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CONGRATULATIONS TO PATRICIA O'CONNELL BUCKLEY AND TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: GLOBAL AWARENESS



GLOBAL AWARENESS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

More than 300 members, family and friends attended the Global Awareness International Conference from July 30th to August 1st. The Connecticut State Organization hosted the conference at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT. There were seminars, speakers, workshops, takeaways and panels on the topic of *Global Awareness*.

The conference got off to a successful start with welcomes from **Northeast Regional Director Jane Tanner** and **Connecticut State Organization President Kathleen Lozinak**. Kathleen read a citation from **Connecticut Lieutenant Governor and CT State Honorary Member Susan Bysiewicz**. Members started learning about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Eileen Venzia (NY) explained that DKG Non-Governmental Representatives would speak about each of the goals throughout the conference.



Donna Dufresne as Prudence Crandall



Mashantucket Pequot dancer

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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLD-

FROM THE MIDDLE



Hello Ladies,

I must admit I am a bit anxious and more than a little humbled to be writing to you as the 37th President of The Connecticut State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. As I mentioned at our Spring Convention and again at our June Executive Board Meeting, I am secure with my place in the middle. I am the middle child born in my family. am the middle generation in a family of teachers, I am the middle level administrator in DKG Organization; and, hopefully, I am somewhere in the middle of DKG CT history.

So who am I? I am the happily married mother of five daughters and grandmother of nine. I am a lover of all things outdoors and a lifelong learner. I am a teacher, a mentor, a union representative and a global citizen. You can “google” me if you need more specifics! I have been an active member of DKG since 1997 and have been the beneficiary of an International Scholarship, CT Scholarship and a participant in the Leadership and Management Seminar. I have presented at multiple conferences in cities near and far. I am a true advocate for the DKG Vision and embrace our mission and purposes.

I have been impacted by leading women educators worldwide and hope that I can help to build on all that is good in our great Connecticut State Organization. As we work together over this biennium I hope to begin to recruit collegiate members by establishing a presence on all of the college and university campuses that have teacher preparation programs. I also hope to be able to support all of our state members in their personal and professional growth with a more defined focus on the arts.

I hope to meet many of you at our Fall Conference on Nov. 2nd. Dr. Ann Grosjean has assembled an outstanding group of presenters, and I assure you there will be something for everyone. Please bring a few friends and make a day of it. Guests are always welcome. After reading the Break-Out descriptions, you will certainly want to ‘divide and conquer’ and then meet over lunch to discuss your take-aways from each session. If you have never attended a state conference before, this is the year to make the effort. We will welcome you with the ever-accepting embrace of a sister in DKG.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Kathleen



Connecticut State Organization Governing Documents in Compliance

International Constitution Committee Chair, F. Kay Stuart, has sent a letter of Final Acknowledgement to the Connecticut Bylaws Committee Chair that all documents are in full compliance with the *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules*. Copies are on file at International Headquarters in Austin, Texas. State members voted on the revisions at the May 4th State Convention. The 2019 updated and revised documents can be accessed on the state website dkgct.weebly.com in the *About Us* menu section.

~ Terry Azoti, Bylaws Committee Chair

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



(Continued from page 1) *Global Awareness International Conference*

Attendees were treated to a portrayal of teacher, activist and Connecticut State heroine **Prudence Crandall** by performance artist Donna Dufresne. In 1832, Prudence Crandall established an academy for the education of African-American girls and women in Canterbury, Connecticut. She was a woman making a difference.

Members enjoyed listening and moving to the big band sound of Flamingo. This 14-piece all female band entertained with music from the swing era, rock 'n roll, pop tunes and rhythm & blues.

Attendees were moved by a presentation Wednesday morning by Marion Blumenthal Lazan. She presented the story of her family's incarceration, liberation and survival from six and a half years in concentration camps during the World War II Holocaust. Marion has spoken to over a million people since 1979 with her message of respect, tolerance, acceptance, perseverance and hope. Marion was inducted as a Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Honorary Member. The facts of her life are documented in the book, *Four Perfect Pebbles: A HOLOCAUST STORY* by Lila Perl and Marion Blumenthal Lazan. Interested members may visit her website www.fourperfectpebbles.com.

