation to Pi State for giving them these wonderful opportunities.

The Pi State Standing Rules note that there can be two Travel & Study Stipends awarded not to exceed \$1000.00. Efforts will be made to award one Stipend to a retired Pi State member and one to a member currently employed.

Taken into consideration on the application are the following criteria:

1. Number of years of membership and type of service to DKG
2. Major reasons for applying for the Stipend
3. The outcome of achievements obtained in attending the Seminar or event
4. The ways that the achievements will be used in the future of DKG, and in one's professional and/or personal growth.

We hope to be overwhelmed with many applications this year. The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2018**. The application can be found on the Pi State website, or you can contact Pat Turner, *Alpha Theta*, at tunes14@yahoo.com. Other Committee members are: **Joyce Krupnik**, *Beta Epsilon*; **Fran Romeo**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Marcia Swiatek**, *Alpha Lambda*; **Wanda Ward**, *Alpha Alpha*; and **Jane Crosby**, *Alpha Tau*.

We want to stress to members that these awards are given only for attendance to Conferences and Society Seminars promoted by Delta Kappa Gamma. Recipients are expected to share their experience, when possible, with Chapter members and Pi State members through presentations. They will also be asked to submit an article for publications in the *Pi Lights* as well as to the Travel & Study Stipend Committee.

Hope to hear from many of you by February 15, 2018.

Patricia Turner

Pi State Scholarships

Happy New Year to all from the Scholarship Committee!

At this time of year, many people make resolutions to get a fresh start on the new year. Let's see if any of the following are on *your* list:

- Planning to take a course to enhance your teaching methods in the classroom
- Beginning a new degree such as a Masters or Doctoral degree or continuing in that goal
- Beginning or continuing a new certification
- Starting *National Board Certification*
- Continuing education through travel with the "Road Scholar" program
- Research to help you write a book or educational article
- Other enrichment study or training

If one of these resolutions is on your list, let Pi State help you achieve your goal!

The Pi State Scholarship Committee administers several scholarships that are geared towards helping our members in their quest to be lifelong learners and the best teachers they can possibly be. There is money available.

Please consider applying for a scholarship. Don't delay! Applications are accepted any time before the **February 15, 2018 deadline**. For an application form and other information about scholarships, see the Pi State Website. Questions may be directed to the State Chair of the Scholarship Committee **Rosemary Van Wart** at rvw20@optonline.net or at 914-248-5397.

Rosemary Van Wart

The Scholarship Committee looks forward to hearing from you.

What happens at the Conference—Doesn't Stay at the Conference**Leah Exner**

Like all of us, I have attended many conferences throughout my years as an elementary school teacher. When I think about those conferences, they blur together, leaving me with questions about what I was hoping the conference could have been! All of that changed when I received a ***Travel Study Stipend*** award to the Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario in the Summer of 2017.

On the long car ride ahead, I was hopeful that this conference would be different from all the others! I never dreamed that this experience would cause me to LOVE the variety of breakout sessions and the ten-minute take-aways. The speakers and performers deepened my interest in the customs, current technology and educational reform for which Delta Kappa Gamma stands.

The fellow sisters that I was able to meet and sing with through my participation in the Northeast Regional Choir, will forever be friends with whom I will have a special connection. This experience changed my perception, while giving me a renewed sense of drive. I really appreciated the work of the planning committee for rotating seating arrangements for the “sit-down” meals so we were constantly meeting new sisters to talk about education, shared visions, knowledge, traditions and most of all genuine fellowship. There were so many choices for breakout sessions, that I found myself going to one, taking notes, meeting people, then asking others in between about what they had gathered from their sessions. The sessions were informative, current, humorous, and thoughtful. I learned so much about The US Forum that I’ve been able to share with my chapter and individual sisters, and I was able to implement a few positive strategies in my classroom that I’ve learned at a Charlie Brown session. These conferences truly have something for every one of us.

Whether we are actively teaching or a retired lifelong learner, the Delta Kappa Gamma area, state, regional and international conferences hold exciting opportunities for all of us. I found joy, comradery and everlasting friendships at this conference. Thank you to DKG for awarding me the ***Travel Study Stipend*** and allowing me this opportunity of a lifetime.

Leah Exner**Children’s Books that Promote a Growth Mindset**

<https://selfsufficientkids.com/growth-mindset-childrens-books/>

Salt in His Shoes

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes

What Do You Do with a Problem?

What Do You Do with an Idea?

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin

Nadia, the Girl Who Couldn’t Sit Still

How to Catch a Star

The OK Book

Beautiful Oops

Rosie Revere, Engineer

The Dot

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Thanks for the Feedback, I Think

A Whistle for Willie

From the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Newsletter (Fall 2017)**DKG INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
due FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Remember that there are up to 30 awards available -

\$6,000 toward a Masters, second Masters or graduate level Special Area degree and

\$10,000 toward a PhD or an EdD in an accredited program. For applications and information refer to www.dkg.org and look under “apply/submit” where there will be a link to the application.

WHAT'S NEW ON PI STATE'S WEBSITE?

The Pi State Membership and Expansion Committee has been busy finding ways to get easy access for you to information and forms you need. We have added the ***Transfer of Membership Form***, a letter that Chapter Presidents can use to help a member transfer to another Chapter, the ***Reinstatement Form*** for members wanting to come back to DKG, a ***Membership Application Form*** and a ***Form 6*** that Chapters need file when a Chapter has a deceased member to report. These links can be found by going to the CHAPTERS section and clicking on Membership.

Look for other documents coming in the future on program planning, ideas to promote Chapter discussion and other links to access International's highly effective Recruitment Plan. We're all looking for ways to help Chapters ***Recruit, Retain and Reinstate*** members. Please feel free to contact a member of the Membership & Expansion Committee with ideas you have and ways we can help you.

Sue Kenoyer

Policy for Submissions for New State Website

All submissions for the new Pi State Website should be sent as a WORD attachment to:

**Pi State President, Mary-Martha Harvey,
mharvey@frontiernet.net**

Please state in your email the purpose for submitting your work to the website. Only documents directly related to Pi State will be accepted. Please know that all documents will be edited and formatted for the website.

