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Saturday, November 5, 2016

SHARING OUR VISION: PAYING IT FORWARD

Breaking Glass Ceilings



Dr. Carol J. Guardo, a resident of Bloomfield, CT, will be the keynote speaker at the Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference on November 5th. Her presentation, entitled *Breaking Glass Ceilings*, focuses on the several ‘glass ceilings’ encountered during her professional career in higher education. These experiences are examined within the context of the societal issues prevalent across multiple decades – issues that had an effect not only on education, but on society at-large.

Her experiences and those of other women within her profession were influenced by and reflected the changing cultural norms and views of women and their roles. She will address the role of mentors in women’s professional success and impediments that remain for future leaders to address if the goal of having each young girl achieve her full potential is to be realized.

Dr. Guardo’s administrative posts include Dean of Faculty at Utica College of Syracuse University, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Drake University, Provost at the University of Hartford, President of Rhode Island College and President of the Great Lakes Colleges Association in Michigan. She also served as interim president at the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota and her alma mater, the University of Saint Joseph.

Anita Satriano
AKS Educational Impact Chair

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Fall Conference!

Saturday, November 5th

NEW LOCATION: Baci Grill—Rose Garden Banquet Room

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Jottings from Joan

Sharing Our Vision—Paying it Forward



Welcome to a new year at Delta Kappa Gamma. I want to offer a special welcome to new chapter presidents and executive board members. I know you will learn a great deal and I hope you will participate in our meetings as much as possible.

I hope your summer was great. I went on a Baltic Sea Cruise—six countries in nine days. It was absolutely amazing and a great learning experience. Two weeks later, I attended our state Leadership Development Conference. Roz Etra and her committee did a wonderful job. The speaker spoke to our goal of empowering women as she talked about the journey that women astronomers had taken. The breakout sessions also elicited positive feedback.

I am proud to represent AKS at the International Convention. As state president, I am part of the International Executive Board. Meeting with state presidents from many countries was a great experience. I also got to catch a glimpse of the inner workings of the International Executive Board as well as reconnect with my fellow Northeast Region State Presidents.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. We will be making some changes to the meeting schedule. Our Strategic Plan will be revisited. Our new Investment Committee is going strong. I am hoping *DKGnext!* will inspire our members under 35 to become more involved and to bring in new members.

I also invite all to attend our Fall Conference on November 5th. We have a new venue, and our speaker will talk about *Breaking the Glass Ceiling*. There will be something for everyone.

Keep up the good work.

Joan

2017 Annual CTAUN Conference at the United Nations Refugees: The 21st Century Challenge"



The 17th Annual Committee for Teaching About the United Nations Conference is set for **Friday, January 27, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** You are invited to join your DKG sisters to take a look at the refugee crisis and different efforts on the global and local level to bring about solutions. For more information or to register visit teachun.org.

In your classroom or community did you apply something you learned from a CTAUN Conference? You may be eligible for the **CTAUN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD** which is given out each year during the Annual CTAUN Conference at the UN. Go to [AWARDS](#) for details. Note: **Submission deadline for recognition at the 2017 Conference is November 1, 2016.**

It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies.

~~ UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon 12 June 2013

ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



AKS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference was held at Central Connecticut State University on Friday, June 24th. It was well attended with over 50 officers and members seeking inspiration and information. The conference was hosted by Dr. Kristine Larsen, Professor of Physics and Director of the Copernican Observatory and Planetarium, who also gave the keynote address. Dr. Larsen spoke on the timely topic, *A Woman's Place Is in the Dome*. Members were surprised to learn of the many women of science who had received limited recognition for their discoveries simply because they were women.

Members participated in mini-leadership activities planned by **AKS Leadership Development Chair Roz Etra** and her committee. Chapter officers and members then attended break-out sessions led by state officers and committee chairs. Informational meetings were held for chapter presidents, treasurers, membership chairs and communication chairs, as well as members interested in Program/Educational Impact. Leaders for the sessions

were **AKS President Joan Konareski, AKS First Vice President Pat O'Connell Buckley, AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney, AKS Communications Chair Judy Cody and AKS Membership Chair Deborah Soresino.**

Following a break for food and fellowship, members were invited to attend a planetarium show that Dr. Larsen had geared specifically to the educators in attendance. Members learned of the many constellation references found in all levels of literature. Dr. Larsen shared stories from modern text and ancient times and entertained the audience with her great wit. Dr. Larsen prompted all in attendance to continue to encourage the girls in their lives to enjoy science and explore the many career choices available to them in the 21st century. Members in attendance at the daylong event were truly inspired and eager to share the new learning with their chapters.