Members enjoyed a celebration luncheon which included an announcement of the Achievement Award to Judy Merz, a video from the author of *Ghosts in the Schoolyard*, the Educator's Book Award recipient, a conference survey and a solo by Michigan member Nancy Everett.

Everyone enjoyed playing Foxwoods High Stakes BINGO Wednesday evening. The event was a fundraiser for the DKG Emergency Fund, which helps members affected by a natural disaster. Our own **Carrie Fiske** from Iota was one of the winners!

The Connecticut *Pieces for Peace Traveling Art Exhibition*, sponsored by *The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World*, was displayed through the entire conference. The exhibition was inspired by the Cityarts Pieces for Peace project in New York City. The children's original artwork expresses their vision of "What does peace look like to you?"

Attendees learned more about the Native American Mashantucket Pequot Nation, including a dance presentation. The history and meaning of the dances and the costumes were explained. The bead work on the costumes was spectacular.

The U.S. and Canada Forums on Thursday morning were very well attended. Megan Clark Torrey, CEO of the World Affairs Council of CT, was the keynote speaker at the U.S. Forum. She spoke about her work in the development and delivery of world-class programming to educate the community on global affairs. The Canada Forum discussed the diverse educational issues impacting various regions in Canada.

A panel of people from business, education and NGO's (Non-Governmental Organization representatives) discussed the final United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and how they are being implemented. All went home with new knowledge and an appreciation of the role we as individuals can take to impact our world.

Attendees looked for interesting items and unusual gifts at the Marketplace. The traffic through the Marketplace was consistent for five hours and was worthwhile for the vendors.

Thursday evening, attendees were treated to a performance by the Global Awareness Conference chorus. They sang folk songs from around the world. It is amazing that a group of women who sing together for only three rehearsals can sound so beautiful.

The last evening of the conference concluded with a presentation from Monica Oliveira, a Community Engagement Fellow with UNICEF USA's Global Citizenship Fellowship Program. She talked about her work with UNICEF and Delta Kappa Gamma's partnership with UNICEF through the "Schools for Africa" International project. Two videos were viewed depicting two lives (from Sierra Leone and Niger) that have been positively affected by this project.

The conference was successful due to the work and energy of the DKG Connecticut State Organization members. Members stuffed bags, registered attendees, collected tickets, helped members from out of state to get around, organized events and speakers, presented at events, workshops, and takeaways and so many more things that it is impossible to mention them all. Connecticut State Organization can be proud of a job well done. The conference was a coming together of the positive, affirming women of DKG.

Connecticut State Organization Past President Pat O'Connell Buckley



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, 2020 For more information go to www.dkgef.org



AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter is looking forward to an exciting year of programs planned by **Program Chair Judy Petersen**. The annual Author's Talk will be held in October at a local library. This event is also open to the public. In November, the focus is Travel Shares, where members share their favorite travel adventures. The December event is at a local independent bookstore. The owner shares her favorite new books for adults and children. Then Alpha Chapter members enjoy dinner together at a nearby restaurant.

BETA

Beta Chapter's final meeting of the 2018-2019 school year was held May 16th at Vazzy's Restaurant in Stratford. Invited guest **Connecticut State Organization President Patricia Buckley** spoke to attendees about the Northeast Regional Conference held July 30-Aug. 1 at Foxwoods Resort and Casino. Pat gave attendees an overview of some of the pre-conference seminars, various sessions and activities, guest speakers and events

Beta awarded a \$500 grant to Megan Kozlowski. Megan will attend Springfield College.

Chapter President Linda Paslav then introduced prospective members Patricia Anekwe (Director, Central Magnet High School, Bridgeport), Angela Swanepoel (Math Department Chair, Bunnell High School, Stratford; Adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University), Joanna Najarian-Garb (9-12 Literacy Coordinator, Stratford Public Schools), Deborah Mongillo (Hairdressing and Cosmetology Instructor, Bullard Havens Technical High School, Bridgeport), Dr. Jani Pallis (Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Bridgeport), Dr. Jess Gregory (Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, Southern Connecticut State University), and Dr. Jennifer Sinal Swingler (Director of Secondary Literacy and Learning, Fairfield, Connecticut; Adjunct Professor at University of Bridgeport and Southern Connecticut State University).



