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Thoughts and Reflections on
Leadership in DKG

Helen Scully, Omicron Chapter
Immediate Past President

The Connecticut State Organization (CSO) of Delta Kappa Gamma met on November 7, 2020, on Zoom for its 81st Fall Conference. The fifty-seven members who attended learned new leadership strategies from **Kathleen Stauffer** and enjoyed stress reduction and relaxation practices with **Lani Rosen-Gallagher**. Several high school and college students were present on Zoom to receive their educational grants. Finally, members broke into breakout rooms to socialize with sisters from around the state!

CSO President **Kathleen Lozinak** welcomed members and introduced the guests, Kathleen Stauffer and Lani Rosen-Gallagher. Omicron Chapter presented the Founders' Ceremony featuring **Omicron President Patricia Block** with members, **Jessica Block, Debbie Ruderman** and **Helen Scully**. The fun twist was that the founders all wore masks to this year's ceremony!

CSO Chair of Professional Affairs Susan Carpenter (Tau Upsilon Chapter) presented the CT State Organization Grants to the high school and university recipients. High school student **Clara Guilmette** and college students **Arianna Stravato, Jenna Racca** and **Julia MacKinnon** were present on Zoom to receive their grants. The college students who are entering their junior, senior or master's year will be invited to be collegiate members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Kathleen Stauffer, the Chief Executive Officer of ARC Eastern Connecticut, presented *Leading to Excellence*. Kathleen shared what she has learned during her vast experience starting with a degree in
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Have you recently taken on a leadership role in your chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma...perhaps that of an officer or a chairperson of a committee? If so, as the immediate past president of a chapter and subsequent to our 2020 Leadership Conference. I would like to share some personal thoughts with you regarding leadership and DKG.

I was inducted as a member of Omicron in 1999; and after a lapse in membership of four years, I rejoined in 2016. The face of our chapter had drastically changed over the years. We now had about twenty-five members – a substantially lower number than in years past.

After barely getting resettled in a chapter that seemed so new to me now, I was asked by **Immediate Past President of Omicron Kathleen Lozinak** if I would accept the position of president of our chapter for the next

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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE

FROM THE MIDDLE

Hello Ladies,

Winter 2020-2021



The middle. Here we are in the middle of my final year as your state president. As I looked back at my columns from this biennium, I was struck by what a different world this is now. Who would have thought that I would need to write about what it's like in the middle of a pandemic. Yet here we are. Hopefully, we are on the backside of the devastation and looking forward. To what, I wonder. What are we looking for? An end to these crazy times of course. But what will that look like? A vaccine? A cure? Some closure, some solution? No more death and dying? No more hoarding? No more selfishness? No more what? No more physical distance? No more social isolation?

Those of us who have been around awhile know that there is always a new struggle, a new challenge, a new set of life-changing experiences, not usually in the form of a pandemic, but always something.

As educators, we are accustomed to the changes that each school year brings with some being more significant than others. But there is always something new: curriculum, staff, teaching techniques, management recommendations, leadership, always something new.

So, though I am the first to put my hopes on a vaccine, I am not a fairy tale ending kind of person. I teach my fourth graders that life is more about resolutions than solutions. Even when this pandemic is under control, we as a people will have been forever altered. Our mind sets will have been molded in some way by what we have experienced. Though I am not a happily ever-after person, I am a half-full glass person. We will have learned about the kindness of strangers, the perseverance of scientists, the resilience of students and teachers and families and the grit of health care workers. Regardless of what is on the horizon, we can look back on a year filled with learning and adapting and growing. We can recall the good that came from these crazy times and the positive growth we have made as individuals, as an organization and as a people. We can choose to focus on the good.

Our Connecticut State Organization chapters were certainly "forward moving ever" as they began a new biennium in June. Their leadership teams have been hard at work designing programs and events that address the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They have been very creative in their ideas on how to remain united in genuine spiritual fellowship. They have thought hard about how to honor women for distinctive service in the field of education. They have planned for the professional and personal growth of all of their members and have even devised ways to continue their service projects and scholarship and grant fundraising.

We can be proud of the work being done in all our chapters and rest assured that though 2020 was a difficult time to begin a biennium, our chapter leaders have faced all the challenges head on and will be able to look back on a job well done.

You will read in this issue of the Keynote highlights of that "outside the box" chapter activity as well as the work being done at the state level. We will also share some of the happenings at International and ask you to think about where you see yourself in our organization a year or two from now. As always we ask that you take some time to explore the state and international websites for more news and information, and consider sharing your findings with a friend or two. Please continue to reach out to all members. Continue to support our working teachers and our empty nesters, and please continue to be your amazing selves.

And again, I hope to see you soon.