Dr. Kathleen Lozinak
Omicron Chapter President



Conference Host and Keynote Speaker Dr. Kristine Larsen, CCSU



Team Building Activity



AKS Leadership Development Chair Roz Etra introducing AKS Chapter Ambassador and Captain of the Space Mission Jeanne Morascini to deliver an inspirational message

**Photographs by
Carolyn Downs
AKS State Photographer**



AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter is looking forward to an exciting 2016-17 year of programs and activities. The chapter welcomes new members **Pat Rosen**, a retired Greenwich High School Special Education teacher and consultant, and **Donna Marie Kaiser**, who teaches Chemistry at Stamford High School.

Program Chair Ginny Rose has planned the year's calendar of events. The October meeting will feature a talk by author Missy Wolfe, a Greenwich High School graduate and former student of Alpha member **Elinor Carr**. The December event is at Diane's Books, where owner Diane Garrett shares her "favorite reads" for adults and children.

Two service projects have been planned: a canned goods donation for Neighbor to Neighbor food pantry, coordinated by **Lynn Montanari**, and school supplies donation for children in the Dominican Republic coordinated by **Lucy Galasso**.

BETA

The executive board of Beta Chapter held its final meeting of the 2015-16 school year at Aldario's Restaurant in Milford, CT. **Linda Paslov, Educational Excellence Chairperson**, introduced three prospective members who will be initiated at the first meeting of the 2016-17 school year: **Michele Molloy** is a kindergarten teacher at Jane Ryan School in Trumbull; **Cathy Huffman** is a TAG (Talented and Gifted) teacher for the Trumbull Public Schools, and **Susan D'Amato** is a computer teacher at North End Middle School in Waterbury. New officers for the next biennium will also be inducted.

Linda Paslov reported that she presented Naomi Rojas, a student at Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport, CT, a Beta Chapter grant for \$500 at the Awards Banquet at Vazzy's Four Seasons Restaurant in Stratford on June 2nd. Naomi will enter a teacher education program at Sacred Heart University in the fall.

In July, **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** attended the DKG International Convention in Nashville, TN. As a member of the International Arts and Humanities Jury, Sandy and two other jury members presented a breakout session during which six DKG artists spoke.

GAMMA

On June 16th, Gamma held a special meeting to install new officers. **Past President Janis Sawicki** and the members installed the following officers for the biennium: **President Leonille Kadambaya, First Vice President Faye Ringel, Second Vice President Roz Etra, and Recording Secretary Linda Shea**.

The following officials were also appointed: **Corresponding Secretary Sue Danilowicz, Treasurer Barbara Kosegarten, Parliamentarian Elaine Akers and Membership Chair Elaine Porter**.

Gamma members are grateful for the service rendered by **Janice Sawicki** and **Regina Tate**. In this biennium, Gamma is striving to increase membership and make a difference in the community. As a result, Gamma is holding its 2016 – 2017 meetings in various places in order to reach new members and make the organization visible. Specifically, Gamma's fall meeting will be held in October

at the Multicultural Magnet School in New London, the winter meeting will be held in December at the Norwich Free Academy, the March 2017 meeting will be held in the Yantic River Restaurant or in the Holiday Inn (depending on the attendance), and the May 2017 meeting will be held in the Dime Bank's Community Room.

On August 24th, Gamma held its executive meeting in the Otis Public Library, in Norwich. The officers who attended (**Faye Ringel, Roz Etra, Linda Shea, Elaine Porter, and Leonille Kadambaya**) reviewed the June minutes and examined how the organization is moving toward the 2016 -2017 goals. In March, Women's History Month, the speaker will be Rebecca Pinkas, a specialist in Arctic Policy. Gamma will reach out to several local women's organizations and area DKG chapters to invite their attendance at this exciting dinner meeting.

