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Connecticut Members at 2018  
International Convention

Ten Connecticut members attended the International Convention in Austin this summer. The convention was held at the JW Marriott in Austin, Texas. Connecticut members were an important part of the convention.

The convention took action on a daunting number of proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*. One of the proposals came from our **Past State President Terry Azoti**. Her proposal, which passed, changes the word "initiated" to "inducted", which is a more professional term and helps improve the image of DKG as a professional organization as opposed to a social organization.

We will review all of the changes that affect us as a state organization at meetings of the Connecticut State Organization Executive Board this year. We will bring our state governing documents in line with the International Society documents.

**Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** was a presenter at two breakout sessions about the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, and **Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean** was a presenter at a breakout about the United Nations NGO program. **Pat O'Connell-Buckley** presented the International Available Fund Budget to the Executive Board and presented a report from the International Finance Committee. **Emily Lozinak** was a reviewer of the minutes for the general sessions. **Dr. Kathleen Lozinak** and **Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean** attended a reunion dinner with 27 of their Leadership Management sisters.

Members went to see the bats that live under the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. The heat, which was over a hundred every day, may have discouraged the bats from putting on a show. Some members took a tour of the DKG International Headquarters. They were warmly greeted and escorted by Headquarters staff.

Members attended the Educational Foundation fundraising event, Sights and Sounds of Austin, that included dinner and entertainment from the Austin area. It was a fun evening.

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Save the Date and  
Location

Connecticut State  
Organization  
Spring Convention  
Celebrating our 80th  
Birthday!

Saturday, May 4, 2019  
Casa Mia at the Hawthorne  
2421 Berlin Turnpike,  
Berlin, CT 06037

Looking for state or  
chapter memorabilia or  
pictures from the last  
eighty years. . . .

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## Fellowship, Generosity and Advancement of Women Educators



Dear Sisters,

As we start the new school year and the new year of DKG, I feel renewed energy and interest in all of the chapters and the state organization projects. Chapters will be collecting books, baskets, baked goods, school supplies, support for shelters, diapers and numerous other projects. Chapters will be inducting new members and presenting programs of interest to all members. Last year, I had the opportunity to visit Iota, Theta, Omicron and Rho Chapters. I hope that other chapters will invite me to a meeting. I love meeting members who may not be able to attend state meetings and seeing the strength of fellowship in the chapters.

Our state organization will be awarding grants, scholarships, honoring our deceased friends, showing children's visions of peace through the Pieces for Peace project, presenting Achievement Awards to members and conducting business at state meetings. We will be looking at revising our Strategic Action Plan and our By Laws and Standing Rules. All the while, we will be working on the International Conference for next summer at Foxwoods. It is an exciting time and one that causes us to look to the future. We will be showing the best of what Connecticut has to offer at the conference. We will be focusing on the theme of Global Awareness. It seems like a perfect fit for our state organization.

I feel confident that we are approaching the future as a strong organization. I wish the best to all the new and returning officers and chapters as they go about the work of the Society. We are, as the International vision reminds us, ***Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide.***

***Yours in DKG,  
Pat***

### **Nominations Deadline December 1, 2018**

The Connecticut State Organization Nominations Committee is preparing a slate of officers for first vice president, second vice president and recording secretary for the 2019 – 2021 biennium. (According to the State Bylaws and Standing Rules, the current first vice president automatically moves up to the presidency.)

The Committee is also accepting nominations for three candidates for the finance committee, one from each region, and three candidates for the nominations committee, one from each region, to serve from 2019 – 2023.

A nominations form needs to be filled out for each candidate. Permission of the person must be secured before her name is presented.

The nominations form and duties of the candidate can be found on the Connecticut State Organization website:  
<http://dkgct.weebly.com>

**Nominations forms are due electronically or by mail by December 1, 2018 to**

Marilyn Arvoy, Connecticut State Organization Nominations Chair

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The candidates' names will be presented at the March, 2019, Executive Board Meeting and published in *The Keynote* prior to the state convention in May, 2019.

Nominations Committee Members:

Joanne Brogis (Delta)  
Jacqueline Farrell (Iota)  
Gail Karwoski (Beta)  
Susan Nadeau (Rho)  
Judy Weiner (Epsilon)



### International Constitution and Standing Rules Changes

A majority of the proposed amendments to the International Constitution and Standing Rules were adopted at the July 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas. Members voted with new voting devices, which made the process quite simple. When prompted, they responded either yes or no by pressing a key on the device. The results, in graph form, were immediately registered on a screen for all to see.