(l. to r.)
**Gloria Francesconi,
Pat O'Connell-Buckley
and Dr. Linda Paslov**

DELTA

Delta Chapter held its planning meeting in July. Dates and programs for meetings were set, as well as service projects. The first meeting of the year was held on September 24th at East Side Eatery in Wolcott. Handwriting Analyst David J. DeWitt spoke to the group about the fundamentals of handwriting analysis and what our handwriting reveals about ourselves and others. Mr. DeWitt's talk focused on how "Graphoanalysis" can help as an additional screening tool for revealing vocational/career potentials.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter's Executive Board, along with other interested members, met at the Milford home of **Margaret Hrabchak** to make plans for the coming year. The calendar was set and other business conducted. Zeta's new educational project is well under way. Approximately 50 books are being provided in seven book bags, each filled with books from a specific category as suggested by the faculty/staff of the Friends Center pre-school in New Haven. Categories include new siblings, death/loss, divorce/separation, emotions and families and moving. The book bags can be taken home for families to peruse and read together. The Friends Center, founded by the Society of Friends, serves a multi-cultural population. **Zeta members Helena McKee and Leslie Casanova** will co-chair the project as the chapter continues providing service to the Friends pre-school as its ongoing educational project.



Zeta Chapter members filling book bags.

Zeta Chapter's fall schedule included a Welcome Back meeting September 18th with Kelly O'Leary, principal of St. Martin de Porres Academy in New Haven as the guest speaker. Kelly spoke of the mission and the work of the school which was the recipient of the chapter's Worthy Project funding last November. The dinner/induction ceremony will be October 17th. The annual brunch/auction fundraiser for Zeta's two educational grants and annual Worthy Project contribution will be held on Saturday, November 23rd.



NUTMEG STATE

Twenty four Zeta members participated in some way, most in a volunteer committee position, at the International Conference held at Foxwoods July 29, 30 and Aug 1. Thanks to **Chapter Presidents Margaret Hrabchak and Lenore Martinelli** who kindly shared their presidents' conference allowance with all Zeta members who attended. All were both pleased and proud to have participated and contributed to such a successful event. Congratulations to the Connecticut State Organization team under the direction of **Patricia O'Connell Buckley**.

Nearly 20 Zeta members had an enjoyable afternoon at the Gouveia Winery in Wallingford on August 15th organized by **Nancy Tingley**. Several partook of the wine tasting session, and all enjoyed appetizers and other refreshing drinks on a lovely late summer afternoon!

Members now look forward to a successful and active year and encourage all Zeta members to join in the fellowship and activities of this thriving chapter.

THETA

Many Theta members played vital roles at the International Conference at Foxwoods - as Steering Committee Chair, Registrar, Food and Beverage Chair, Photography Co-Chairs, Table Hostess Chair, Travel Opportunities Chair, and Bingo Night Co-Chairs. Many other members attended to take advantage of the informative workshops and to enjoy the activities.

Personal thanks from **Theta President Marie Desautels** to all who took part. Surely members came away enriched by the experience. The conference was not the only item on Theta's agenda in July. The membership was invited to **Janice McKusick's** home on July 11th and successfully planned an exciting program for the 2019-2020 year. Then on July 18th the Finance Committee met to propose next year's budget.

With this accomplished, Theta was ready to begin the new year with the Welcome Back Picnic on August 20th at the home of **Sharon Bartlett**. A moment of silence was held for our beloved **Ellie Decker** who passed away on June 10th. Fellowship, as well as a delicious meal, were shared; and a productive business meeting was held. The second half of President Desautels' biennium is off to a great start.

LAMBDA

Lambda Chapter looks forward to a variety of meeting topics in its 2019-2020 schedule. The September meeting will feature member, **Judy Villa**, who will discuss her involvement in political action for education. The November meeting will be held at Cheshire Academy. Lambda member, **Laura Longacre**, will discuss the International Baccalaureate Program, an educational opportunity available to students at Cheshire Academy. Members look forward to a fundraising favorite in December. **Nancy Maynard** will host the ever popular holiday ornament swap and

sing-along. Members' donations will be directly applied to Lambda's high school grant fund. March will find members in Meriden. **Sandy Conway** will host her acquaintance, Sandra Frederick, who will share tips on spring gardening. The May meeting will feature the presentation of a high school grant to a Meriden senior. **Nancy Maynard** and **Kathy Hanisko** work hard in searching for qualified recipients. In addition, they always inspire us with their beautiful introductions of the grant awardees.