Gamma Chapter members were involved in the Norwich's Diversity Day celebration on September 21st, and Delta Kappa Gamma flyers were available to the attendees. When the Smithsonian Exhibit arrives at Otis Library on January 2nd, Gamma members will be present.

DELTA

Delta Chapter's theme for the 2016-17 year is *Pay It Forward*. The first meeting of the year was held on September 21st at Sunset Grille in Watertown. The guest speaker was Megan Clark Torrey, Executive Director for the World Affairs Council of Connecticut. She spoke about confronting worldwide women's issues, such as education and healthcare. Members donated items, such as pencils, markers, crayons, etc., which **Joanne Brogis** will deliver to schoolchildren in Cuba in October.

Delta's officers for the new biennium are **President Pauline Auclair, First Vice President Joanne Brogis, Treasurer Rosemarie Mikasauskas, Corresponding Secretary Rita Caruso and Recording Secretary Mary Lou Kuegler**. The holiday meeting will be held on December 3rd.

EPSILON

On August 27th, Epsilon Chapter met at the Windsor Public Library to celebrate the initiation of new members. Members in attendance included **Janie Pertillar, Judi Weiner, Brenda Monroe-Fitzpatrick** and **Shannon Karlowicz**. Following the installation of new officers, Epsilon welcomed six new members including **Dr. Yvonne Coachman-Francis**, Early Childhood Educator, Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Coordinator and an assistant principal for the Hartford Public Schools; **Dr. Katherine Dougherty**, Assistant Principal at Capitol Region Education Council (CREC); **Natalie Fraser-Simpson**, a high school English teacher for the Hartford Public Schools; **Beth Hogan**, a PreK-12 Special Education teacher for the Hartford Public Schools; **Latoya Johnson**, an Early Childhood Educator at Jumoke Academy Charter School in Hartford; and **Vivian Luna-Colon**, a Theme Coach and World Language Teacher at Capitol Region Education Council (CREC). **Alpha Kappa State President Joan Konareski** led the ceremonies.



NUTMEG STATE (continued)

An October meeting is planned with a presentation on financial investments and a team-building activity in which members will learn to create wreaths for the doors of their homes.



Epsilon Chapter (l. to r.) **President Dr. Janie Pertillar, Beth Hogan, Natalie Fraser-Simpson, Treasurer Judi Weiner, Secretary Brenda Monroe-Fitzpatrick, Latoya Johnson, Dr. Yvonne Coachman-Francis, and Vice President Shannon Karlowicz**



Epsilon Chapter new members (l. to r.) **Natalie Fraser-Simpson, Latoya Johnson, Beth Hogan, Dr. Yvonne Coachman-Francis.**

ZETA

Zeta Chapter was represented at the 2017 DKG International Convention by **AKS Recording Secretary Kim Albro** and **AKS Immediate Past President Terry Azoti**. Both returned inspired and rejuvenated.

Zeta Chapter held a summer planning meeting for the upcoming year at which all members were invited to attend. Committee assignments were discussed, meeting dates and sites were set. The annual Welcome Back meeting was held at Ridge Road School on September 22nd led by Zeta's new biennium **President Lenore Martinelli**.

Refreshments were provided by retired members. Speaker/video from Wounded Warrior for Children program was presented to members sharing ways that the chapter's donation of nearly \$900 was used. The money represents that which was earned at the annual fundraiser auction held November, 2015.

An Orientation meeting was held for five new candidates following the first meeting in preparation for the annual Initiation dinner meeting to be held October 19th, at the Maritime Grille in Guilford. The annual fundraiser brunch/auction will be held Saturday, November 19th, to support the two Zeta grants, as well as for a member-selected worthy project. Zeta members look forward to an active fall of meetings and activities, as well as the initiation of five new outstanding members!