Chapter Webmasters

Website & Print Information Release Forms must be completed and signed by each Chapter member.

Forms should be kept on file by the Chapter Webmaster.

Access form at www.dkgnystate.org under Chapters, "Chapter Websites."

Membership Necrology Reports: due February 1

The Chapter Annual Necrology Report is due February 1 to the State Membership Chair Sue Kenoyer. The State *Membership & Expansion Committee* maintains Chapter records for the *Hour of Remembrance* at the 2019 *Pi State Convention* and sends messages to the deceased member's family.

Please remember that when a Chapter member passes away, your Chapter President needs to complete the ***Death of a Member Report (Form 6) as soon as possible***. It is imperative that these forms are sent Pi State Membership Chair so that the family is supported, and the member remembered.

Sue Kenoyer

**Coming Soon... Pi State Membership Survey
Using Survey Monkey**

Your Pi State *Membership & Expansion Committee* has been hard at work, meeting several times, using electronic Go-to-Meeting, over the past few months and discussing how we can best support our Chapters as they seek to ***Recruit, Retain and Reinstate*** members. We have focused on the goals and objectives set forth in the Pi State Strategic Plan, one of which is to reach out to our Chapters to assess their needs.

To help the Committee complete this task, we will be asking each Chapter to complete a short, 3- to 5-minute survey, created through Survey Monkey. **Each Chapter President will be receiving an email from Annmarie Santorelly, Zeta, with a link to the survey.** The email and link will arrive sometime in late January. This is a great time to assess your Chapter's membership needs as we head into 2018. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to collaborate with their Membership Committee Chair to complete the survey.

The *Membership & Expansion Committee* thanks you in advance for taking time to help us with our mission. We look forward to hearing what our Chapters are doing to support DKG membership.

Annmarie Santorelly

Area Council Update

Winter Greetings, Pi State Sisters!

I hope that you had an opportunity to enjoy one of the outstanding conferences sponsored by Capital, East Central, and North Central Area Councils this past September and October! Now is the time to mark your calendars as other Area Councils have announced their dates and venues for three more Conferences in September 2018. More information will be forthcoming as organizers continue their preparations.

If your Area Council is still in the planning stages for your next Conference, you will find guidelines and forms to assist you on the state website, www.dkgstate.org, under the **Pi State** button, **Area Councils**.

The **Area Councils & Conference Schedule** chart on our website also includes a column listing a Pi State Executive Committee Liaison, who is available to assist your Council.

Please reach out if we can help in any way!

Jennifer Lee-Alden

Fall 2018 Area Conferences**Eastern Area Conference**

September 22, 2018

Mount Saint Mary College

Newburgh, NY

Conference Chairs: Leah Exner & Annmarie Santorelly

Northwestern/Southwestern**Area Conference**

September 29, 2018

Michael's Catering and Banquets

Hamburg, NY

Conference Chairs: Barb Filipiak and Donna Krayenvenger

South Central Area Conference,

September 29, 2018

Location TBD

Conference Chairs: Molly Drumm and Annette Varcoe

***Capital Area Conference:
Think Positively and Embrace Leadership***

Capital Area hosted their Conference on October 14, 2017 at the Century House in Latham. The morning began with a presentation by **Lisa Meade** entitled, ***“Lessons Learned Through Growth and Vulnerability as an Educator.”*** Lisa's presentation encouraged members to think positively and embrace leadership opportunities with an ***“I can attitude”***. Lisa inspired attendees to think of themselves as leaders and a supporter of other women as leaders.

The morning continued with a lovely lunch. Following lunch, members presented leadership roles found in most Chapters: President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian and Treasurer. Attendees were encouraged to embrace a Chapter leadership role or mentor another sister to accept this important opportunity.

The afternoon continued as **Karen Totino** presented her workshop entitled, ***“Empower Yourself by Being a Forward Thinker!”***

The Century House is a beautiful facility and we encourage you to consider joining your Pi State sisters as they gather for the Spring Executive Board Meeting/Seminar in April.

***A special thank you to all the members of the Pi State Executive Committee
who attended and supported our Conference!***

Announcing Joint Legislative Brunch

Presented by **Alpha Alpha** and **Beta Eta**

“The Impact of Trauma on Learning and What We Can Do About”

Saturday, January 27, 2018

9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Elaine Wilson Formal Lounge, Haffey Hall (St. John Fisher College)

For more information, please go to Alpha Alpha website home page at <http://www.dkgalphaalpha.org/index.html> and scroll down to the January 27 meeting announcement.

A Day of Learning at the North Central Area Conference

The North Central Area Conference was held on Sat. Sept. 23, 2017 in Oswego. It was a beautiful fall day for our outdoor experiences and viewing the picturesque scenery. We enjoyed a light breakfast at GS Steamers and a warm welcome from our hosts. There were 73 attendees who rotated through 3 sessions which included: Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum, Fort Ontario and the H. Lee White Maritime Museum.

Safe Haven Museum tells the story of the 982 refugees from 18 different countries that were brought to Fort Ontario in Oswego as “guests” of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to escape the atrocities of the Holocaust. They were not allowed to leave Fort Ontario to work or visit family members in the U.S. because they did not have any legal rights. At first, they were required to return to Europe when it was safe. But, after 18 months, President Truman permitted their legal entry into our country. It was the only World War II refugee shelter in the United States.

Fort Ontario was one of several forts erected by the British to protect the area around the east end of Lake Ontario. The original fort was built in 1755 during the French and Indian War but it was destroyed by French forces. It was rebuilt by British forces in 1759. The Fort was destroyed during the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and was not used for a period of time. During the American Civil War, new construction began and it was used as a military base. The restored Fort is open to the public as a state historic site.

H. Lee White Maritime Museum was founded in 1982. Visitors can learn about the maritime history, heritage and culture of Oswego and the connecting waterways. It is also home to the tugboat, USAT LT-5 Major Elisha K. Henson. This tugboat was used as a part of artificial harbors that supplied men and machines for the assault on German forces in Normandy. After the war, the tugboat returned to the U.S., and was used in the maintenance of harbors and construction projects. In 1989, the Port of Oswego Authority acquired the National Historic Landmark. It is maintained by the H. Lee White Maritime Museum.