Kathleen

MISSION STATEMENT

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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biennium. She felt that my prior experiences qualified me and asked if I would consider undertaking this office. Although I hesitated at first, I was honored to receive the call and so flattered to think she felt I warranted the honor. By the end of the conversation, I thought to myself, "I can do that" and accepted the nomination.

After all, I had been involved in leadership roles in the past, and Kathleen did say I would only have to conduct 4-5 meetings a year along with a few other responsibilities. My husband Jerry, knowing me after sixty-some years, just raised his eyebrows and gave me that "look" when I informed him of my decision to accept the position. On-and-off this turned out to be a standing joke between us for the next two years. As I began my planning, I realized that suddenly all these committee, board, state, and various conference meetings began to surface; and my commitment, of course, dictated that I should attend them. Which I wholeheartedly did. Jerry would just look at me for the first few times, nod his head and say, "Only four meetings a year, right"?

I tell you the above tale not to sound trite about this and certainly not to bore you or to discourage you, but rather to lead you to the main point that I would like to make in this narrative. That point being...due to the fact that I took this position with a bit of trepidation, I ended it with a feeling of great satisfaction, pride and gratitude for having been given this opportunity. Due to this involvement, I came to a realization that it truly is a privilege to be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma and to experience the extensive opportunities and benefits of membership that it offers women educators.

The dedicated and committed professional women of my chapter and of the state executive board that I came to know and work with, along with the conferences and meetings that I attended and participated in, all provided me with an inspirational and memorable lasting experience.

I wish for you to attain the same feeling in your position when the next biennium is over. My intent here is not to list tasks and attach rubrics. As educators we all know the importance of preparation, planning and effective execution. The same applies for a leadership position in an international organization. There are, however, a few resources that I can't resist bringing to your attention that helped me a great deal. These are as follows:

1. If you haven't already done so, please **create an account** at www.dkg.org.
2. Once you do so and **login**, you open up a world of resources that will provide you with all you need. Just click on each of the tabs at the top of the page and investigate each thoroughly. For example:
 - a. The "**Resources**" tab provides you with information for running your chapter smoothly.
 - b. Consider the "**PowerPoint Presentations**" to rekindle and revitalize a spirit in your members about DKG - Preview and consider "**Pride in the Big Picture**" and "**Sharing Our DKG Pride Stories...**" to name two presentations;
 - c. The "**Chapter Leaders Calendar**" supplies you with events, deadlines and all you need to know and when you need to know it, regarding the running of your chapter;
 - d. "**Chapter Leader Guidelines**" outlines the duties and obligations of the various offices and other positions held by members – particularly helpful if this is your first leadership role in your chapter;
 - e. "**Chapter Tools**", as well as the remaining tabs, should be your "bible" to refer to when planning for the year;

Every chapter conforms to the standards of the DKG organization, but every chapter also has its own history as to how business and events are handled. It now will be up to you and your members to decide how to mold the next two years of your chapter's history.

In closing, I would also encourage those of you who have not availed yourselves of the opportunity to accept a leadership role in your chapter to please consider doing so in the future.

Remember, that as an educator you do possess the qualifications and experience needed to undertake other roles of leadership. So please say "yes" when called on to serve. You will not be left alone but rather will be a part of a team of women educators that unite to share ideas and who are dedicated and committed to making a difference.

Helen Scully, Omicron Past President



News from DKG@UN and CTAUN

Greetings from the United Nations which has been operating virtually since March of 2020. We continue to publish our on-line newsletter, DKG@UN. The newsletter can be found on the DKG.org website. The most recent issue is #53. [file:///C:/Users/Ann%20Grosjean/Downloads/DKG@UN%2353%20\(3\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Ann%20Grosjean/Downloads/DKG@UN%2353%20(3).pdf)

CTAUN has also been holding monthly meetings on Zoom. In lieu of the annual CTAUN Conference at the UN, CTAUN will hold two webinars. The first was held on December 8, 2020.

The second webinar, *The United Nations and Indigenous People: Advocating for Education*, will be held on January 24th from 3 to 5 pm. You can register on the CTAUN website at teachun.org. Please replace my name and e-mail with yours in the following link! I will share the recording following the webinar.

<https://teachun.org/conference/2021-un/the-united-nations-and-indigenous-peoples-advocating-for-education/> Please stay well and I hope you learn from and enjoy the webinar and the newsletter.