THETA

In June, **Sharon Bartlett** organized a fun-filled *Spring Fling* afternoon with Theta sisters at *Journey House*. Two new chapter members, **Carole Norrish** and **Jill Hill**, had fun with the girls decorating cupcakes, which were donated to *St. Joseph Living Center* in Windham, and making bracelets. **Joan Cariglia** kindly donated gift cards, and **Ann Grosjean** helped out where needed. The girls enjoyed selecting goodies donated by chapter members. Theta just received the holiday stockings to fill with joy to be given to each girl in December!

Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Carol Kraus and **Dr. Ann Grosjean** attended the DKG International Convention in Nashville. Pat was re-elected to the DKG Finance Committee, and she has since been named chairperson! Pat did a round-table presentation for the Finance Committee, and Ann did a workshop with her DKG@UN fellow representatives about the Sustainable Development Goals. Carol was glad to see the Iceland sisters she met last spring when she spoke to them about the Curriculum of Hope as a DKG International Fund Speaker. The group especially enjoyed the CT dinner, which was attended by former Theta member, **Phyllis Hickey**, now DKG Operation Service Administrator in Austin, TX.

Theta's annual Welcome Back Picnic was delightful again this year. **Sharon Bartlett's** beautiful deck overlooking the Coventry countryside hills set the stage for a relaxing afternoon of fellowship. **Jill Hill** was initiated into the chapter, and plans for the upcoming year were reviewed. Jill is a reading tutor at Sweeney School in Willimantic. She has been very active in the PTO for many years and was named Parent of the Year.

The Curriculum of Hope Committee was busy planning for a visit by Jeff Veley, an award-winning youth expert, who presented *Making Friends and Dealing with Your Enemies* at Windham Middle School on September 12th. There were assemblies for students during the day, staff training after school and a family ice cream social in the evening.

Annette Murphy and **Ann Chuk**, Theta's co-chairs of the *Books for Babies Program* continue to negotiate with Barnes and Noble who has taken over the UConn CoOp. In the past, the CoOp has given the chapter a 50% discount for board books purchased for each baby born at Windham Hospital. Parents also receive a pamphlet about the importance of reading to their child. Members have their fingers crossed that Barnes and Noble will continue this generous practice!



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

(CONTINUED)

Theta Chapter is very sorry for the loss of its sister **Ann Tucker** on July 2nd. Her sudden illness and passing was a shock to Theta members and to her mother, Theta's long-time member **Anita Satriano**, as well as her family and friends. Ann will be missed by all, including the staff and her former students from the *Mansfield Discovery Depot*, where she taught pre-school for twenty-two years. She will live on in our hearts.



Theta's new members: (l. to r.) **Donna Cawley, Carole Norrish and Margaret Daly** with **Initiation Chair Sue Moon and President Ann Grosjean.**



Theta Chapter initiation: (l.to r.) **Initiation Chair Sue Moon, new member Jill Hill and Second Vice President Karen Dibala**

IOTA

Iota installed its new officers in May. They are: **President Sandy Gammons, First Vice President Jaqui Farrell, Second Vice President Ellie Coffey, Recording Secretary Nina Shimer, Corresponding Secretary Ruth Ellen Hunt, and Parliamentarian and Treasurer Marnie Straiton.** After the installation, members shared a potluck and an auction. The chapter awarded two \$250 book grants to current area teachers, one from Henry Abbott Tech and the other from Newtown High School. A planning meeting was held in Stonington in August for the coming year. Lots of exciting things to come!

OMICRON

The June AKS Leadership Conference at CCSU was attended by **Dr. Kathleen Lozinak, Emily Lozinak, Pat Block and Judy Joss.** The 2016 International Convention in Nashville was attended by **Dr. Kathleen Lozinak and Emily Lozinak.**

Emily presented the following topics in Break-Out sessions:

- New2DKG
 - The First-Timers Convention
 - Professionally Branding Yourself on Social Media
- She also spoke at the *Be the Change Luncheon on Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*, as well as worked at the Cyber Cafe instructing members on new technology.