We returned to G.S. Steamers for a buffet lunch. Deborah Bedard, Past Pi State President, spoke to us about the importance of DKG membership and how we can continue to strengthen and grow our Chapters. There were many wonderful baskets raffled off. Everyone left with new-found knowledge of Oswego and its historic sites.

Nancy Carroll, Sigma President



Tugboat USAT LT 5 Major Elisha K. Henson



Safe Haven Museum

References for Area Councils on Pi State Website

As well as the new State Area Council Map in vertical and horizontal formats, the following references may be found: Guidelines for Area Councils; Area Council Visitation Request Form; Area Council Visitation Guidelines; Area Council and Conference Chart; Area Councils Rotation Chart 2015-2024; Flyers and Registration Forms for Area Councils; Area Council Financial Report; and Sample Area Council Evaluation Form.

Pi State = 82 years Honoring Key Women Educators

THE PI STATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The **Pi State Educational Foundation** is a tax-exempt organization that promotes literacy and learning by supporting literacy projects developed by Pi State members and chapters. The Foundation has been very busy and has some great news to report!

The annual meeting of the **Pi State Educational Foundation** will be held at this year's Pi State Spring Executive Board Meeting at the Century House in Latham, New York. It will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 1:30-2:15pm. Grant winners from this past year will give updates on their projects at this meeting. There will be an election of one director to the Board of Directors at this meeting. The term of President **Ginny Dudko** is up. She is running for re-election. If you are interested in running for this position, send a letter of interest to the Board at 41 Wilson Rd., Sparrowbush 12780 or by email to vdudko@frontiernet.net.

Members of the Foundation will be asked to vote on an amendment to the Foundation BYLAWS at the Annual Meeting. At present, we will have 3 Directors whose terms will expire in the year 2020. When the Foundation began, no more than 2 Directors were to be elected in any year. Due to resignations, this schedule did not carry through. To fix this so that we do not have a major turnover of Directors at any point, the following amendment will be put forth:

--a) Three (3) Directors, elected in even-numbered years, shall have a term of four years.

--b) Two (2) Directors, elected in odd-numbered years, shall have a term of four years.

--c) One Director will be elected a year during a 4-year cycle and two Directors will be elected at the end of a 4-year cycle commencing in 2020.

The Foundation was excited to receive a VERY generous donation of \$5213.21. The reason it came to us was sad, as it was what remained in *Alpha Delta's* treasury when the members made the very difficult decision to dissolve their Chapter. The membership voted to donate their remaining funds to the Foundation to fund our literacy and learning grants -- *thank you so much* to each Chapter member for their generosity;

The Directors are pleased to announce that we received seven applications for grants in the November 1st funding round and all won approval! Almost all were from first-time applicants. All projects were brand-new projects and varied in nature, which is wonderful to report.

Congratulations to the following projects and sponsors:

--**Elaine Anderson**, *Alpha Tau*, is receiving a grant for \$941.08 for her classroom project entitled, "***Making Text Connections in Early Literacy***." She will use the funds to purchase headphones and quality literature to use in her school's primary classrooms to benefit the children's literacy skills.

--**Nancy Carroll** and *Sigma Chapter* won approval for a \$1,000.00 grant for their project, "***Kinship Connections***." They will organize a lending library for caregivers that are parenting a second time.

-- **Leah Exner**, *Tau*, received \$950.00 for her project, "***BCES Indoor/Outdoor Trail Literacy Center***." A group of people in her community have developed a nature trail and her funding will allow her to purchase an outdoor rolling storage container and stock it with nature literature for the local school students to use for writing and reading activities.

--**Mary Jane Fonte** and *Gamma Delta* was awarded a \$600.00 grant for their project, "***A Bigger than Life Christmas Adventure for CF Families***." Their grant will be used to buy materials to make stockings and stuff them with things for children with cystic fibrosis. They will go to their local hospital where CF children receive treatment; the stockings will contain a special book and gift cards for the family to use for expenses when at the hospital for treatment.

--**Janet Jury**, *Nu*, is using her \$191.00 grant for her project, "***Qball Throwable Wireless Microphone***." She will use this technology to encourage language and discussion in her classroom and to build vocabulary.

--**Jennifer Mohan**, *Tau*, is using her \$201.50 grant for science literacy in her second-grade classroom in cooperation with the Pre-K students for her project, "***From the Pumpkin Patch***." During October, her students did a lot of estimating activities with their Halloween pumpkin and have saved the seeds. Next spring, they will do a partner-reading program with the Pre-K classes and plant the seeds. All students will receive their own pumpkin-themed book about the life cycle of seed-to-pumpkin.

-- **Lois Restrepo**, *Alpha Beta*, for her project, "***Teaching Reading Through Science***" is for \$780 and will be used to purchase guided reading science sets for 3 Kindergarten classrooms in her school. These are non-consumable and can be used for many years.

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Congratulations to all the applicants who requested funding. It seems that we have more grant applicants each year. The quality and number of projects is heart-warming. I've been thrilled by the growth of the Foundation. BUT . . . be aware that we have just decreased our treasury by \$4663.58. Currently, it is only your membership fees and donations that keep our treasury going. We LOVE to give money away, but can only do so through YOUR generosity. **Thank you in advance for allowing us to do so.** We can't afford to stay static but must keep moving forward if we want our work to prosper. Success in giving away money means we must also be successful in taking in money.

The **18-by-18 Challenge** is continuing. *Thank you* to those Chapters who have accepted the Challenge and are working to boost the number of your members who belong to the Foundation! Chapters who "*Meet the Challenge*" will be recognized at the Fall Executive Board Meeting!

EXCITING NEWS FLASH! Pi State Educational Foundation turns 15-years old on October 30, 2018!!! We are planning a Birthday Celebration at next year's Fall Executive Board Meeting! Stay tuned as plans develop and plan to join us for the celebration at Pi State's Board Meeting!

*Ginny Dudko***Congratulations to Pi State Educational Foundation Project Winners!****Pi State Educational Foundation Turns 15 Years Old!**

**Be a part of the celebration at the
2018 Fall Executive Board Meeting.**

Stay tuned for details in upcoming *Pi Lights*.