#### Important Highlights, which take effect immediately:

- The Society name change was **not** adopted and remains the same.
- The DKG Constitution can now be amended **every two years**.
- Voting for International officers will remain the same with State Organization Presidents voting by number of members in the state.
- Each state organization shall be designated by a **geographic area** or by a country name; hence, AKS will be known as Connecticut State Organization.
- The membership dues and the fiscal year will be aligned **as of 2019 (July 1 to June 30)**. Members shall pay their dues **no later than June 30**.  
This is the only amendment that is delayed to 2019.
- An individual becomes a member **when she pays her dues**. (formerly when she is initiated)
- There is a new classification of members called **Collegiate** members, who are undergraduate or graduate students who meet certain criteria. (See *Expanding Our Membership* article on page 8)
- For a more professional term, **Induction** replaces Initiation, as are initiates (noun) now known as inductees, and initiate (verb) is changed to induct.
- An active member shall be a woman who is **or has been** employed as a professional educator at the time of her election. *This change allows those formerly employed in education to become members.*
- **Chapter** meetings may be face-to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting. All members being notified, matters requiring immediate chapter action may be voted upon by mail (postal or electronic) that provides a valid receipt of each responding chapter member's vote. A majority vote of chapter members shall be required for action. Ratification of all voting by mail (postal or electronic) must be made at the next face-to-face meeting of the chapter.
- Chapters shall record in the chapter minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date.

Members may view all of amendments that have been made on the International website at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) by clicking on the banner headlines on the home page. The Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee will undertake a review of state documents to align with the new amendments to the *Constitution and Standing Rules*. Revisions will be presented at the 2019 Spring Convention. Chapter Standing Rules will also be reviewed.

*Terry Azoti, Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee Chair*



### Do you need money for professional development ?

**The DKG Cornet Individual Awards for Professional Development Funds have what you need . . .**

**The funds can be used for conference/seminar expenses, national certification, online courses, workshops and other non-degree programs.**

Awards may fund travel, lodging, meals, pay for substitutes, registration fees, etc. Awards may not be used to reimburse for activities already completed, to pursue a degree program, or to fund an educational project.

**Available to employed educators for up to \$2,000**

**The award cycles this year: February 1 and May 1, 2019**

**For more information go to [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)**



# AROUND THE

## ALPHA

Alpha Chapter's **Program Co-Chairs Karin Layton** and **Janet MacKenzie** have planned an exciting year of Alpha meetings and programs. In October, the chapter will host an author event which is open to the community. Members are looking forward to a presentation by children's author and illustrator Lizzy Rockwell. In December, the group will visit Diane's Books, a local independent bookstore. Diane will share her favorite new books for both adults and children.

Alpha's annual service project involves donating school supplies for a summer camp in the Dominican Republic. **Chapter Past President Lucy Galasso** and her husband have run a week-long camp there for ten years, and have expanded to include three more camps. The children participate in arts and crafts and outdoor activities. Lucy and her husband also teach adults in these communities how to run the activities.

## BETA



Beta Chapter Installation of Officers for 2018-2020 biennium: (l. to r.) **President Dr. Linda Paslov**, **First Vice President Jan Isenberg**, **Second Vice President Vivian Manzione**, **Recording Secretary Jennifer McCarthy** and **Treasurer Karol Flegal**



(l. to r.) **Immediate Past President Nan Stern** presents Longevity Award/Pin to **Angelia Whiting** for 30 years membership.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter held its planning meeting in July at the home of **President Joanne Brogis**. Dates and programs for meetings were set, as well as service projects. The first meeting of the year was held on September 26th at Z Restaurant in Middlebury. **Connecticut State Organization President Pat O'Connell Buckley** was the chapter guest. The program featured Donna Finneran of the Brian O'Connell Homeless Project. The mission of the

project is to make life easier for those who are homeless by helping them with food and services. Delta Chapter members brought recommended donations to the meeting to fill Brian Bags, i.e. first aid items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, packages of cookies, zip-lock bags, etc. This was the chapter's first service project of the year.