Omicron President Kathleen Lozinak spoke on the following topics:

- The EdD program in Leadership and Management from Capella University
- The Importance of Strong Mentor Pairing Procedures

RHO

Rho Chapter met in July to plan its 2016-2017 meetings. The first meeting was a dinner on Sept. 27th at Angellino's Restaurant in Vernon. The November meeting will be a travelogue with a presentation on either Thailand or Viet Nam. In January, chapter members will be joining Theta members at the Willington Library for a presentation on immigration and the refugee resettlement program of New Haven. Rho Chapter members are very excited about the April 5th program at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. The chapter will be hosting a presentation by ECSU President Elsa Nunez on her life, as described in her book, *Hanging On and Hanging Out: From the Projects to the Campus.* President Nunez will also describe the ECSU Dual College Enrollment Program. All DKG members are welcome to attend this meeting. More information will be available in the spring. Rho's final meeting will be the potluck dinner meeting in May at Crandall Pond Lodge in Tolland.





Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2016 International Convention



AKS members at DKG International Convention: (l. to r.) **Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Emily Lozinak, Terry Azoti, Jacqui Farrell, Joan Konareski, Carol Kraus, Dr. Kathleen Lozinak, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone and Dr. Ann Grosjean** (Absent from photo: **Kim Albro**)



DKG International Convention attendees and presenters: **Emily and Dr. Kathleen Lozinak**



AKS Recording Secretary Kim Albro holds the Connecticut sign at a General Session



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

**Ann Elizabeth Satriano Tucker, Theta Chapter
July 2, 2016**

Anne was initiated into Theta Chapter on June 3, 2015. She joined her mother, longtime **Theta member Anita Satriano**. Anne was passionate about peace in the world and was excited to work with the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World with hopes to expand the preschool curriculum. She enjoyed Theta meetings and contributed to its projects. Sadly, Anne was a member for only one year when she passed away.

Anne attended St. Joseph’s College in West Hartford. She took courses at Central Connecticut State University and Goodwin College in the area of early childhood education to stay current in her field. Anne worked at St. Mary’s in West Hartford in the bishop’s residence. She was then an au pair for seven years to two young ladies, who had lost their mother. These women and their families are still part of Anne’s extended family today! For the past twenty-two years she taught preschoolers at the Mansfield Discovery Depot. She was active at the local and state level developing standards and benchmarks for young children.

Anne was on the Board of Directors at the St. Joseph Living Center and was a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Church, both in Willimantic. She was quite involved in her son Michael’s sports teams. She served as vice president of the tri-town youth football team and volunteered at the state wrestling tournament at St. Bernard High School every year. Most of all, Anne was a friend to all and she will be greatly missed.



Answer the Call from Alpha Kappa State

Alpha Kappa State is seeking Officer Candidates for the 2017-19 Biennium

Members are invited to serve as
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
Recording Secretary

Nominations are also open for
three members of the Finance Committee and
three members of the Nominations Committee
(to serve from 2017 – 2021)

The responsibilities of each position are available online on the AKS website in the Bylaws and Standing Rules document.

The nominations form is also found on line at www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/.

Forms are also available from your chapter president or any member of the Nominations Committee.

Send nominations postmarked by December 1, 2016 to:
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Chair
607 Juniper Court
Oxford, CT 06478

Nominations Committee Members:

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| Patricia Faulkner, Mu Chapter | Margaret Festi, Rho Chapter |
| Gail Karwoski, Beta Chapter | Joanne Brogis, Delta Chapter |
| Susan Nadeau, Rho Chapter | |



(l. to r.) **Dr. Kathleen Lozinak (AKS), Dr. Ann Cavanaugh-Grosjean (AKS) and Phyllis Hickey (DKG Service Administrator)**



DKG LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Delta Kappa Gamma's Leadership and Management Seminar (LMS) was held this summer in Austin, Texas. **Dr. Ann Cavanaugh-Grosjean** and **Dr. Kathleen Lozinak** were able to attend through a generous donation of the Golden Gift Fund. Ann and Kathleen also received support from the AKS Margaret H. Croft Fund. The over-arching purpose of this experience is to train leaders for the organization. Two sessions were held each day beginning at 8:30 and ending by 5:00. The classes were taught by the professors from the world renowned McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas, Austin (UT). The topics included Emotional Intelligence, the Myers-Briggs Personality and Management Scale, Values & Ethics, Mental Agility, Leadership Presence, Negotiations, Creative Solutions, Thinking on Your Feet, Conflict Resolution, Obtaining Optimal Wellness: Fitness & Nutrition, Empowering Women, Leading Across the Generations, Advocacy and Interpersonal Communication and Leading Change. Thirty DKG members from all regions worked closely together throughout the day and had opportunities for social time as well. A day was spent in Fredericksburg, Texas, a town famous for its German ancestry, historic sites, great shopping and good food. Members of the 2016 LMS Class also visited the Texas State Capitol building and grounds and had abundant time to explore the UT campus and downtown Austin.