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

**ATTENTION:
FOUNDATION MEMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of the *Pi State Educational Foundation* will be held at the Pi State Spring 2018 Executive Board Meeting/Seminar at The Century House on Saturday, April 21 at 1:30-2:15pm. *The Agenda will be announced.*

Pi State Foundation Directors**2014-18**Virginia (Ginny) Dudko, *Tau*, Chair**2015-19**Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, Treasurer**2016-20**Jean Sekel, *Pi*, SecretarySheila Brady-Root, *Alpha Alpha*Grace Murphy, *Alpha Beta*

Special thanks to all our donors and lifetime members in the *Pi State Educational Foundation*. Over the years you have supported valuable literacy projects throughout our State that may not have existed without your financial support.

Thank you!

Pi State Educational Foundation Donations*(March 1, 2017-December 1, 2017)*

Brenda Comolli, *Beta*, donation to the Foundation
Pi State Executive Committee in honor of Maggie McCurry's 85th birthday
Alpha Delta Chapter in memory of Patricia Herfurth
Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, in honor of Wanda Ward, JoAnn Wallace and Barbara McCaffery
Ginny Dudko, *Tau*, in memory of Karen Crumley's Sister-in-law
Ginny Dudko, *Tau*, donation to the Foundation
Pi State Executive Committee in honor of Lisa Huyck
Jennifer Lee-Alden, *Beta Omega*, in honor of *Beta Omega* sisters
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
Karla Bates, *Alpha Psi*, in memory of Betty Lou Buel
Beryl Szwed, *Beta Mu*, in memory of Margaret Ransom
Tracy Watson, *Alpha Epsilon*, in honor of Maggie McCurry
Carol Zalesk, *Alpha Chi*, in memory of Wanda Goodrow
Rose Hosp, *Alphi Chi*, in memory of Wanda Goodrow
Cindy Smith, **Kathie Clarke**, **Kathy Fox**, *Alpha Theta*, in memory of Gladys DiMiero
Omega Chapter donation to the Foundation
Alpha Pi Chapter donation to the Foundation
Alpha Delta Chapter donation to the Foundation
Chi Chapter donation in honor of Deborah M. Bedard
Patricia Thompson, *Beta Omicron*, donation to the Foundation
Mary Theresa Ortiz, *Alpha Beta*, donation to the Foundation
Lois Restrepo, *Alpha Beta*, donation to the Foundation
Jane Tanner, *Beta Kappa*, donation in honor of Deborah M. Bedard
Pi State Executive Committee donation in honor of Cornelia Johnson
Pi State Executive Committee donation in honor of Mary Anna Russo
Margaret Connoly, *Beta Omega*, donation in memory of Marion Northrup
Alpha Theta Chapter donation in memory of Forence Burnett
Gamma Delta Chapter donation in memory of Nancy Helman
Gamma Delta Chapter donation in honor of Ellie Robinson
Beta Chi Chapter donation in honor of Mary-Martha Harvey
Lucy Smassanow, *Tau*, donation to the Foundation
Beta Theta Chapter, in honor of Mary-Martha Harvey
Mary-Martha Harvey, *Omega*, in honor of *Beta Chi*'s 40th Birthday
Janet Jury, *Nu*, donation to the Foundation
North Central Area Council in honor of Deb Bedard
Wanda Ward, *Alpha Alpha*, donation to the Foundation
Marie Whittenhall, *Beta Chi*, donation in memory of Brenda West
Alpha Rho Chapter in memory of Dr. Margaret C. Locke
Alpha Rho Chapter in memory of Shirley Lord
Alpha Theta Chapter in memory of Alice K. Martin
Susan Gruber, *Beta Chi*, in memory of Brenda West
Tau Chapter, donation to the Foundation
East Central Area Conference, donation to the Foundation

***Remember that lifetime membership in the Pi State Educational Foundation is \$25.00
and entitles you to apply for a literacy grant.***

Pi State Educational Foundation Lifetime Members*(March 1, 2017- December 1, 2017)*

Jen Hummel, Nu
Brenda Comolli, Beta
Deborah Vibbard, Beta
Judy Waligory, Chi
Sue Peters-Bush, Chi
Elizabeth Kuhl, Chi
Mona Lee Bogan, Tau
Claudia M. Hann, Beta Theta
Jacinda Lisanto, Beta Theta
Connie Rensink, Theta Chi, Alpha State
Sharon A. Tallman, Chi
Madelyn Perry, Chi
Doris K. Boliver, Chi
Mary A. Peck, Alpha Tau
Teresa Keyes, Alpha Tau
Arlene Ida, Alpha Kappa
Sally Maxson, Omega
Mary Cherniss, Omega
Bridget Bishop, Alpha Alpha
Ann B. Walker, Beta Psi
Karen Stowell, Chi
Gloria Autrey, Alpha Nu
Mary Boice, Alpha Nu
Eileen Kerins, Alpha Zeta
Diane Zduniak, Alpha Zeta
Marilyn Wakefield, Alpha Zeta
Kim Goldhirsch, Alpha Zeta
Lucinda Smith, Alpha Theta
Dee Hushmendi, Alpha Nu
Michele Snyder, Psi
Alison Brown, Psi
Colleen Ryan, Psi
Patricia Newman, Tau
Lauren Miller, Tau
Karen Brock, Zeta

Judith Corigliano, Psi
Cynthia Haigh, Alpha Rho
Patricia Bulger, Alpha Lambda
Maureen O'Brien, Alpha Beta
Mary Ellen Fox, Alpha Beta
Mary Theresa Ortiz, Alpha Beta
Lois Restrepo, Alpha Beta
Sharon Fier, Alpha Beta
Lisa Huyck, Rho
Linda Casler, Pi
Kate Donaleski, Nu
Mary Anna Russo, Beta Eta
Linda Marshall, Beta Eta
Debra Lutz, Beta Gamma
Nancy George, Tau
Barbara Russ, Alpha Pi
Catherine Mlyniec, Beta Gamma
Mary Ann Gilman, Alpha Tau
Mary P. Sundberg, Alpha Chi
Cynthia Killian, Alpha Chi
Andrea Rounds, Alpha Chi
Cornelia Johnson, Beta Delta
April Erkson, Pi
Heather Hubbard, Pi
Nancy Zukowski, Alpha Chi
Wanda Ward, Alpha Alpha
Julie Miller, Beta Chi
Margaret Clark, Beta Chi
Ellen Barnes O'Hare, Beta Chi
Marie Whittenhall, Beta Chi
Nancy Andrews, Beta Chi
Linda Wetherell, Alpha Alpha
Pamela Hays, Alpha Theta
Patricia Turner, Alpha Theta

News from The Delta Kappa Gamma
International Educational Foundation

Need Money for Projects, Seminars or Professional Growth?