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter executive board and interested members met mid-July to make plans for the new biennium! New Chapter **President Margaret Hrabchak** and her elected assistant, **Past President Lenore Martinelli**, organized the meeting held at Margaret's Milford shoreline home where suggestions and plans were enthusiastically forthcoming and secured for the year. The first meeting of the year was held September 20<sup>th</sup> at the newly renovated North Haven Middle School where teacher member **Ellie Mulligan** provided members with a tour. A Celebration of Life was held in memory of three well-loved and respected long-time members who passed away this summer: **Barbara Torcellini**, **Anne Kelley**, and **Geraldine (Jeri) Giaimo**. Their friendship and contributions to Zeta Chapter will long be revered.

Attendees to the DKG International Convention in Austin, **Terry Azoti** and **Kim Albro McGee**, shared pertinent information from the business meetings, their visit to the executive offices of DKG, and the sights seen while in Austin. Following the meeting at which retirees provided the refreshments, an Orientation meeting was held for those candidates to be inducted into our Society at the October Banquet and Induction Ceremony meeting to be held at Bellini's Restaurant in North Haven on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Zeta members look forward to the annual Brunch and Auction to be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, at which time member **Elayne Canter** will again cheerfully serve as auctioneer while members and their guests bid on a wide variety of donated items. The profits from this activity provide the chapter funds to support the Worthy Project selected by members annually and for money to support Zeta's two grants.

In 2019, members eagerly look forward to three very special occasions: Zeta's 70th birthday meeting and celebration in March, the 80th birthday of Connecticut State Organization to be celebrated at its Spring Convention on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the International Conference to be held at Foxwoods July 30 - Aug. 1. This is definitely a year of dedication to and participation in these Delta Kappa Gamma special events!!

## THETA

**Outgoing Theta President Ann Grosjean** announced at the June 6<sup>th</sup> banquet that Sarah Hoag had received the \$500 Elizabeth Jordan Grant. Sarah is a senior at NEAG School of Education at UConn majoring in elementary education with a concentration in Science. That same evening, three Theta members **Sheila Clark**, **Sharon Bartlett** and **Millie Ramsey** were recognized for contributing above and beyond to the chapter and were





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awarded the Theta Achievement Award. Theta appreciates all that these women have done for the chapter. As previously reported, five Gamma members have decided to join Theta. Invitations to join have been sent to other Gamma members in hopes that they also will transfer to Theta.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, the annual Spring Fling was held at Journey House. **Jill Hill** coordinated the making of bead bracelets. Gifts, generously donated by Theta members, were also distributed to the girls for their summertime enjoyment. **Sharon Bartlett** and **Ann Chuk** were among the other Theta members that helped out.

Theta's planning meeting was held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at **Janice McKusick's** home. Many executive board members set Theta's focus and programs for 2018-2019. Plans are to continue to work together to help others and to support our own members. On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the chapter's Finance Committee met at Baker's Dozen in Pomfret. Thanks to the diligent efforts of **Diane Ethier** and **Millie Ramsey** a workable budget was set.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> was the date of Theta's welcome back picnic at **Sharon Bartlett's** home. **Incoming President Marie Desautels** welcomed over 20 members to relax and enjoy a summer afternoon together. After all partook of a bountiful potluck meal, members met to discuss the upcoming activities for this exciting year. At the first regular meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, members designed cards for hospitalized children and note cards for seniors.

## MU

At Mu Chapter's June 2018 meeting, a potluck dinner was followed by the presentation of a beautifully decorated cake celebrating MU's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Long-time member, **Halina Mirecki**, read to the chapter an informative and interesting synopsis of events in Mu's history and cited ways our chapter has evolved over the past 60 years.

Mu made the unusual move of awarding a second \$1,000 scholarship award to our 2017 scholarship recipient, who had had many struggles during her freshman year of college. Our recipient wrote a heartfelt letter to Mu members taking full responsibility for difficulties, even for a string of illnesses and surgery, which hindered her ability to succeed to her expectations. Taking all the extenuating circumstances into account, including lack of family support, we agreed this is a student that especially needed our support for one more year. Members were invited to write personal notes of encouragement to our recipient.