A ceremony was held at Annie Blanton's grave, where each member was invited to leave a rose and say a few words. A graduation ceremony was held at the conclusion of the two weeks at the DKG Headquarters in the Annie Webb Blanton Room. Participants received Leadership and Management pins, certificates from the McCombs School of Business and a class photo, as well as a small token from the DKG Education Foundation.

All active members in DKG are encouraged to apply for this wonderful opportunity. It is held every other year with the next class scheduled for July, 2018. There is an application process and thirty women are chosen based on current leadership roles or potential leadership.

Dr. Kathleen Lozinak
Omicron Chapter President

A special thank you to the reviewers for *The Keynote*:

Terry Azoti
Pat O'Connell Buckley
Judy Cody
Joan Konareski

Jeanne Morascini
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone
Nancy Roy

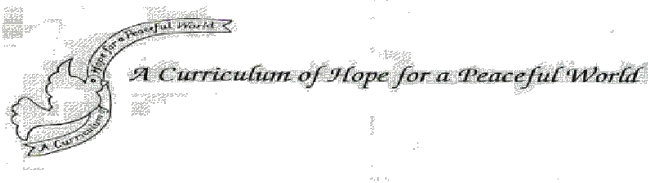




Fall Conference Fine Arts Presentation

Gamma Chapter member Elaine Porter will share her experiences organizing and leading a multicultural student choir at Norwich Free Academy. The choir began as a gospel choir and later became multicultural. The members represent many cultures and their songs include selections from a variety of cultures. We look forward to hearing from Elaine about her unique experiences and this dynamic choir.

**Roz Etra, Chair
AKS Leadership Development**



Thanks to Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World! On September 12th, the students, staff and parents of Windham Middle School in Willimantic benefited from a full day of assemblies, a staff workshop and an early evening ice cream social led by Jeff Veley, a well-known speaker from Grand Rapids, Michigan. All events were focused on *Making Friends and Dealing with Your Enemies*.

Using a blend of humor, story telling, demonstration and student participation, Jeff introduced a simple two-step model to promote personal resilience coupled with social and emotional skills, with a final result of resolving problems and turning enemies into friends. Several Curriculum of Hope members attended various parts of the day's events where they received many thanks from staff members, parents and students for providing this service to the school population.

**Jeanne Morascini, Founder
Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World**

Alpha Kappa State to Induct Prestigious State Honorary Member

The Alpha Kappa State Membership Committee is honored to announce that at its September meeting, the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board unanimously approved a new State Honorary Member. This member will be initiated at the Fall State Conference:

State of Connecticut State Senator Gayle Slossberg

The formal induction ceremony will take place at the conference on November 5th. Please come to the Fall Conference to meet, greet and congratulate this distinguished Connecticut woman.



CT State Senator Gayle Slossberg

Senator Slossberg represents the towns of Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge. She has been a CT State Senator since 2005. She is the Deputy Majority Leader and is the chair of the Education Committee and Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee.

She has served on the Board of Directors of the Milford Visiting Nurses Association and is a past president of the Matthewson Elementary School PTA. Senator Slossberg has also been a member of the *Endowment for Bridges Community Support System, Inc.*

Senator Slossberg graduated from Cornell University and New York University Law School. She lives in Milford with her husband and three children.



**Get well wishes to
AKS Past President Carol Kraus.**

From your AKS sisters.



Please be aware that **First-Time-Ever attendees** at the upcoming AKS Fall Conference may check the sentence at the bottom of the registration form. One first-time attendee will win a special prize!

