

Jens' Gems August 2023

Moving Forward with Manageable
Leadership



Dear NYSO DKG members,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer! Soon some of us will be returning to our buildings and classrooms. Perhaps many may be able to catch a few more rays of sunshine and spend a few more hours with family and friends.



This issue of Jen's Gems includes articles regarding:

- deadlines for the next issue of Pi Lights
- a reminder for Chapter Treasurers to file the IRS 990 postcard by November 1
- upcoming fall Area Council Conferences
- US Forum Connection

The theme for this biennium is, "***Moving Forward with Manageable Leadership***." This will be a challenge, knowing we want to provide many opportunities for members to fulfill our DKG Mission and Purposes. Thankfully, our Executive Committee, Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairs have already begun their work and NYSO has begun to hum like a hive! Please look forward to the September issue of ***Pi Lights*** to learn more about our recent work as well as information to reserve your hotel room for the **Spring Executive Board meeting and Seminar, April 19-20, 2024 at the Delta Hotel in Utica.**

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to DKG!

Best,
Jen



Pi Lights deadline is September 1st

Pi Lights is published four times a year to share information about our organization with NYSO members. The deadline for our next issue is **September 1st**. Editor **Mary-Martha Harvey** would be delighted to receive your submissions. You may email her at

mharvey@frontiernet.net, CC'ing me at nysdkgps2123@gmail.com so that I may approve your articles and photos.

Committee Chairs are reminded to submit an article introducing yourself to our membership. The content may also include a brief synopsis about recent or upcoming meetings, publicity for our awards or information about how your committee can support chapter members and leadership.

Chapter Presidents are encouraged to submit articles and photos featuring new inductees as well as highlights of recent chapter events.

Thank you in advance for sharing your submission with Mary-Martha and me. *Your promptness is a critical piece in the publication timeline.*



Chapter Treasurers - IRS Form 990

Thank you to members who share their time and talents as Chapter Treasurers. You play an integral role in Society business

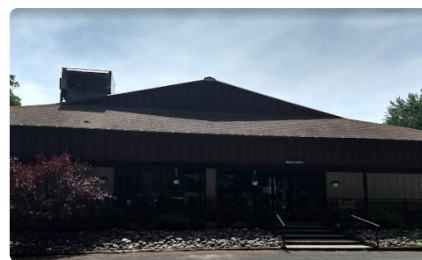
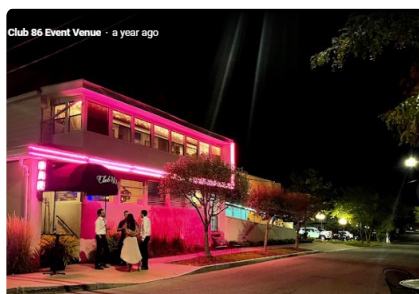
Form 990 **annually by November 15th**, and many have already completed this responsibility. Below are the links to file the 990-N postcard as well as User Guide for filing the e-postcard. The process only takes a few minutes, and State Treasurer Suzanne Patrick is always ready to assist. You may contact her at spatrick308938@gmail.com

[User Guide for Filing e-postcard](#)
[Submitting 990-N Postcard](#)

Share the Secret!

For many years I have felt that DKG is one of the best kept secrets in New York State! We need to spread the news with other notable women educators so they, too, may enjoy the benefits of membership. Please open the International DKG link below for some help in sharing some of the benefits of DKG with current and potential members.

[OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH DKG](#)



Fall Area Council Conferences

Area Council Conferences are events held around the state offering NYSO DKG members opportunities to gather to learn and spend time with other Key Women Educators! I am please to share we have three conferences planned for this fall. Members are welcome to attend any of the events.

Please open the link for [Area Councils](#) on the NYSO website to for more information and to access the registration form for our events:

West Central Conference - October 14, Letchworth State Park - "*HIStory and HERstory - WP Letchworth and Caroline Bishop*" (registration deadline has passed)

East Central Conference - October 24, Club 86, Geneva - "*Women's Night Out - with Senator Pamela Helming*"

North Central Conference - October 28, Delta Lake Bible Conference Centre, Rome - "*The Future is Now...Educational Opportunities to Prepare Students for Jobs of the Future*"

I hope you can join us for one of these "Benefits of Membership" in DKG!

US Forum News

The US Forum is dedicated to being an advocate for women, children, and education by implementing actions which enable change and improvement in social institutions, systems, legislation, and practices that impose hardships or impact negatively on individuals, groups, or families.

Here is the link to the August issue of [US Forum Connection](#)

More information about US Forum can be found at dkgusforum.org



NYSO DKG website has applications for Awards, Grants-in-Aid and Scholarship

One of the many benefits of your membership in NYSO DKG is recognition for your achievements as well as funding to meet your personal and professional development needs. Please see our [NYSO DKG website](#) to find applications for all of our Awards, Grants-in-Aid and Scholarships. As a reminder, completed applications are due by **February 15, 2024** to the appropriate committee chair.



Jennifer Lee-Alden, NYSO President

Jennifer is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters