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**Jeanne Morascini**, of Theta Chapter in Hebron, Connecticut, has been a proud member for 55 years. She served as state organization president, chapter president and chair of many committees within her state.

Jeanne has given numerous keynotes at chapter and state organization meetings. *Visions of Strong Chapters Dance in my Head* was the title of one presentation at the Connecticut state organization spring convention. She discussed how to create strong chapters through an awareness of one's own personal needs, as well as those of the chapter. Jeanne is a guiding force and mentor to countless members. Her enthusiasm for the work of DKG has always been infectious.

Jeanne taught primary grades, K-2 for 26 years, mostly in Mansfield, Connecticut. After retiring from the classroom in 1987, she served as an adjunct faculty member at ECSU for ten years, supervising student teachers and teaching curriculum courses. She was also a Connecticut Board of Education Assessor of beginning teachers in the Beginning Educators Support and Training (BEST) program for ten years, completing over 200 assessments.

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### Looking For Members

**Membership Chair Pam Aubin, First Vice President Lenore Martinelli** and a new Ad Hoc committee will be working closely to develop a plan to increase our chapter membership which would then increase the state and international membership. At one point, CT had over a thousand members, and now we have 470 members, including a 5% loss last year. At the international level, the high in 1991 was approximately 166,000 members. In 2020, there were 62,341 International members. **DKG Executive Director Nita Scott** shared that DKG will be one hundred years old in 2029; and if each member nominated a new member each biennium, we could reach over 200,000 members by 2029! Our committee will look at ways to recruit more active educators; diversify our membership; reinstate dropped members; retain our current members - especially our new members – by providing exciting opportunities and programs; mentor our members to encourage them to serve in leadership roles; and begin to include collegiate members in our chapters. Be thinking about women you would like to invite to join! If you would like to serve as a member of this committee, please contact Pam Aubin at [pamaubin@gmail.com](mailto:pamaubin@gmail.com).

You are always welcome to attend our Executive Board meetings – just contact your chapter president for details. Our CTSO Fall Fine Arts Conference will be held November 6th on Zoom! We are looking for presenters for our Fine Arts Conference, so please contact **Lenore Martinelli** at [ridgereader@comcast.net](mailto:ridgereader@comcast.net). A previous Ad Hoc Fine Arts Committee recommended that our fall conference have a fine arts theme to determine if there is interest in having an additional fine arts event each year. A new Ad Hoc Fine Arts Committee will be established at the first Executive Board Meeting in September. If you would be interested in joining this group, please contact **Fine Arts Chair Linda Paslov** at [Dr.Paslov@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.Paslov@gmail.com).

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## Maximize, Maintain and Motivate our Membership

Dear DKG CT State Organization Sisters,

I hope this finds you well and savoring the remnants of summer! Hopefully, you feel rejuvenated and had the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends in-person! Now, we venture into fall— still cautious and vigilant as Covid continues to lurk among us.

I enjoyed working as **Kathleen Lozinak's** First Vice President during the last biennium as she did the amazing job of leading us through the pandemic! Life, as we knew it, changed – our active teachers were challenged with virtual and/or hybrid learning and sitting with their students in front of their screens were their parents and grandparents, helping while also working from home! Jobs were lost, and society's social needs increased, while our chapters were able to help meet some of those needs with additional soup kitchen meals, as just one example. Socially we suffered, too – missing in-person visits with our families and friends. Again, our sisters stayed in touch with our members alone at home. The pandemic affected each of us in different ways, but we each did our best and looked out for one another. Meeting on Zoom enabled us to conduct our business and enjoy fellowship at both the state and chapter levels. Now, we can create a new normal -combining the best of in-person and virtual meetings. Currently, we are planning for a virtual fall conference and in-person spring convention with virtual backup, just in case. All decisions regarding our state gatherings will be made based on the safety and comfort of our members.

As I begin my biennium as your state president, I want to thank you for this honor. DKG has provided me with many opportunities to prepare for this position. I hope by sharing my journey, you will be inspired to take advantage of all DKG has to offer you and consider a leadership position in your chapter, the state or even at the international level!

I have been retired from teaching at the elementary level for eleven years. I have been a member of DKG and Theta Chapter for a little over thirty years and have served as chapter president for two biennia, as well as in a few other positions. In 2016, Kathleen Lozinak and I attended the DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar at the University of Texas Business School in Austin, where DKG Headquarters is located. Following the free two weeks of leadership training and fellowship with thirty women from around the country and the world, I made the commitment to serve as state president when the time was right. Now... the time is right! I encourage you to consider attending Ignite, which is the current one-week leadership training program offered by DKG during even years.