Go the **www.dkgef.org** and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Upcoming deadlines include:

February 1, 2018: Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018.

Pi State Visitations 2017-2018

Year	Date	Chapter(s) / Area	State Representative
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 13	<i>Beta Theta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 18	<i>Beta Chi</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	September 23	<i>North Central Area Conference: "Safe Passage to Oswego"</i>	Deborah Bedard
	September 28	<i>Beta Nu and Beta Gamma</i>	Ellie Robinson
	October 5	<i>Alpha Alpha</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 19	<i>East Central Area Conference "Women's Night Out"</i>	Joan Slagle
	October 25	<i>Tau and Zeta Chapters</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	October 21	<i>Gamma Alpha</i>	Deborah Bedard
	October 26	<i>Alpha Psi</i>	Jennifer Lee-Alden
Spring 2018	May 2	<i>Alpha Chi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 11	<i>Beta Psi</i>	Karen Crumley
	May 21	<i>Beta</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 7	<i>Alpha Lambda</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
	June 25	<i>Beta Tau</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey
Fall 2018	September 22	<i>Eastern Area Conference</i>	Suzanne Patrick
	September 29	<i>Northwest/Southwest Area Conference</i>	Mary-Martha Harvey

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

Benefits of Membership: Being in Touch

Editor's Note: This is the eighth article in the series, "DKG Benefits of Membership." All articles are archived on the Pi State Website.

One of the greatest things about belonging to Delta Kappa Gamma is the sense of belonging! Even alone in your home, you can always be in touch with Pi State and International. Both are just a call or click away.

Any time you have a question about ANYTHING, you can call Pi State Officers and State Chairs or International. Don't know which person to call? Doesn't matter. The International Administrative Board Members, International Headquarters Professional Staff and Pi State Officers and Chairs are there for you. CALL ANYONE! If they cannot help you, they will either give you a place to go or will find out the information and get back to you.

I have called International about any number of things. Most of the time I have no idea which person to call so I call Phyllis Hickey whom I met at a Pi State Convention. She has answered my questions, given me a name and email of someone who could help, or has found out the answer for me and gotten back to me. She always makes me feel welcomed and is always glad to help me.

Whether you are a Chapter Officer in need of assistance, a Chapter member with a question or on a State Committee, the Pi State Officers and International Staff are there FOR YOU! USE THEM! MAKE THEM FEEL NEEDED! REDUCE YOUR STRESS!

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO DELTA KAPPA

Jean Sekel



US Forum Update

As Pi State Representative to the *US Forum* during this biennium, it was a pleasure to attend the European Forum as part of the Europe Regional Conference in Tallinn, Estonia July 26-29, 2017. The well-planned Conference took place in the Nordic Hotel which is in this well-preserved medieval city. International President **Carolyn Pittman** attended along with other International personnel, **Phyllis Hickey** and **Lace Brogdan**, as well as past DKG International President **Barbara Day**. Past Pi State President and current Pi State Executive Secretary **Karen Crumley**, Eunah Temple Holden Chair, also attended.

The workshops and program events were all conducted in English as directed by European Regional Director **Bjorg Nakling** of Norway even though it was often a third or fourth language for several. Topics included: “*Responsible Participation in the Digital Society*,” “*Creativity and Artistic Expression*,” “*How Will You Influence Global Learning for ALL Children*,” “*Member, Member, Quite Concerned*,” “*How Your Chapter Grows*,” and “*Cyber-Bullying and Suicide*.”

Several high-quality plenary sessions kept us thinking. Speakers emphasized the influence of music, arts and languages on the learning process and the well-being of students. Estonia and Finland presented many connections as well as examples of how these 3 subjects not only increase literacy but increase performance skills, social skills, participation and self-responsibility. Some achievement can only be collective such as choir or a drama production, but it also requires individual achievement.

The European Forum topic dealt with placing migrant children in individual families to help them assimilate and acquire language and literacy skills. Questions and answers emphasized the importance of the topic. *And we had fun!* Exploring the Old Town ... having an authentic medieval dinner in a hall built for the Hanseatic League ... enjoying international cuisine ... networking and shopping. It was an exhilarating experience.

Joan Slagle



Does DKG International have your up-to-date contact information?

Your contact information includes your address, phone number, email and other pertinent information. If you have not used your “My DKG” account at www.dkg.org or updated your information, please update your account asap. This will assure that you receive International and State mailings and information you can use. Update your “My DKG” account each time you have a change of address, phone number or email. Your username is your member number. You may obtain the password from a State Officer or your Chapter President. You will be able to change your password after your first log in. *Thank you for your immediate attention.*

Pi State was organized in New York City on April 18, 1936.

Fourteen women leaders in education in New York State were invited by

DKG International Founder Dr. Annie Webb Blanton to become New York State Founders.

The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Hotel Biltmore.



The 19th Annual CTAUN Conference at the UN

“Stepping Up to Protect the World’s Children”

Friday, April 6, 2018

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

SPECIAL HOTEL rates are available for Conference attendees. A block of rooms has been reserved for April 4, 2018 – April 8, 2018 at the Hampton Inn, located at 43rd Street, a short walk from the UN. These rates will be available until March 4th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. For details, go to www.teachun.org.

Check www.teachun.org for Registration Form and detailed hotel information, as well as reports from past conferences.

Create a Strategy to Connect with Others

How do you connect with your Chapter members?

Does your Chapter connect with non-members about the great things DKG is doing?

Have you even considered marketing DKG and your Chapter?

TheBalance.com is a website that shares information on financial empowerment, but their marketing strategy provides practical advice for DKG.