MU

Mu Chapter's final activity of the year was the annual Books for Babies wrap held June 21st. 1,336 books were wrapped in packages of two at **Pam Beach's** home before being delivered to the Hospital of Central Connecticut. Books will be given to parents of newborns to encourage literacy by sharing and reading books with children starting at an early age.



Mu Chapter members participating in Books for Babies project: (l. to r.)

Front: **Jan Schley, Nora Hillman, Laurie Burrill, Ann Atwood and Chris O'Connor**

Rear: **Anne Lippincott, Alberta Culley, Michelle Gladue, Carolyn Hallifax, Pam Beach, Shelley Lloyd and Linda Caraher**

OMICRON

In May, Omicron Chapter inducted a new member, **Jessica Block**, at its annual banquet held at Vazzy's in Bridgeport. Jessica is the daughter of member **Patricia Block** and teaches English and Social Studies at Woodland High School in Beacon Falls.



Omicron Chapter initiates new member: (l. to r.) **Patricia Block**, her daughter **Jessica Block** and **Helen Scully**



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (Continued)

A number of Omicron members attended the International Conference at Foxwoods this summer.



(l. to r.): Pat Chaghatzbanian, Jessica Block, Laurie Mihalcik, Pat Block, Debbie Ruderman, Helen Scully, Arlene Clancy, and Kathleen Lozinak. Absent from the picture, but also in attendance were Linda Philie and Emily Lozinak.

TAU UPSILON

Tau Upsilon held its annual banquet at The Saltwater Grill in Litchfield. Members celebrated their first full year as a **Chapter! Scholarship Chair Gail Berglund** gave a presentation on the recipients of the chapter's annual grants. Tau Upsilon members next gathered in July at **President Lisa Hudkins'** home. Members planned the meetings for the next year while enjoying a potluck brunch.



Tau Upsilon members celebrate the chapter's first birthday with a banquet.

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS

Many members were onsite early at Foxwoods to attend one of the two pre-conference seminars. The first was a tour of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum led by an engaging Pequot tour guide who grew up on the reservation and gave members an insider's look from a personal perspective. DKG sisters took a journey of what the local land was like from the time of the glaciers to the present day and learned how the Pequot tribe had to adapt to the ever-changing world around them. The guided tour included viewings of life-like village scenes and participants learned that each individual in the scene was cast from an actual tribe member who lived on the reservation. The reservation started with just two people living on it and has grown into the thriving Pequot Nation that it is today. DKG sisters were also treated to a Native American tasting menu for lunch that included salmon, corn chowder, toasted sunflower pone with cranberries and honey along with beef, bison and venison sobaheg with three sisters rice – all "gifts of the land and sea".

The second seminar focused on the Restorative Practice Framework and Violence Prevention. JoAnn Freiburg and Patricia Ciccone presented information on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and how they affect students in our classrooms. They then introduced participants to the Restorative Practice Framework - a tool to help support students that focuses on building community and relationships and moving from punitive to restorative supports and consequences. Participants had a chance to work together to look at the various facets and guiding principles of the framework.

The session concluded with an overview of Sandy Hook Promise from Ambassadors Gayle Oko and Katrina Fitzgerald. They shared the organization's main goals in the mission to "prevent gun-related deaths...so that no other parent experiences the senseless, horrific loss of their child". The two ambassadors detailed the initiatives being taken to help support this mission and shared a number of resources that can be implemented in schools as part of new or existing programs at no cost. For more information visit: www.sandyhookpromise.org.

Kimberly McGee

Connecticut State Organization Recording Secretary





FIRST-TIMER'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

This summer I was excited to attend my very first DKG International Conference at Foxwoods from July 29th- August 1st. I chose the Mashantucket Pequot Museum as my pre-conference event. Our group had a very detailed tour called *Gifts of the Land* given by a member of the tribe. He was very informative, answered questions and shared personal experiences. Our tour also included a Native American lunch. Later that day I attended a First-Timers Gathering. There were about 20 of us in attendance. We were given an overview of what to expect and several suggestions on how to get the most out of the conference. This gathering was followed by a bountiful buffet dinner in the ballroom.