Ann Grosjean, DKG@UN Representative



Fall Conference

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journalism and communications and years working in both for-profit and non-profit organizations. She addressed three topics: What does it take to be excellent? How to build teams that deliver excellence? Dreams, teams and excellence and how to create a plan. Each of her strategies was exemplified with stories from her experience. She emphasized the value of teams – the team is smarter than you! The power of a team is trust, awareness, desire, knowledge, empowerment, training, planning and finally, action. When Kathleen began her work at ARC, the organization was top-down; and she described the process and benefits of converting it to a collaborative team-oriented organization. Attendees left inspired with great ideas to lead at school, in a job or in a chapter! To see Kathleen's entire presentation, click the link of the conference recording below!

Lani Rosen-Gallagher, of *Full of Joy Yoga* in New Haven (fullofjoyyoga.com), presented her *Mindfulness and Movement Toolkit*. She strives to improve the lives and futures of children, helping them to laugh, love and grow. Training others to teach yoga to children is another of her passions. But at the conference, Lani was all about the participants! Due to the pandemic everyone is struggling with layers of uncertainty. It is important to be mindful of one's body. Mindfulness is staying present and noticing without judgement. Even though we can't control everything, we can control our response to it. Lani taught several Mindful Minutes, breathing exercises and poses. These activities can be experienced with Lani on the link below.

The meeting concluded with the Delta Kappa Gamma song led by **Roz Etra** (Theta). Members were then randomly assigned to breakout rooms to visit with members from around the state. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to socialize!

Many thanks to everyone who made the conference a success. **Kathleen Lozinak** for her leadership, **Emily Delpiano** (Omicron) as the Zoom master, Omicron for their creative Founders' Ceremony, **Sue Carpenter** and her Professional Affairs committee for selecting the grant recipients and **Linda Shea** (Theta) for printing the programs for the chapter. Thank you also to **Terry Azoti** (Zeta) and **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** (Beta) for editing the program. The keynote speakers, Kathleen and Lani, were thanked with a note and an honorarium.

This is the link for the recording of the conference

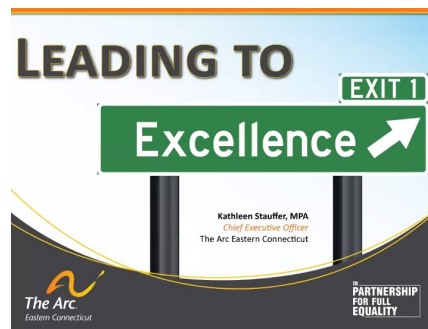
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Please **SAVE THE DATE** - the morning of April 24, 2021 for our 2021 DKG CT State Organization Spring Convention! We look forward to seeing you on Zoom that day.

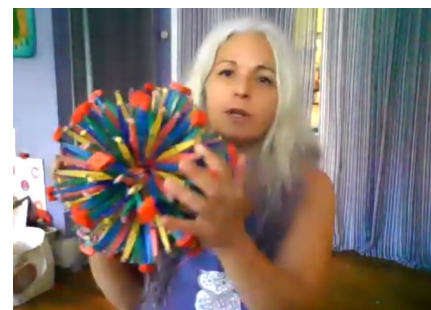
Ann Grosjean, Theta Chapter
CSO First Vice-President



Kathleen Stauffer
Professional Development Speaker



Fall Conference Theme



Lani Rosen-Gallagher
Personal Growth Speaker



Connecticut State Organization Important Bylaws Amendments

An email from International **President, Becky Sadowski** was received by our state President on August 29, 2020. The following was approved by the International Administrative Board: *“As a pilot project, the Administrative Board authorized state organizations and the subordinate bodies controlled by their bylaws to transact business electronically so long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting, and that, during the 2020-2022 biennium, the Administrative Board will evaluate the effectiveness of this pilot project in assisting state organizations to conduct their business.”*

During the time of pandemic restrictions, International was responding to state organizations’ appeals to allow states and chapters to conduct **board business** meetings electronically and take action on motions rather than having to separately vote on motions via email or postal mail. Based on the newly revised chapter Standing Rules, all state chapters already have approved **chapter** business meetings that can be held electronically.

In light of this development, the state Bylaws Committee has drafted motions to amend the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws (May 14, 2019) to include this information for the next state convention business meeting and for any state executive board meetings. If there are any changes concerning these motions when the International Constitution is next amended in 2022, the Bylaws Committee will revise accordingly. The following **motions**, which were approved by the State Executive Board on September 26, 2019, will be presented at the state 2021 Spring Convention for approval by membership. Please read carefully and be prepared to vote in April.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS, Section A. Convention

From: 1. Business of the Connecticut State Organization shall be conducted annually at a convention held at a time and place approved by the Executive Board, for the purpose of taking action on reports, adopting policy, adopting the budget, and amending bylaws. In the odd-numbered years officers shall be elected and the amount of dues established.