1. Who is your target? Chapter members, new teachers, or non-traditional teachers could be your target audience.
2. Once you have focused on a target, your Chapter needs to ask, “What does this person need?” — scholarships, grants, social events, networking, community projects, or fellowship?
3. Can you offer what the target audience needs? What can we as a Society provide to fulfill that need? Is your Chapter hoping for new members or building excitement in members not active in Chapter?
4. This same website encourages groups to develop hardcopy marketing materials. Examples of that could be a Chapter brochure or elevator speeches on business cards. Templates for brochures can be found on the C&P Committee webpage.
5. Develop a strategy to use social media. Media such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn are cheap, easy, and reach many. Multimedia, surveys, and polls attract attention too. Create a website that generates a sense of community, showcases benefits, and shares important information to target audience: the back story, news, past newsletters, and events.
6. Create a database of targeted individuals—prospective or non-active members for follow up contacts and invitations.

This six-step strategy to promote DKG can strengthen your Chapter.

It is definitely worth your time to follow through, not just by targeting your audience, but by completing all six steps! More marketing resources can be found on DKG.org (go to Committees and then Communication and Publicity).

From November/December 2017 “Get Connected”

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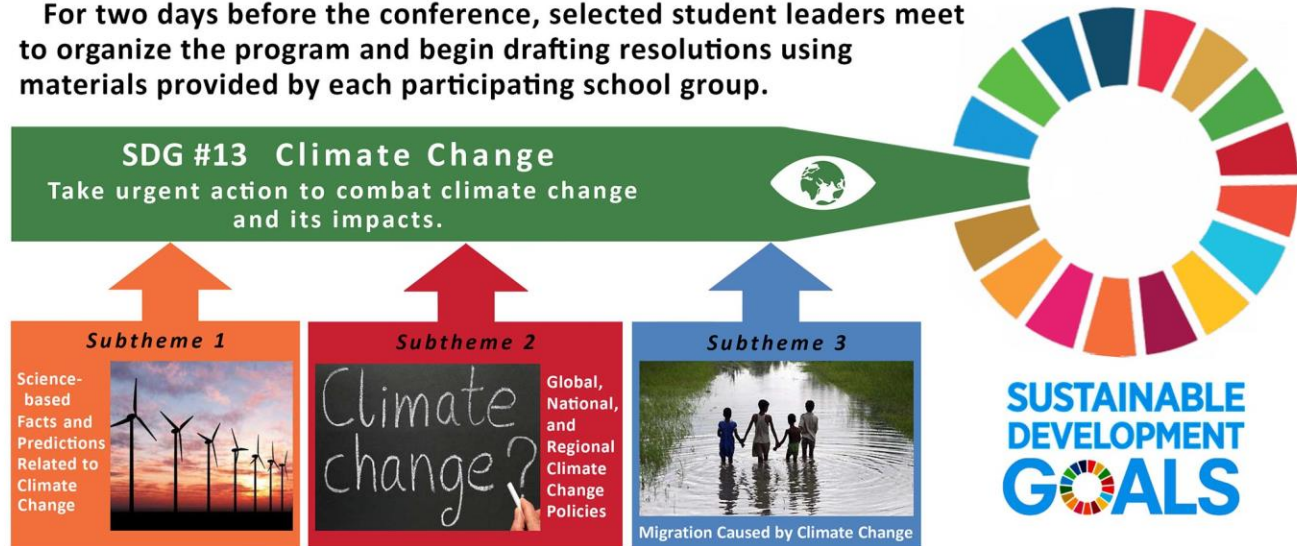
Student Leadership Conference on Development

February 19, 2018

The Impact of Climate Change on the Sustainable Development Goals

The annual Student Leadership Conference on Development brings youth from around the world to the United Nations, where they present their research-based perspectives on Human Rights challenges. This year's theme is the Impact of Climate Change.

For two days before the conference, selected student leaders meet to organize the program and begin drafting resolutions using materials provided by each participating school group.



Preparation begins with the study of key Human Rights documents, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Working in groups, students select one of the subthemes and research the topic, identifying how it affects both local and global populations. Included in their research are discussions with experts and people with first-hand knowledge of the issues.

Students then design and implement service projects that bring their perspectives into active engagement with the community. These form the basis for their shared recommendations at the Student Leadership Conference.



Participants in the 2017 SLCD

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- Providing strategies and resources to help teachers promote greater student involvement in local and global Human Rights issues.
- Helping prepare youth to have their voices heard as informed, engaged citizens.

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Sounds of Austin at the Bullock Texas State History Museum

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

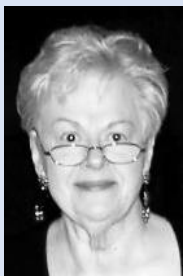
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Honoring the Memory of Pi State Past President Beverly E. Anker



Beverly E. Anker

The Memorial Service for Past Pi State President **Beverly E. Anker**, *Gamma Delta*, was held on Saturday, December 9 at 1:00pm at the John Roberts Funeral Home in Amherst, NY 14226.

Beverly served as the thirty-third President of Pi State, 2003-2005 biennium. She was Pi State First Vice President and Chair of the Frederica Hollister Professional Educators Award Committee 2001-2003, Pi State Secretary 1999-2001, Pi State Membership Chair 1995-1999, and Chair of the Reshaping Pi State Ad Hoc Committee as well as a member of the State Finance and Nomination Committees.

She served as Co-Chair of the 1992 State Convention in Niagara Falls and Treasurer of the 1995 Northeast Regional Conference in Buffalo. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Pi State Educational Foundation as Treasurer 2005-2007.

A Charter member of her Chapter in April 24, 1988, Beverly served as President, Treasurer and a member of various Committees. She attended International Conventions and Regional Conferences since 1991 and State Conventions since 1990.

Her community involvement included Secretary of NYSUT Retirees of Western New York, a member of Amherst Symphony Orchestra Women's Committee and a member of AAUW. She was an avid Bridge player and member of several local Bridge groups. Retired in 1995 after 33 years as an Elementary Teacher, she served on many curriculum committees and NYSUT activities.