The First General Session titled *Women Making a Difference* was excellent. I especially enjoyed the portrayal of Prudence Crandall performed by Donna Dufresne. I learned so many things from her performance, among them was that Prudence Crandall is the State Heroine.

On that evening I attended Connecticut Night. The Flamingo Band was featured. The all-female band sounded great and looked fantastic in their pink shirts. Members enjoyed dancing and singing along to the tunes. What a great way to end a wonderful first day.

I collected tickets for the continental breakfast and greeted many DKG members from near and far. After breakfast, I attended the Second General Session on Human Rights. The guest speaker was Marion Blumenthal Lazan who shared her story of being held in a concentration camp during the World War II Holocaust. I have read many books about this but never heard first-hand experience as told by Marion. She is truly a very special survivor. After her presentation she was inducted as an International Honorary Member of DKG.

In the afternoon, I attended a Takeaway Presentation called *CT Pieces for Peace*. It was about a traveling art exhibit. Schools in CT invited students to create art that expressed "What does Peace look like to you?" The exhibition was on display in the ballroom throughout the conference. I took information back to my school in hopes that we may be able to participate in the future. I also attended a workshop titled *Travels through Europe*. As a traveler myself, I was happy to get a few more tips for my future travels. In the evening, I attended the BINGO night which was a fundraiser for the DKG Emergency Fund. It was attended by many DKG members, as well as their families and guests. I had a lot of fun with other Omicron members even though we didn't win anything!

On Thursday, the final day, I visited the Marketplace where several DKG chapters as well as non-DKG vendors had booths with jewelry, note cards and various other items. I especially like the red rose themed items. As corresponding secretary for Omicron Chapter I am often in need of these items. I also attended a workshop that afternoon titled *The Real Cape Cod*. I learned about the geology, as well as the history of the area, including pirates and whaling. Ecology and environmental issues were also discussed.

My experience culminated with the Banquet on Thursday evening. We were invited to attend next year's conference in Philadelphia. Our keynote speaker was a young woman named Monica Oliveira, who serves on UNICEF USA's Global Citizenship fellowship program. She was a very enlightening speaker and shared her commitment to children both in the U.S and abroad. The evening ended with a presentation by the Global Awareness Chorus who sang several international themed songs.

I will never forget my very first DKG international conference. I met so many nice people from all over the country including our **Regional Director Jane Tanner**, as well as our **International President Cathy Daugherty** and **Executive Director Nita Scott**. It was such a pleasure to meet so many other DKG members. I am looking forward to next year. Look out Philly, here I come!!

Laurie Mihalcik, Omicron Chapter Corresponding Secretary



Dr. Linda Paslov, Beta Chapter President and Connecticut State Organization Fine Arts Chair was the recipient of the following awards/recognitions:

- Daughters of the American Revolution:
- DAR American Heritage Music (Vocal) Contest – National 2nd Place Winner, 2019
- DAR American Heritage Poetry (1-15 lines) Contest – National 1st Place Winner, 2018
- DAR American Heritage Poetry (16-30 lines) Contest – National 2nd Place Winner, 2017

National Vice Chair of the DAR American Heritage Committee, Literature and Drama Category



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Jeanette (Jill) LaRiviere, Rho Chapter

Died: Feb. 27, 2019



Jill was initiated into Rho Chapter Nov. 18, 1979. She would have received her 40 year membership pin in 2019. Jill served as a co-president with **Jean Lobaugh** for one biennium. She was a first grade teacher in New London and taught 27 years at Maple Street School in Vernon. She was a respected Vernon teacher. She kept in touch with Rho members through written notes when she physically was unable to attend meetings. Jill had a warm caring manner and will be missed by Rho members

Eleanor (Ellie) Decker, Theta Chapter

Died: June 10, 2019



Eleanor was inducted on April 7, 1962 and was a Life Member of Theta Chapter. During her fifty-seven year membership, she served as chapter president from 1975-1978 and worked on many committees both on the chapter and state levels. She will best be remembered as the guardian of the Theta Memorial Book for over 30 years and for her avid stamp collecting. In addition, at the state level Ellie initiated and kept the biographical books of the History of State Presidents and State Achievement Award recipients. Ellie continued to promote at chapter and state meetings the donation of used stamps to benefit Church World Hunger. She worked diligently on these for many years. She was active at chapter meetings and attended state, regional and international conferences/conventions, as well. Eleanor was indeed very proud of her DKG membership.