To: 1. Business of the Connecticut State Organization shall be conducted annually, **either in person or electronically**, at a convention held at a time and place approved by the Executive Board, for the purpose of taking action on reports, adopting policy, adopting the budget, and amending bylaws. **Business shall be conducted electronically so long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting.** In the odd-numbered years officers shall be elected and the amount of dues established.

Rationale: *This motion will allow convention business to also be conducted electronically and action can be taken on motions at the meeting as long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting.*

ARTICLE VIII EXECUTIVE BOARD, Section A. State Executive Board

From: 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least once each year. Special meetings may be called by the president or by a written request of ten (10) members of the Executive Board.

To: 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least once each year **at a physical site or electronically. Business shall be conducted so long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting.** Special meetings may be called by the president or by a written request of ten (10) members of the Executive Board.

Rationale: *This motion allows any state Executive Board meeting to be held electronically in addition to at a physical location, allowing for flexibility to transact business and approve motions electronically with members present on the same day as the meeting.*

Terry Azoti, CSO Bylaws Committee Chair



CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION ACHIEVER

Points of Light Terry Ziegler, Eta Chapter



From encyclopedias to romance novels, the Groton Public Library is filled with aisles upon aisles of books that allow the citizens of Groton, Connecticut, to dive into new worlds. But for homebound seniors and those who are physically disabled, a trip to the library can be difficult.

That's why for the past 18 years **Terry Ziegler** has brought

the library to them. No matter if their house is five or 20 miles away or if it's raining or a blizzard is brewing, Terry has been delivering books, DVDs and magazines to dozens of seniors and others who are physically unable to make it to the library. One person Terry has been delivering books to for many years is Heather A. Davis, who cannot go to the library by herself because she is in a wheelchair.

"Having the books and movies brought to me means everything to me because they keep me from being bored," Heather added. "I enjoy talking to Terry. She makes me laugh. People ask me if I consider Terry a friend. No! I consider her a sister."

Groton Public Library's Homebound Delivery Service was actually started by Terry's own mother back in the 1970s. "She started a program of delivering books in her '66 Mustang to different senior housing developments because these people couldn't get to the library," Terry recalled. "Once a week, she loaded that car up with huge canvas bags and off she went."

Terry's mother stopped working at the library after 25 years, so the program ended as well. But after Terry retired as a music teacher, she brought the Homebound Delivery Service back to life, becoming the program's sole volunteer. The program started out with just a few deliveries, but today Terry delivers two times a week to about 40 homes. For the seniors who used to be doctors and physicists, the books allow them to continue educating themselves.

And there's some seniors "who just love the romance stuff," Terry said. "There are a lot of people who are alone and this keeps their minds going. It brings them a lot of enjoyment," Terry said.

But with each delivery, Terry does far more than bring books. She's known to bring treats for people's pets, take out their garbage and create meaningful relationships with the people to who she delivers. Even when the library had to shut down during the coronavirus pandemic and Terry couldn't deliver books, she made sure that the seniors who were surely feeling lonelier than ever knew that she was thinking of them.

"When the pandemic resulted in self quarantine, Terry checked in on me by text going above and beyond to make sure I knew that there were still people out there who cared and that one day again soon we would all have our books," said Tenille Martin, who became housebound after two traumatic brain injuries. She even helped create an intergenerational pen pal program during the pandemic so many of the program's senior patrons have been receiving cards, letters and drawings to brighten their day.

"Terry is amazing. She never stops," Kimmerle Balentine, a librarian and the coordinator of the homebound delivery service said. "Word has slowly, but surely, gotten out about this Library service and Terry's passion for it. As a result, three other Connecticut towns – East Lyme, Waterford and Norwich – have used our program and Terry's methods as a model to create their own Homebound Delivery Service programs," Kimmerle added.

On top of her volunteer work with the library, Terry also knits hats that she donates to oncology centers for people undergoing chemotherapy. When asked why she selflessly dedicates her time and efforts for others, she said "because this is humanity. We help each other. This is what we do."

Do you want to make a difference in your community like Terry? [Find local volunteer opportunities.](#)

Kimmerle Balentine
Eta Chapter



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

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

Margaret (Peggy) DiPersio, Lambda Chapter
Died: August 14, 2020



Margaret (Peggy) DiPersio, age 86, passed away on August 14, 2020. She was born on May 23, 1934, to the late Anne (Harrington) and Walter Malone, Sr. Peggy was married to the late Henry DiPersio. She was also predeceased by sister-in-law Muriel Malone.

Peggy grew up in Swansea, MA. She graduated from Joseph Case High School in 1952 and Bridgewater State Teachers College in 1956. Peggy moved to Meriden, CT, where she taught at Israel Putnam School for 36 years. She started as a fifth-grade teacher. In 1970, she received her master’s degree in Special Education from Central Connecticut State College; and her remaining years were spent as a learning disabilities specialist.