As Pi State President, her theme, ***Responsibility: A Leadership Imperative***, served as her guiding principle, encouraging Chapters to strive for diversity in membership, to participate in Chapter, State, Regional and International meetings and projects, and to initiate new members. She encouraged Chapter Presidents to build leadership opportunities in their Chapters, to set goals, retain membership and adopt local service projects.

Beverly received the Pi State Achievement Award in 2008.

~ "The Pi State Fourth Twenty Years 1995-2015"

Sigma Supports Single Moms



*Carol Bandlow (l),
Sigma Past President,
with LeaAnn Fuller*

LeaAnn Fuller, a certified Life Coach, spoke at the *Sigma* Chapter November meeting. LeaAnn is a former Kindergarten student of *Sigma* Past President Carol Bandlow.

LeaAnn is founded a program that she runs called, "*Adopt A Mom*." She and her supporters buy gifts for single Moms and deliver them at Christmas time. Single Moms are often overlooked during the holidays. LeaAnn wants single Moms to know they are not forgotten.

Nancy Carroll, Photo by Cindy Martin

Beta Chi Local Jefferson Award Recipient

Congratulations to **Mary Lu Walker** who was a recipient of the local Jefferson Awards.

The Jefferson Awards recognize community and public service on the highest level. The prestigious award highlights those on a local and national level who dedicate their time to their region.

Mary Lu was chosen to head to Washington D.C. and be in the running for the National Award against hundreds of others across the country.

Mary Lu Walker earned her spot to go to the nation's capital and represent the Southern Tier due to nearly five decades of commitment to her community by entertaining and educating children in addition to the elderly through music.

Susan Gruber

2017-19 Biennium Theme: "Opportunities to Connect"

Congratulations to Pi State Initiates!

Gamma Alpha



*Initiate **Sara Petitt** (l) with Gamma Alpha President **Joan Goldstein** (r). Sara presently teaches at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan where she is Coordinator of Fabric Styling.*

Photo Courtesy of Christine Hanna

Lambda



***Lambda** Officers with Initiate **Alyssa Ashlaw**, a 5th grade teacher at Brasher Falls Central School*

*Front Row: **Deneille Baxter**, President **Stephanie Allen**, **Sue Stubbs**, Initiate **Alyssa Ashlaw**, Sponsor **Nicole Conant**, Treasurer **Kathy Londraville** and Recording Secretary **Judy Austin***

Photo Courtesy of L.H. Staff

Beta Delta



*Pictured left to right: **Stacey Anderson**, **Kathy Hilfiker**, **Denise Capozzi**, **Jennifer Brown**, and **Darlene Cieri**.*



***Stacey Anderson** receiving her mother's pin.
(l. to r.) **Norma Cayward**, **Carol Lord** and **Stacey Anderson***

During the November 2017 meeting of **Beta Delta** Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, five women were inducted into the Chapter. They were **Stacey Anderson**, **Kathy Hilfiker**, **Denise Capozzi**, **Jennifer Brown** and **Darlene Cieri**.

Stacey Anderson received her mother's DKG pin at the Induction Ceremony. Stacey was sponsored by **Beta Delta** members **Carol Lord** and **Norma Cayward** who taught with Stacey's Mother, **Phyllis Alessio**. Stacey's aunt, **Doris Whitney**, was an active DKG member in Livingston County.

Photos Courtesy of Carol Lord

Alpha Alpha*Alpha Alpha Initiate Mia Sinclair*

Mia Sinclair is an Elementary Teacher and Mentor in the Rochester City School District who is currently on leave from the classroom to develop curriculum.

Alpha Alpha

Alpha Alpha Initiates (l to r) Dr. Paula Barber (Nursing Professor at College of Brockport), Dr. Heidi Macpherson (Honorary Member), and Linda Wetherell (teacher, Gates Chili)

Photo Courtesy of Bridget Bishop

Beta Theta

(l-r) Pi State President Mary-Martha Harvey and Beta Theta President Jacinda Lisanto with Initiates: Jennifer Kelsey, Kate Nash, Cynthia Salow and Rebecca Hokanson

The **Beta Theta** Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International initiated new members at the September 2017 meeting. **Beta Theta** is a group of dedicated women educators serving students in eastern and central Wayne County. Welcomed to **Beta Theta** were: **Jennifer Kelsey** and **Kate Nash**, both teachers at North Rose-Wolcott, **Cindy Salow**, a teacher serving students through Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES and **Rebecca Hokanson**, teaching at Red Creek. We were also fortunate to have our newly elected Pi State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** in attendance at this meeting.

Beta Theta annually supports a variety of non-profit groups in service to children and families, such as Food Link, Pines of Peace, Literacy Center and Victim Resource Center. **Beta Theta** also offers annually a \$1,000 Putnam Recruitment Grant to a boy or girl entering the field of education and attending one of our **Beta Theta** Chapter schools of Clyde-Savannah, Lyons, Newark, North Rose-Wolcott, Red Creek, Sodus or Williamson.

Marcia Waterman, Photo Courtesy of Angel Southwick

Alpha Rho



Keli Terwilliger was initiated as a member of **Alpha Rho** at the Holiday Scholarship Brunch held in early December. She is an AIS Reading and Math teacher in the Corning-Painted Post School District.

Maureen Nicolo

Alpha Rho Honors Member



Sue Fermer (on left) was honored by *Sue Fahnestock* as a 40-year member of **Alpha Rho** at their Holiday Scholarship Brunch held in early December.

Maureen Nicolo

Alpha Rho Member Celebrates Ninetieth Birthday



Alpha Rho sisters helped *Sylvia Roy* celebrate her 90th birthday. President *Sue Fahnestock* presented a rose to her.

Maureen Nicolo

Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention

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Austin, TX
July 16-20, 2018

J.W. Marriott



Hotel block opens on January 2.

Registration opens by February 1.

Go to www.dkg.org to stay connected and informed!

Alpha Nu

Alpha Nu Initiates (l to r) Kristin Pearson, Biology Teacher at Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, MA; Maureen Van Tassel, History & Psychology Teacher, Ichabod Crane High School, Valatie, NY; and Paula Ptaszek, Retired Elementary Teacher, Chatham Central Schools, Chatham.

Beta Omega

Beta Omega has constructed a “Book House” that is located outside a local food pantry in the community. It contains books for children and adults to borrow and to promote literacy.