The donations of toiletries that were collected at the June meeting were delivered by **Ann Newbury** to Interval House in Hartford. They were gratefully received by this shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Mu's book wrap for **Books for Babies** was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Pam Beach** in Granby. Fifteen members attended and wrapped 1,108 books in

packages of two followed by a potluck luncheon. **Pam Beach** and **Jan Schley** delivered the books to the Ferdinand Sauer, MD Family BirthPlace and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, CT. Each package included a letter from Mu Chapter to the new parents explaining the importance of reading to children from an early age and the skills that are developed when reading to their child.

Sadly, **Beverly Kibbe**, longtime chair of Mu's highly successful Books for Babies program, passed away on July 26<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. She'll be long remembered as an excellent teacher who exhibited dedication, organization, a fun loving spirit and warmth, as well as being a beloved Mu member.



Mu Chapter's 60th Birthday Celebration (l. to r.) **Past President Halina Mirecki, Scholarship Committee Chair Sally Swanson, Past President Patty Faulkner, Treasurer Ann Newbury, Vice President Lillie Fierabend, President Carolyn Halifax and Secretary Jan Schley.**

## OMICRON

In May, Omicron Chapter held its annual New Member Induction at Tavern 1757 in Seymour. **Kathleen Kiley** was inducted into Omicron Chapter. Kathleen has been teaching for 28 years and is currently a second grade teacher at The Peck Place School in Orange. She is treasurer of the Orange Teachers' League, acts as a TEAM mentor and is a member of the Curriculum Writing Committee in Orange. Kathleen has also served as a grade-level chairperson and as a representative for Orange on the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.



**Omicron Past President Kathleen Lozinak (rt.)** inducts new member **Kathleen Kiley.**



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## OMICRON (continued)

Members also recognized **Annette Frank** for being chosen as the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year at Emmett O'Brien Technical School in Ansonia. Installation of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium took place. **Helen Scully** was installed as the new chapter president. Helen is from Oxford and joined DKG in 1997. She served as corresponding secretary of Omicron Chapter from 2000-2002. Helen is honored and excited to serve as president of Omicron Chapter and looks forward to introducing new ideas.



Omicron Chapter installation of officers: (l. to r.) **President Helen Scully, Recording Secretary Barbara Shepperd, Corresponding Secretary Laurie Mihalcik, and Treasurer Emily Lozinak.**

## RHO

Rho members **Jackie Abbott** and **Dottie Shackway** are serving as program co-chairs for 2018-19. They have planned an interesting year of programs around the themes of quilting and the Underground Railroad. Members began the year with a dinner meeting in September. The fall meeting will be a presentation on quilting and the Underground Railroad by **Beverly Russo**. For the winter meeting, a book discussion and sharing of books (children and adult) on quilting and the Underground Railroad will be held. A spring meeting will include a demonstration on the Smartboard and its use in a grade four classroom at Horace Porter School in Columbia by Rho member **Shannon Piatek**. A small craft project involving quilting will also be shared at this meeting. Rho members appreciate the invitation and look forward to attending Theta Chapter's April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with **International Business Director Phyllis Hickey** from DKG Headquarters in Austin, TX. Rho looks forward to an interesting year.

## TAU UPSILON

This summer found members of Tau Upsilon gathering at **President Lisa Hudkins** home for a pot luck brunch and meeting. All had a most enjoyable time scheduling the activities for our upcoming year. This is what has been planned so far:

In October members will gather for an olive oil tasting and presentation at **Lisa Hudkins'** home. The presenter will be Maria Story. Maria and Lisa attended this same presentation while in Tuscany two years ago! This will be followed by a typical Italian dinner and Italian wines.

November 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Holiday Fair at the Litchfield Fire House. **Sue Carpenter** has been setting up this fair for the past few years. The proceeds from this event will fund the chapter's annual high school scholarships. So mark your calendars and come over to Litchfield for some great holiday finds and delicious food!

The December meeting will find members at the Curling Club in Norfolk, where they will even get to watch a curling match! This will also be the Holiday Gathering where items are collected to support the local Susan B. Anthony Project. Thanks go to **Holly Torrant** for arranging this.

For the April meeting members will travel to Washington, CT, to visit the Hickory Stick Book Store. There will be a presentation on the top books for educators and for reading in general. Members will then go next door to the "GW" for dinner. Thanks go to **Sue Carpenter** and **Holly Torrant** for arranging this fun evening.

At the end of May, the annual banquet will be held. This is a real time for socializing and reflecting on what a positive year the new chapter has had!