Peggy was a long-standing member of the Association of American University Women. She was also a member of Holy Angels Church, a member of the Meriden Council of Catholic Women and a past-president of the Holy Angels Women’s Club. Peggy was initiated into the Lambda Chapter of DKG on April 1, 1985. She served as a co-vice president with Sharon Manley from 1992–1994, providing programming for the biennium. Peggy again served as a co-president with Sharon Manley from 1994-1996. They led a Lambda Chapter which had over one hundred members. This was quite a feat considering there was no viable internet at the time. In addition, Peggy helped with the Applebee Fundraisers and was a joyful participant in Lambda’s holiday sing-along.

Peggy was an avid reader and enjoyed music and the theater. She had a big heart and enjoyed friendships with many outstanding people. She will be deeply missed, as she was dearly loved. May she rest in peace, and may her memory be a blessing to all.

Dr. Ann Hanahoe Hines, Iota Chapter
Died: September 7, 2020



Dr. Ann Hanahoe Hines passed away on September 7, 2020. She was inducted as an Honorary Member of Iota Chapter on November 1, 1991. She was born on September 13, 1943 and grew up in the Philadelphia area. Ann received a B.S. degree from Rosemont College and a Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1969. She and her husband, Dr. Paul Hines, moved to Danbury in 1972.

In 1974, she founded the Cyril and Mary Hanahoe Memorial Children’s Clinic in Danbury to provide medical services to children of the greater Danbury area whose families could not afford a private pediatrician. For the next 35 years, she served as executive director and only staff pediatrician at the clinic, for much of that time without receiving a salary. She retired in June of 2009. Her work was greatly appreciated and she received the National Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service, Ladies Home Journal Award, Distinguished Graduate of Philadelphia Catholic Schools Award and multiple honorary degrees.

Ann was devoted to her family and to her Catholic faith. Always a Philadelphian at heart, she loved Tasty Cakes, birch beer and basketball. She was noted among family and friends for her cinnamon rolls.

In extending honorary membership to Dr. Hines, Iota recognized that children who are sick cannot learn. Her care for the children of the greater Danbury area and contributions to their health definitely contributed to their abilities to learn.



Connecticut State Organization members extend their sincere sympathies to **Past CSO President Marcella Miller** on the loss of her husband, John, on January 11, 2021. They were married for fifty-eight years.



Fall Conference

**Connecticut State Organization
Awards Recruitment Grants
and
High School Grants**

Since 1951, grants have been awarded by the Connecticut State Organization to female and male college/university students and high school seniors majoring in education. Each grant bears the name of a distinguished member of the Connecticut State Organization to the college or university with which the honored member had a close association. The following grants were announced at the 2020 Fall Conference by **CSO Chair of Professional Affairs Susan Carpenter**.

***\$500 Flora Lister Recruitment Grant to Arianna Stravato
Western Connecticut State University
Secondary English Major***

***\$500 Mary Mahoney Recruitment Grant to Jenna Raca
University of Connecticut
Elementary Education Major/ Master's in Curriculum and Instruction***

***\$500 Ida Seidel Recruitment Grant to Julie MacKinnon
Eastern Connecticut State University
Secondary Education English Major***

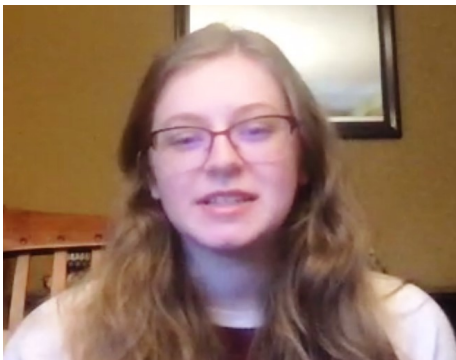
High School Grants

***\$750 Adelina "Lee" P. Formica Grant to Emily Balocca, Old Lyme High School
University of Connecticut***

***\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant to Eric Byrd, Middletown High School
Eastern Connecticut State University***

***\$750 Margaret Rose Nielsen Recruitment Grant to Emily Rutledge, Berlin High School
University of Hartford***

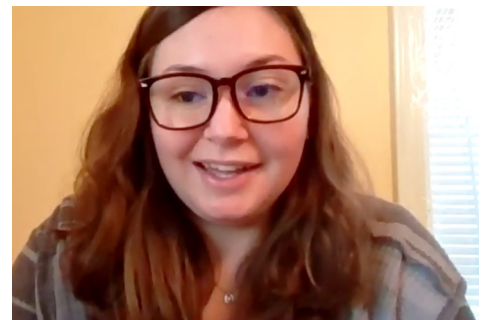
***\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant to Clara Guilmette, Portland High School
Central Connecticut State University***



**Clara Guilmette
Portland School
Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant**



**Arianna Stravato
Western Connecticut State University
Flora Lister Recruitment Grant**



**Jenna Racca
University of Connecticut
Mary Mahoney Recruitment Grant**



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

BETA

Beta Chapter held its first meeting of the 2020-21 school year Friday afternoon, October 16th, on Zoom. Eleven members attended.