Girl Scouts Together with Beta Nu

Beta Mu members are (from left to right) Kathy Curit, Pam Susice, Beryl Szwed, Diane Peterson, Sue Norris, Mary Johnson, RoseAnn Hickey, Carol Lamb.

“Girl Scouts together, that is our song...” Junior Girl Scout Troop #4088, from St. Regis Falls, New York joined with **Beta Mu Chapter** to complete the Girl Scout/DKG patch. **Pam Susice**, troop leader extraordinaire and **Beta Mu** member, was excited for her Junior Girl Scouts to have this opportunity. I told her how Girl Scouts had been the color guards for the presentation of the flags in Nashville at our International Convention.

After a year of learning and work, the Girl Scouts met with **Beta Mu** Chapter members enjoying a culminating meeting. Starting with a flag ceremony and closing with a Friendship Circle the adults and girls had a wonderful time together. Remember the “friendship squeeze?” The Scouts shared a power point on **Juliette Lowe**. The Chapter presented on **Annie Webb Blanton**. The girls talked about their service projects including working at an animal shelter. They shared their experiences of shadowing a teacher, helping in a classroom and learning about other professional jobs for women. They interviewed **Sally Ride**, the astronaut played by one of the DKG members. Everyone shared good memories of our times as Girl Scouts as we enjoyed being with the girls sharing songs, stories and laughter.

Contact **Nina Scott** at nitas@dkg.org for more information on how your Chapter can support the Girl Scouts.

Sue Norris

Project Linus and Tau Chapter



(l to r) **Linus Project Presenter Nancy George**
with **Tau member Mona Bogan**

Nancy George, *Tau* member since 1986, made a presentation on Project Linus to *Tau* members. Nancy explained that new, handmade blankets of all styles are welcome, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly prints, patterns or colors.

According to the website, Project Linus is an organization which provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Project Linus also provides a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children. Local Chapters not only collect and distribute blankets, but they also organize blanket-making events throughout the year. You can find more information and Chapter contacts for all locations throughout the state and country at the website www.projectlinus.org.

Patricia Segar, Photo Courtesy of Leah Exner

Check out the New DKG International Website

www.dkg.org

The website has been updated with a new flow for easy access of information. Once signed in, members have access to information such as Ceremonies, Application Forms, Resources and Tools.

Have you looked at the Leadership Lab page?

Congratulations to the Sisters of Alpha Theta

Diane McKee, *Alpha Theta*, delivered "bags of goodies" to two shelters in their communities on behalf of the sisters of *Alpha Theta*. These "bags of goodies" were donated by the sisters. There were 36 bath towels, 35 washcloths and hand towels, 32 puzzles, 15 children's books, 23 games and toys, 40 coloring books, 30 boxes of crayons and various other items, such as *Ellen Scott* purses and stuffed animals. Diane shared with Chapter members: "Both shelters were very grateful for the bags of goodies. Our members are very generous indeed."

Barb Filipiak

Tau Member Recognized



(l to r) **Regina McKenny-Snead** former student and **FAA President Nancy Catalano** and colleague of Nancy and **FAA Secretary, Mona Bogan**.

Nancy Catalano, *Tau* member since 1995, was honored by the Fallsburg Alumni Association for her dedication to education through her work on *Tau's Born to Read* projects. Nancy was a mathematics teacher at Fallsburg Central School.

Patricia Segar
Photo Courtesy of Larry Schafman



Tau and Zeta Celebrate Fall



(l to r) Leah Exner, Tau Chapter President, Mary-Martha Harvey, Pi State President, AnnMarie Santorelly, Zeta Chapter President.

Pi State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** joined **Tau** and **Zeta** Chapters at their fall dinner celebration. After a delicious dinner and entertaining conversations, Pi State President **Mary-Martha Harvey** made a presentation to the membership about using the DKG website.

*Patricia Segar
Photo Courtesy of Leah Exner*

A Plug for Local History



(l to r) Joe Bottini, Oneida County Historian, Lois Muniente, Chair of the meeting, Vicky Stockton Allen, President of Alpha Chi.

Alpha Chi Chapter held its November meeting at the Oneida County History Center in Utica, New York. Guest speaker, the Oneida County Historian and retired teacher, **Joe Bottini**, talked about the importance of teaching local history to our young students. He answered the questions of how and why to teach local historical events in practical, useful ways.

Joining the members of **Alpha Chi** were area active school teachers who signed up for the event through *My Learning Plan*. They received a certificate of attendance. **Alpha Chi** tries to plan at least one meeting per year that is of interest to area teachers through BOCES's *My Learning Plan*.

Rose Hosp, Photo Courtesy of Nancy Zukowski

Beta Tau Member Recognized for Contributions to Hemlock School



Jane Barnard, Beta Tau, was recently honored by the Little Lakes Community Association for her work as a teacher at the Hemlock School in Hemlock, NY. Barnard, who turns 100 years old in January, was a first and second grade teacher at the school, beginning in 1942. A classroom in the school will be named in Jane's honor and a plaque will be hung at the classroom doorway.

Jane Barnard grew up in Lima and obtained her teaching degree from the Geneseo Normal School, now known SUNY Geneseo. When the Hemlock School changed over to a high school, Barnard transferred to Livonia. After retiring, Jane stayed busy in the community volunteering for the United Church of Christ, helping with local blood drives and volunteering at the historical society.

Rewritten from the Livingston County News (October 12, 2017)

Photo on left: Jane's face shows her great surprise upon receiving the DKG rose from Joan Irwin, another Beta Tau member.

Photo Courtesy of Mary Lee Page

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Pi State Due Dates Spring 2018

February 1 – International Scholarship applications due

February 1 - Chapter Annual Necrology (Form 2) due to Pi State Membership Chair

February 15 - Pi State Awards, Scholarships & Grant(s)-in-Aid Forms due to Committee Chairs (*See Summary on Pi State Website & Pi Lights Winter 2018 Issue p. 8.*)

March 18 – Deadline for room block reservations for Spring Executive Board/Seminar Meeting

Save the Dates:

The **2018 CTAUN Conference** will be held at United Nations in NYC, April 6, 2018 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

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