## CT State Organization ACHIEVER

**Rita Landino Ph.D.**, Zeta Chapter, was recently honored for her generous contribution to the newly created Remembrance Garden at Southern CT State University which honors four alumnae educators killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Her contribution enabled the creation of a beautiful circular wooden sculpture in the center of the garden designed by alumna Carlene Barnes as a tribute to the women.

Rita is a retired English Professor and Counselor at SCSU. She has worked tirelessly throughout her career to support women's causes at the University, in the surrounding community and through Delta Kappa Gamma projects around the world.





# Connecticut State Organization Members at DKG International Convention



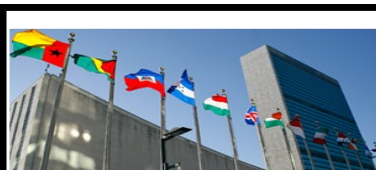
(l. to r.) Kim Albro McGee, Dr. Kathleen Lozinak, Emily Lozinak, Phyllis Hickey, Terry Azoti, Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Marilyn Arvoy, Susan Salesses, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone and Dr. Ann Grosjean Cavanaugh.  
Absent: Joanne Brogis and Joan Konareski



DKG Headquarters, Austin, TX



Dr. Kathleen Lozinak and Pat O'Connell-Buckley



### SAVE THE DATE:

The 20<sup>th</sup> CTAUN Conference at the UN will take place on **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
***Our Planet, Our Crisis, What Next?***



## IN MEMORIAM



### White Roses

“Every good life leaves behind the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.”

#### Jean Lobaugh, Rho Chapter

Died: Aug. 17, 2018

Jean was inducted into Theta Chapter in March 1976 as a charter member. She transferred to Rho Chapter in November 1979. On the chapter level, Jean served as co-chapter president (1994-96), as well as second vice president, treasurer and membership chair. On the state level, she was assistant editor of *The Keynote* (1996-99), co-chair of the communications committee, as well as a reviewer for *The Keynote* for many years. She was honored by Alpha Kappa State in 2016 for 40 years of membership in DKG.

Jean was an elementary teacher in CT and PA. She retired in 1989 with thirty-five years teaching experience. She was the first Vernon Teacher of the Year in 1981. Jean was active in the Vernon Education Association and once retired joined NEA/CEA Retired and the Association of Retired Teachers of CT. She was very active in her church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, serving as a past president of the Ladies Guild, choir member and Bible School teacher. She loved music (playing the piano) which brought her many hours of joy. Her other interests included traveling, reading, collecting cruets and New England Village collectibles, volunteering for FISH and loving her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Melvin, a son Alan and wife Marie, two grandchildren and their spouses and two great grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Burial was on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in Upper Bermudian Lutheran Church Cemetery, Gardners, PA. Jean will be remembered by her generous spirit, cheerful attitude and the many fashionable hats which she wore to meetings.

## Expanding Our Membership

At the 2018 Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention, members voted to approve the addition of a “collegiate” classification of membership in the society.

Women who are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at an institution that offers an education degree and who intend to continue in the field of education are eligible for Collegiate Membership. Specifically, those holding Collegiate Membership must be enrolled in at least their last two years of their undergraduate program.

Once a Collegiate Member completes her degree and becomes a paid educator, her membership classification becomes “active”, and she will pay active member dues. If she does not pursue a career as a

teacher, her membership expires upon graduation or the completion of the degree program.

A Collegiate Member can participate in all activities of the Society except hold office. She can, however, serve as Parliamentarian, which is not an elected office. The Collegiate Member’s International dues will be \$20. Each state organization and chapter will set Collegiate dues as determined by their bylaws and/or standing rules

***Paulina Auclair, Connecticut State Organization Membership Chair***

#### Connecticut Members at 2019 International Convention (Continued from page 1)

We were able to visit with former Connecticut members, **Phyllis Hickey** and **Susan Salesses** at dinner Thursday evening. It was great to see them.

Members attended the Gifts of Peace exchange ceremony. It was a beautiful expression of friendship between people from different countries. Read more about the exchange in the article in this KEYNOTE.

At breakfast Thursday morning, Connecticut members invited other Northeast members to Foxwoods next summer for the International Conference. Their singing of **Mary Ellen Ulatowski’s** words to the tune of Yankee Doodle was a hit. Mary Ellen, you would have been proud of us!

Even though Connecticut is a small state organization, we made our presence known. It was an enjoyable and productive convention.