She received a B.A. degree from Cortland State Teacher's College in New York and earned her M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York City. She began her elementary teaching career in New York then taught in Danielson. In her younger years Eleanor worked for Special Services in Germany and Japan as Director of Service Clubs providing entertainment programs for enlisted servicemen.

Ellie was a dedicated and involved member of Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson serving on many committees and singing in the choir for over 40 years. She also held leadership roles in her local community of Danielson, serving on the Board of Directors for Westfield Village and as an officer of the Killingly-Brooklyn Woman's Club. She enjoyed travel, tea parties and, most of all, her family and friends. Ellie was respected and loved, as well as being an inspiration to all who knew her. She will certainly be missed by all Theta members.



CTAUN

Committee on Teaching
About the United Nations

War No More

Honoring the 75th anniversary of the UN and its purpose as outlined in its Charter - "We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war...."

February 28, 2020 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City

Peace is the most profound purpose of the United Nations. Educators can play a significant role in achieving and sustaining peace. The 2020 CTAUN conference *War No More* will help educators at all levels of education, as well as interested members of society who care about learning, educating, advocating and moving from a culture of violence to a culture of peace.

This all-day conference will include dialogues between UN diplomats, peace educators, outside experts and young people on the history and roots of conflict, as well initiatives and tools to prevent it.

We are arranging special hotel rates for conference participants and will post this information and relevant links on our website at teachun.org.

The registration fee is \$65 and \$30 for students. You can register at teachun.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Grosjean at acgrosjean@gmail.com or 860-429-6152. We hope to see you at the United Nations on Friday, February 28, 2020!



Off to Iceland for Some Leadership Training and Fun!

Just as the puffins return each summer to the islands off the coast of Reykjavik to raise and nurture their chicks, the **Connecticut State Organization President Kathleen Lozinak** and **First Vice President Ann Grosjean** traveled to Iceland to attend leadership training. Kathleen attended two days of presidents' training and Ann attended an afternoon of Educational Excellence training as the CT EEC Chair. The training was excellent, as was the time spent in Iceland! It was very exciting to be with 250 DKG members from Europe and other regions attending the European International Conference, *Professional Research and Practices*, which ran from July 25 – 27, 2019.

On Opening Night, we were welcomed by the presidents of Iceland, the Iceland State Organization and DKG! A recent high school graduate from Iceland reflected on her education. Two professors from the University of Iceland spoke about the role of the university in professional development, educational research and innovation and their impact during a teacher's academic career.

Then the fun began! We boarded buses to a Country Club on the edge of Reykjavik. We could see the golf course rolling down into the bay with mountains in the background from the picture windows and deck. It was an uncharacteristically warm sunny evening with a beautiful sunset. We enjoyed drinks and appetizers and listened to traditional music while reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends.

A highlight was reuniting with our 2016 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar sisters: Marie Antoinette and Janny (who was one of our mentors from the Golden Gift Committee) from The Netherlands, Daniella from Germany, Nancy from Florida and Rhonda from South Dakota.

The following day we attended the General Sessions where we learned about the benefits of drama in Icelandic education and an example of how role-playing with assigned or chosen roles can be incorporated into project-based learning. This learning through play activity was based on a book by Tim Taylor, *The Mantel of Earth*. We took a movement break between presenters and danced to an Icelandic children's song. The Six Cs were often referred to when talking about education: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Character Education, Citizenship, Collaboration and Communication. *Alone we go fast, together we go far. Alone we are smart, together we are brilliant!* It was so interesting to compare education in Europe with that in the United States and to see that their emphasis is also on working together!