The focus of the meeting was the COVID 19 virus and its effects in the schools on teachers, parents and students, as well as ways that individuals are coping with the virus. Much of the discussion focused on the social-emotional effects of remote and/or hybrid delivery of instruction on both teachers and students as they adjust to the inherent difficulties in adhering to the pedagogy. Members discussed ways that Beta Chapter could help with the current situation. It was decided that Beta Chapter will focus on the needs of Dunbar School in Bridgeport.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone's photos *Tulipa's Alluring Palette* and *Sleeping Sunflower* were accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

Chapter President Linda Paslov told members that her manuscript, *Viewpoint: Should SROs Remain in Our Schools?* has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* and may be included in the November issue (87-2), a future issue or "online only" depending on space. Linda also has a new position: Director of the Trumbull Agriscience and Biotechnology Center.

The next meeting was held on November 19th on Zoom.



Beta Chapter President Linda Paslov, at the Trumbull Agriscience and Biotechnology Center

ZETA

Zeta Chapter happily welcomes 2021 and wishes Delta Kappa Gamma members all over the world a happy, healthy and safe New Year!

On October 22nd, Zeta held its annual October meeting via Zoom. Guest speaker was Fred Rossomando, creator and director of **Horns for Kids**, and recipient of Zeta's 2019 Annual Worthy Project. "**Horns**" supports school music programs in CT that encourage students to experience their love of music by providing them with refurbished musical instruments of all kinds. Dedicated volunteers work to repair donated instruments and make them available to students. Fred's passionate discussion of the entire program was a delight for members to experience. Thanks to member, **Rita Landino**, for nominating this program to our 2019 Worthy Project selection committee.

Chapter Vice President Rosina Hurley

presented Zeta's longevity awards to the following:
5 Years to **Tina Corrado** and **Kathleen Peters -**

Durrigan;

10 Years to **Carolyn Downs**;

20 Years to **Lenore Martinelli** and **Nancy Tingley**;

25 Years to **Nancy Janeczek**;

30 Years to **Leslie Casanova**.

Congratulations to all.

Friends Center for Children has expressed thanks once again for Zeta's latest delivery of books which were most helpful to families experiencing illness and loss from COVID. Friends Director Allyx Schiavone spoke at the chapter's September meeting telling how much parents have enjoyed and used the books/book bags which members had distributed to them earlier. Friends Center continues to be most thankful and receptive to Zeta's educational project assisting this pre-school program.

Congratulations are again extended to **Terry Azoti** for having two more of her photos selected to be displayed in the Photography category of the International Fine Arts Gallery. Both *Roses and Lilacs* and *Masked Family* will be on display for the next several months.

With the creativity and assistance of several executive board members, Zeta hopes to offer to its membership some virtual online programs/events over the winter months. The chapter looks forward to sharing these events with all in the near future.

Kathleen Szczepanski, has offered her assistance to any chapter member who could benefit from learning how to log into the Zoom program. Please contact her directly.

THETA

As with all of DKG chapters, Theta Chapter has worked hard to keep members involved and informed in the activities and initiatives of Theta. This past summer, the Theta Planning Committee met to plan the year using data collected from members utilizing Survey Monkey. In light of the challenges presented by the pandemic, preferences for meeting formats were proposed. The majority of members expressed a preference for optional social gatherings where members wore masks, seating ensured a minimum of six feet distancing and were held outside. Members were provided the option of bringing their own food or purchasing individually wrapped sandwiches and fruit prepared by a local grocery store. Two social gatherings were held: the Theta Annual Picnic hosted by **Membership Chair Sharon Bartlett** and the Theta Fall Fest hosted by **Second Vice President Jane Moynihan**. At each of the gatherings, members were able to provide donations for Journey House, where Fall Fling donations and Holiday Boxes were provided for the girls, and Book for Babies were collected. Attendees were provided with masks sewn by **Jane Moynihan**.



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (Continued)

One new member, **Elizabeth Prose**, was inducted into Theta Chapter at the Annual Picnic on August 27th. Beth is currently an English Language Learner educator in the Windham Public Schools.

Jane Moynihan, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, coordinated the Theta "No Bake-Bake Sale" Fund Raiser. Theta Chapter elected to dedicate funds raised to two area soup kitchens given the increasing demand for food and meals. As a result \$960.00 was raised.