**Connecticut State Organization President Pat O’Connell-Buckley**





## Gifts of Peace

A very moving Gifts of Peace Exchange Ceremony took place at the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas on July 19, 2018. Teachers from Kochi, Japan presented teachers and students from eleven Texas schools with Texas flags made of sets of one thousand Origami paper cranes in remembrance of Sadako Sasaki's determination. The Japanese legend states that if you make one thousand paper cranes, you are granted one wish. Unfortunately, Sadako, who was suffering from leukemia as the result of the radiation from Hiroshima did not complete her one thousand cranes before her death.

In return, the Texas educators presented the Kochi Teachers with a Peace Quilt created by students from the Austin Independent School District with their teacher **Dr. Barbara ten Brink**. The squares represented the diverse identities within Austin.

**DKG Japan member Reiko Sumi**, an opera singer, sang a beautiful Japanese song, *The Paper Crane*, which included the lines, "Fly away for true happiness – Sending love to all the world." The students from Austin ISD then served their guests tea in a symbolic tea ceremony.

The idea for the event was conceived at the DKG Southwest Regional in Honolulu, Hawaii last summer and implemented by the project advisors, **DKG Japanese Representative Hatsue Kitahara**, **Texas State President Dr. Jo Murphy**, **Science Special Projects, Austin ISD Dr. Barbara ten Brink** and **Teen Science Café Network Outreach Coach Sara Fyke**.

### Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Theta Chapter



*DKG Texas member, Dr. Barbara ten Brink with her Austin ISD Students*



**Students serving their guests Japanese tea**



**Texas flag made with 1,000 paper cranes presented to 11 Texas schools.**



## Format for the Connecticut State Organization Fall Conference



The Connecticut State Organization Fall Conference will be held on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wilcox Technical High School in Meriden. The conference will include a hot breakfast buffet, a brief meeting and two breakout sessions. The breakouts will be topics of personal and professional growth. Below is a description of the breakout sessions. On the registration form you are asked to choose your four top preferences, and you will be placed in two of the sessions based on those preferences.

- **Fiction Book Talk (*A Piece of the World* by Cristine Baker Kline): Facilitated by Dr. Jackie Abbott**

*A Piece of the World* is based on a painting by Andrew Wyeth who was a frequent visitor at Cristina Olson's home on the coast of Maine, and Cristina is the subject of the painting and of the book. Born severely physically disabled, Christina leads a life of serving her parents and brothers. The reader experiences Christina's pain, heartbreak and bitterness. This piece of historical fiction is an excellent character driven read and worthy of a vigorous discussion. NOTE: If you are placed in this breakout, you will be notified in plenty of time to read the novel.

- **Google App Basics: Facilitated by Emily Lozinak**

Do you ever need to take a survey of members? Do you want to make communication simple via email? Are you collaborating on a document and getting lost in the drafts? If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, this session will show you how to use various Google Apps in your chapter and state to facilitate communication and collaboration, as well as in your classroom. Please bring your own device.

- **How Childhood Trauma and Toxic Stress Impacts a Child's Present Life: Facilitated by Jo Ann Freiberg**

"Adverse Childhood Experiences" (ACEs): ACEs are the largest untreated public health crises to be discovered in the past thirty years. Traumatic childhood experiences (toxic stress) impacts a child's daily life in the home, in school and the community. Even when children are too young to remember the events (neglect, abuse, abandonment, violence, etc.), the body never forgets. In this workshop, ACEs and the ACEs Scale will be introduced and the research and importance of this life-changing information will be presented. All children are affected by ACEs but especially those who have school learning and behavioral problems. It will be facilitated by Jo Ann Freiberg, a consultant at the CT State Department of Education, and will cover managing the wide arena of school climate, restorative practices, bullying and character education. Her career as a teacher, teacher educator and national expert is devoted to empowering the adults who teach and work with children to exemplify respectful behavior so they create safe and positive learning environments.