The banquet was lovely! The Icelandic members dressed in their beautiful native costumes. We had such interesting conversations with our sisters from Norway, Sweden and Iceland at our table. A male Icelandic opera star entertained us with some traditional Icelandic songs and a booming rendition of *New York, New York*. A retired member played the saxophone and shared with us the challenge of learning a new instrument as a senior citizen. The block drawings that we are so familiar with were all held at the end of the evening with enthusiastic applause every time someone won. When I won a collapsible bag, I felt like a winner of the competition at the end of the *Sound of Music!*

When you travel so far from home, you must tour! There was so much to do and see in Iceland! It is a geological wonder! The countryside is covered with moss covered lava from previous volcanos. We walked through the division between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and enjoyed beautiful waterfalls. We watched Iceland's famous *Geyser* erupt right on time. They coined the word geyser from their *Geyser!* There were hot springs throughout Iceland, often harnessed for heat, power and recreation. In the southeast, there is a huge glacier with nineteen "fingers". One finger calves into a fjord where huge icebergs are floating before they travel out an inlet into the ocean and finally wash up on a black sands beach! It is an interesting combination of Alaska, Hawaii and Yellowstone!

There is an old town in Reykjavik with old homes, cafes, shops and a harbor. Iceland's history is interesting and has been well documented in a Viking excavation museum and their natural history museum. We boarded a boat for a puffin watch one afternoon and saw hundreds congregating on an island. Unfortunately, we will not be able to return annually as the puffins do but truly appreciated this amazing opportunity to visit this wonderful country welcomed by our DKG sisters!

Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean

DKG CT State Organization First Vice-President

International Conference in Iceland
Professional Research and Practices
Attendees who were participants of the
2016 Leadership and Management Seminar:
(l. to r.) Kathleen Lozinak, Ann Grosjean, Nancy
Henning, Daniella von Essen, Marie Antoinette Hubers,
Rhonda Anderson and Janny Kristeman





(l. to r.) DKG International President Cathy Daugherty, Northeast Regional Director Jane Tanner, Global Awareness Steering Committee Chair Pat O'Connell-Buckley and Connecticut State Organization President Kathleen Lozinak



Members of Conference Steering Committee: (l. to r.) Donna Chaney, Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Paulina Auclair, Kim McGee, Kathleen Lozinak, Emily Lozinak and Pat O'Connell-Buckley



Conference Steering Committee members: (l. to r.) Jackie Abbott and Judy Cody



Induction of Marion Blumenthal Lazan as a DKG International Honorary Member



(l. to r.) Jeanne Morascini, Marion Blumenthal Lazan and DKG International President Cathy Daugherty



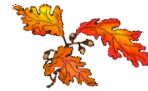
"We love NY" - DKG sisters from NY State



DKG Sisters From Ontario



Flamingo Big Band



DKG CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION
80th FALL CONFERENCE
Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide
Saturday, November 2, 2019

Wilcox Technical High School
 298 Oregon Road, Meriden, CT 06451 Phone: 203-238-6260

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 a check made to:

Connecticut State Organization, DKG
 Mail to: Jean DiVincenzo
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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., 2nd 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 18, 2019

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Breakfast Buffet: Gluten free quiche, sausage, home fries, croissants, bagels, fruit salad, coffee, tea & juice.

Breakout session options - Please select a first and second choice for two 45-minute OR one 90-minute session.

- ___ Reading and Writing: Making the Connection (K-2)
- ___ The Real Cape Cod – Beyond Seafood and Beaches
- ___ An American Folk Song Sampler from A to Z
- ___ Book Talk: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford (*One Double Session*)
- ___ Using the Question Formulation Technique to Enhance Student Engagement (*One Double Session*)
- ___ Navigating Difficult Conversations (*One Double Session*)

CONFERENCE COSTS:

Registration fee per person \$5.00 _____

Late fee (postmarked after October 18, 2019) \$5.00 _____

Breakfast cost: \$20.00 _____

Guest Name/s: _____

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.



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Saturday, November 2, 2019
CT State Organization 80th Fall Conference
Wilcox Technical High School, Meriden
8:30—11:45 a.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2020
9:30 a.m.
Connecticut State Organization
Executive Board Meeting
Meriden Public Library

Saturday, April 25, 2020
9:30 a.m.
State Convention
Baci Grill, Cromwell

June, 2020 (Date to be determined)
State Leadership Conference

NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINE: December 1, 2019
SPRING 2020 KEYNOTE DEADLINE: February 28, 2020