Sharon Bartlett, Chair of Journey House, reported that Journey House enrollment has declined over the past year since the courts have experienced delays due to COVID. The Journey House program is a 13-bed specialized residential treatment facility for court-involved adolescent girls located at Natchaug Hospital in Mansfield. Theta Chapter provides donations and social activities throughout the year for the girls. This past year, COVID precautions have prevented Theta members from face-to-face social activities; however, donations for goodie bags and Holiday Boxes, along with a personal note from Theta members, have provided an uplifting support to the girls. Holiday Boxes were delivered to the girls in December.

Theta's Books for Babies effort is continuing as members donate board books to encourage the importance of literacy in children at an early age. With the closure of the Maternity Unit at Windham Hospital, Theta is looking for a new area venue to receive the books.

Thanks go out to **Judy Baxter**, for encouraging members to submit applications to the DKG International Fall Fine Arts Gallery. We are pleased to announce that three Theta members had projects accepted into the Fine Arts Gallery: **Judy Baxter** had two photographs, **Linda Tracy** had two pastels and **Jane Moynihan** had two quilts accepted.



Theta Chapter induction of Elizabeth Prose. (l. to r.) Jane Moynihan and Elizabeth Prose

LAMBDA

Lambda held its September meeting outside, socially distancing with masks, at the home of **Chapter Treasurer Kari Baransky**. Attendees included **Kari**

Baransky, Janet Edwards, Sue Mattingly, Nancy Maynard, Irene Moriarty, Maureen O'Connor, Joan Roczynski, Mary Ellen Ulatowski and Johanne Walworth. President Mary Ellen Ulatowski requested a moment of silence for **Margaret (Peg) DiPersio**.

In addition to chapter business, the following Lambda Chapter members were recognized for their membership longevity:

25 Years: **Brenda Lunny, Susan Mattingly and Irene Moriarity**

30 years: **Susan Daniels, Sharon Manley, Joanne Pfluger and Susan Rankin**

Summaries were provided of both the State Spring Convention and the State Leadership Conference. The program for the meeting was entitled, *A 2020 Tapestry*. This included the following topics: remembering the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage (19th Amendment); continuing to acknowledge the pain, suffering and mourning brought about by the pandemic; mourning the loss of life; the increased medical dangers, as well as the loss of homes, businesses and forest land due to the raging wildfires, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes in the U.S. and the world; appreciating our essential workers and medical personnel for the sacrifices they continue to make; learning to live with a new sense of cautiousness and responsibility toward our fellow man; wearing masks to show caring for others, as well as remembering to take care of ourselves so that we can be of service to our families and our fellow man. The program concluded with a discussion about hope and service during the pandemic.

OMICRON

Omicron Chapter held its fall meeting via ZOOM on October 15th. A business meeting was held followed by guest speaker, Beverly Block Lewis, who is an Herbalist, Shamanic Practitioner and Reiki Master. Her presentation was *Garden & Kitchen Herbs: Open the Garden Gate to Find the Magic in Your Plants*. Members gained knowledge of herbal actions and their properties, as well as various herbal preparations. Members all learned a lot about what's right in our own backyards!

Omicron Chapter participated in the CSO 2020 Virtual Fall Conference on November 7th. The Founders presentation was organized by **Omicron President Pat Block**. Members **Jessica Block, Deb Ruderman and Helen Scully** presented the DKG Founders. Short biographies were read and photos of each Founder were shown then and now in 2020, complete with face masks!!





**AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE
(Continued)**

In other news, veteran member **Arlene Clancy** celebrated her 90th birthday on November 28th!! Arlene, a 35-year member of DKG, has served as chapter president of Omicron, as well as parliamentarian. A drive-by parade and tribute organized by her family, including her daughter (our own **CSO President Kathleen Lozinak**), was held at Perry Hill School in Shelton that afternoon. Many friends, family, Omicron members and other delegations from Shelton stopped by to give Arlene their best wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS, ARLENE



**Past State President Reflection
Judy Cody, Zeta Chapter
AKS President 2001 - 2003**



Perhaps it has taken the events of the year 2020 to better remind me of some of the great acquaintances, and now life-long friends, I made during my biennium as president in 2001-03. While making a visit to each chapter, I met some outstanding women who did so much for their chapter, students at their schools, their family and within their community, but who seldom were able to attend state meetings and functions. I cherished those visits and the women I met who inspired me in so many ways. They made me feel proud to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma with its principles and values. During the ride home after a chapter visit in another corner of our state, I often had the feeling that those members were proud of me too, for being willing and able to take on a state executive role that would keep those principles strong and safe for them and for our state organization.