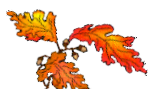


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SHARING OUR VISION: PAYING IT FORWARD

8:15—9:00 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00—9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:15-10:15 a.m.	Keynote: Dr. Carol J. Guardo, <i>Breaking Glass Ceilings</i>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break, Non-Dues Revenue Sales
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Installation of State Honorary Member, Senator Gayle Slossberg
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Break, Non-Dues Revenue Sales
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Buffet Lunch
12:45-1:15 p.m.	Fine Arts Presentation: Gamma Member Elaine Porter shares experiences leading a multicultural student choir.
1:15-1:30 p.m.	Scholarship Presentations
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Alpha Kappa State Recruitment Grants Presentations
1:45-2:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and <i>The Delta Kappa Gamma Song</i>

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION

Please send form below and check made out to: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa State

Mail to:

Janice McKusick, Theta Chapter
 102 Chaffeeville Road; Storrs, CT 06268
 (860) 423-7457
 jmkusick@charter.net

DIRECTIONS TO Baci Grill

Traveling North or South: I-91 North or South to Exit 21, turn right at end of exit.
 At end of exit, turn right onto CT-372 W. Restaurant is .2 miles on the right.
 Parking is at front and side of restaurant. Additional parking is in lot behind restaurant.
 Handicap ramps are located at both sides of the restaurant.
 There are stairs directly into the Rose Garden Banquet Room.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 21, 2016

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Continental Breakfast served 8:15—9:00 a.m. includes muffins, bagels, juices and brewed coffee and teas.

Buffet Lunch (11:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.) includes: Tuscan House Salad, Eggplant Tower (vegetarian), Honey Balsamic Chicken, Baked Stuffed Sole, Italian Bread, Dessert and Coffee or Tea

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INDICATE: _____

CONFERENCE COSTS:	Registration fee <u>per person</u>	\$ 5.00
Guest Name/s: _____	Late fee (Postmarked after 10/21/2016)	\$ 5.00
_____	Lunch Cost, including Continental Breakfast	\$36.00

GRAND TOTAL _____

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audiotaped, or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice, and words without compensation.

Check here, if this is your first Alpha Kappa State Conference. _____




MEMBERSHIP

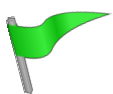
Almost all the resources for incoming chapter membership chairs have been revised or updated. The biggest change is found in the newly revised *Guidelines for Chapter Membership Committee Chairs 2016* which is written so chapters know they have options and flexibility in the way they operate, recruit and initiate women into DKG.

Recruitment: There is nothing secret about becoming a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. A chapter vote is required, and new members must be eligible for membership, meeting DKG's criteria for Active or Honorary membership; but the methods your chapter uses to recruit new members is up to your chapter. Women interested in DKG can attend programs and meetings. A *Membership Recruitment Plan 2015* can be found on the DKG website, but it should be seen as an idea; one of the many resources listed in the *Guide* and on the DKG website. Membership Committees in each chapter should choose practices and ideas that they believe will be effective.

Initiation: A chapter can initiate members at each meeting or specify the number of meetings a year when members are initiated. Check your chapter's Standing Rules and make a motion to change a rule if it is restricting your chapter's ability to initiate new members.

Ceremonies: If your chapter uses the "old" Initiation Ceremony and members love it, keep using it; but if your chapter wishes to use something different, the 2016 *Ceremonies Booklet* can be downloaded. These ceremonies can be adapted to meet your chapter's needs.

Each chapter has received a folder with all the updated membership forms, the 2016 *Guidelines for Chapter Membership* and a list detailing where membership information can be found.



Deborah Soresino
AKS Membership Chair

NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINE: December 1, 2016
SPRING 2016 KEYNOTE DEADLINE: February 28, 2017

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Baci Grill
134 Berlin Road., Cromwell

Friday, January 27, 2017
CTAUN Conference
(Committee on Teaching About The United Nations)
United Nations, New York City

Saturday, February 4, 2017
Snow Date: Saturday, February 11, 2017
Alpha Kappa State Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

Saturday, April 29, 2017
AKS Spring Convention
Baci Grill, Cromwell

Saturday, June 3, 2017
Alpha Kappa State Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library