- **How to make "professional" looking cupcakes: Facilitated by Terry Pearce**

In this session you will be taught the basics on how to decorate a cupcake using 3 different decorating tips. You will practice different techniques and when you feel confident, you will decorate 6 cupcakes to take home and show off to friends and family. You will be given the 3 decorating tips, disposable pastry bags, frosting and cupcakes. Terry Pearce is first and foremost a teacher, specifically science. She has taught for 35 years at the high school and middle school levels. Her enjoyment of teaching is enhanced by a need to be creative! She loves arts and crafts and has found her true passion in cake decorating. When she was in high school, she took an adult education class on cake decorating with her mother and has been teaching herself all the new techniques that have surfaced over the years. She made cakes for all occasions, from birthday to weddings, from cakes that serve 10 to 300. She hopes she can spread a little of that excitement to others, showing how easy it is to make cupcakes look like something you'd purchase at a high end bakery!

- **Lighten Up! Dealing with Stress with 4 Daily Strategies: Facilitated by Jeanne Morascini**

Discussion and demonstration of strategies with a packet of handouts to help attendees remember they can consciously control their stress by choices they make. **Jeanne Morascini**, a 51 year member of DKG and a mother who raised six children while teaching full time for 26 years, will share learned strategies that apply to many stressful situations. Disclaimer: one needs to make good choices for them to work!

- **Tips for Finding a Fulfilling Balance of Retirement Activities: Facilitated by Dr. Linnea Stenberg**

In this breakout session you will learn how to identify your retirement style, periodically review your volunteer and other activities, rediscover your passions, tactfully say "no" to requests for which you do not have interest and/or time. **Linnea Stenberg, Ph.D.** will share tips on these topics for finding a fulfilling balance of retirement activities. In addition to providing resources, she will also ask participants to share strategies that have worked for them.

- **"What is Close Reading?": Facilitated by Leonore Martinelli**

This session is for retired teachers who would like to keep up with the new terminology. You will be the students and read a short selection and be guided through a close reading lesson. The selection will be fun and participants will be surprised at how they can arrive at comprehension. **Leonore Martinelli** is a retired Language Arts Consultant from North Haven Public Schools and former adjunct at the University of New Haven.



# CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION 79th FALL CONFERENCE

## *Fellowship, Generosity, and Advancement of Women Educators*

### Saturday, November 3, 2018



Wilcox Technical High School  
298 Oregon Road, Meriden, CT 06451 Phone: 860-238-6260

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration in the All Purpose Room
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
	Welcome and Introductions
	Founders Ceremony
	Grant Recipients
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session One
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session Two
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Closing, DKG Song, and submission of evaluation forms

#### REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Please send form below with breakout session choices and check made to:

Delta Kappa Gamma, CT State Organization

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#### DIRECTIONS TO WILCOX TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

I-91 North to Exit 15, left onto RT 68. Turn right on Hanover (becomes Evansville);

Left on CT 70 (Main St.); 2nd right on River Rd.; 2<sup>nd</sup> right on Oregon.

I-91 South to Exit 18 RT 691 West, Exit 6, Lewis Ave.; right on RT 71 (West Main St.);

Left on Centennial (becomes Oregon).

School is on the left. Parking is available in front of the school.

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 19, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast Buffet:** Scrambled eggs, bacon, home fries, croissants, bagels, fruit salad, coffee, tea, and juice.

**Breakout session options. Please select a first and second choice for each session.**

**Session One: 9:45**

**Session 2: 10:45**

Close Reading for Retired Teachers  Retirement Activities Balance

Strategies to Deal with Stress  Google Docs

Cupcake Decorating (Open to participants who did not attend last year)

**NOTE**  Impact of Trauma on Children (*ONE DOUBLE SESSION*)

Fiction Book Talk (*A Piece of the World* by C. B. Kline) (*ONE DOUBLE SESSION*)

#### CONFERENCE COSTS:

Registration fee per person **\$5.00**

Late fee (postmarked after October 19, 2018) **\$5.00**

Breakfast cost: **\$19.00**

Guest Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Connecticut State Organization**  
**Dates to Remember**  
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**Saturday, November 3, 2018**  
CT State Organization 79<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference  
Wilcox Technical High School, Meriden  
8:30—11:45 a.m.

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
**Snow Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
CT State Organization Executive Board Meeting  
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

**Friday, April 5, 2019**  
Conference on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)  
United Nations Headquarters, New York City

**May 4, 2019**  
CT State Organization 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration/Spring Convention  
Casa Mia at the Hawthorne, Berlin

**June 8, 2019**  
CT State Organization Executive Board Meeting  
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

**July 30—August 1, 2019**  
DKG International Conference  
Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Mashantucket, CT

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