I am pleased to report I still exchange phone calls, notes and e-mails with some of those chapter members nearly 20 years later; and yes, during this past year especially, while sheltering in place when phone calls meant so very much to so many.

A Call to Serve



We are close to completing a slate of officers and committee members for the next biennium, BUT we are still in need of several key positions.

Please consider the following:

We are looking for someone to become our next Recording Secretary for 2021 – 2023. **Kim Albro McGee** has served in this position for three bienniums, and she is happy to share her helpful tips with anyone willing to serve.

Attention Northwest Region Chapters
(Iota, Tau-Upsilon, Delta, Lambda, Mu)

We are looking for one member to serve on the Nominations Committee for 2021 – 2025.

Attention Southwest Region Chapters (Alpha, Beta, Nu, Omicron, Zeta)

We are looking for one member to serve on the Nominations Committee for 2021 – 2025.

Job descriptions for these positions can be found on the Connecticut State website at dkgct.weebly.com in the Bylaws and Standing Rules documents.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions or have a suggestion for a candidate please let a member of the Nominations Committee know, and we would be happy to contact the person.

Marilyn Arvoy Nominations Chairperson

Committee Members: Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Jacqueline Farrell, Lillie Feierabend and Patricia Piatek



CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to Six Connecticut Members!

The Arts and Humanities Jury has selected the artistic works of **five** Connecticut Members for the International Fall Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. Congratulations for their artistic endeavors go to **Terry Azoti** (Zeta), **Judy Baxter** (Theta), **Dr. Linda Paslov** (Beta), **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** (Beta), **Linda Tracy** (Theta) and **Jane Moynihan** (Theta).

Terry Azoti had two color photographs entries accepted: *Masked Family* and *Roses and Lilacs*. **Judy Baxter** also had two color photos accepted: *Utah Chuck Wagon* and *Take Flight*. **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** had two color photos accepted: *Sleeping Sunflower* and *Tulipa's Alluring Palette*. **Linda Tracy's** pastel paintings entitled *Path to the Moon* and *Splish Splash* and **Jane Moynihan's** two quilts *Vibrant* and *Tranquility* can also be found on the DKG website.

Members are invited to view the entire gallery on the home page of the International website www.dkg.org. All Connecticut members are encouraged to submit their creative work to the Spring Gallery during the next submission period from **January 15 - February 15, 2021**. The categories include photography, crafts, literary efforts and two-and three-dimensional art. Guidelines can be found online in the ART Gallery.

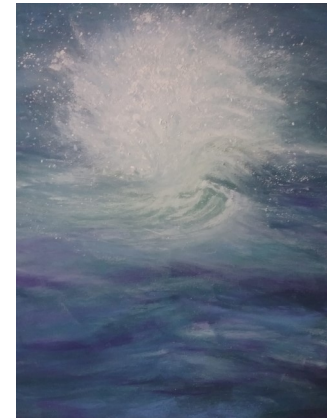
In addition, **Dr. Linda Paslov's** manuscript, *Viewpoint: Should SROs Remain in Our Schools?* has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* or in a future issue (online only).

Congratulations again to our CT Members on their fine achievements!

Judith Baxter, Theta Chapter



**Path to the Moon
Linda Tracy**



**Splish Splash
Linda Tracy**



**Tranquility Quilt
Jane Moynihan**



Vibrant Quilt, Jane Moynihan



**Utah Chuck Wagon
Judy Baxter**



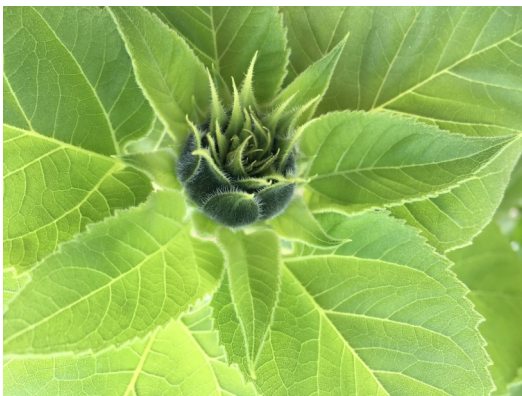
**Take Flight
Judy Baxter**



**Roses and Lilacs
Terry Azoti**



**Masked Family
Terry Azoti**



**Sleeping Sunflower
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**



**Tulipa's Alluring Palette
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**



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Are you planning to pursue an advanced or doctoral degree? You are eligible to apply for a \$6,000 advanced degree scholarship or for a \$10,000 doctoral degree scholarship. The application and information can be found on the DKG website under Apply/Submit at the top of the Society's homepage.

The deadline for applying is February 1, 2021.



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Portland, OR

2021 International Conference
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San Antonio, TX



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