We realize that different life stages allow for different levels of involvement. When I was teaching fulltime and had two young daughters, my involvement was limited to the chapter level; although, I did appreciate a state scholarship for graduate work! After I retired, I was able to become active at the state level as Educational Impact Chair and First Vice President and now President! I am also fortunate to serve at the international level as a DKG@UN representative to the United Nations.

My role is to serve as a bridge between DKG International, the CT State Organization and your chapter. The theme for my biennium is to *Maximize, Maintain and Motivate our Membership*. Please see the article *Looking for Members* for more information. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Congratulations to Theta member and former CTSO president and founder of the *Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World*, Jeanne Morascini, who is the *Spotlight Member* on the DKG website! To read all about her, refer to the article, "Communication is Key" to visit the DKG website.

I look forward to working with each of you over the next two years! Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions, concerns, or suggestions!

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## CT State Organization ACHIEVERS

*(Continued from page 1)* **Jeanne Morascini**

In 1985 Jeanne Morascini helped to establish the standing committee, *Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World*, focusing on promoting peace, protecting the environment, and celebrating diversity. The mission of the committee is to study and promote critical thinking, conflict resolutions and cooperative learning skills which will help to move forward to a peaceful world. Since its inception, the committee continues to publish three newsletters per year, which provide teachers with numerous resources, materials, ideas and valuable advice to be used for their daily work in the classroom and for organizing projects. Jeanne has

written several articles for the publication's column, *Founder's Message*.

Morascini is passionate about understanding the past because a peaceful world cannot be designed without that knowledge. As a result, Jeanne was instrumental in Connecticut state organization's recommendation of **Marion Blumenthal Lazan**, a Holocaust survivor, for International Honorary membership. Lazan was known to visit numerous schools and educational institutions as "Zeitzeuge", and she shared her family experiences as victims of the Third Reich, persecuted, abducted and sent to concentration camps. Marion Blumenthal Lazan received this outstanding honor at the 2019 International Conference in Connecticut. Jeanne believes that diversity amongst mankind, be it color of skin, religious beliefs or cultural differences in compliance with human rights, needs not only to be tolerated and accepted, but deeply appreciated.

Jeanne is also a founding member of the Hochberg Holocaust and Human Rights Education Committee at Temple Bnai Israel in Willimantic (1994). Recent outgrowth of that committee is the local Interfaith Working Group, a refugee resettlement group, area interfaith ministry group, housing and homeless shelter personnel. Grants are given to schools and public libraries to expand their collections on Human Rights. Speakers about the Holocaust and Human Rights are invited to meetings, and field trips are organized and supported.

Additionally, she and her husband Tony are collaborators of Windham Hospital and have been strong supporters for many years.

To quote Jeanne:  
*"I know this for sure. The hope for a peaceful world depends on each and every one of us. Education leading to interfaith understanding, belief in human rights for all, and respect, caring and compassion for everyone is vital to our survival. Every person on this planet is going to have to stand up and fight the evil that is trying to overtake the good."*

Timely and wonderful words of wisdom.

**Dr. Alison Salerno, Beta Chapter**, earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership when she successfully defended her dissertation.

**Patricia (Patty) Miller, Beta Chapter**, successfully defended her Ed.D. dissertation proposal at the University of Bridgeport.

**Monisha Gibson, Beta Chapter**, successfully defended her Ed.D. dissertation proposal at the University of Bridgeport

**Dr. Patricia Buxton, Beta Chapter**, received the University of Bridgeport (UB) Excellence in Teaching Award

**Dr. Kathleen (Kat) Wallace, Beta Chapter**, had her article published in the *DKG Bulletin*: "Assignment Due: Rooting Educational Systems in Equity."

**Dr. Linda Paslov, Beta Chapter**, was interviewed in the Artist Spotlight in the August DKG Art Gallery Blog.

**New Beta Chapter member Lena Paslov**, daughter **Beta Chapter President Linda Paslov**, received the Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award from Sacred Heart University, where she teaches English. A \$1,500 monetary award is included with this honor.

*(Continued from page 1)* **Looking for Members**

We still have vacancies at the state level. We would love to have you join our CT State Organization Executive Board by serving as a committee chair. We still need an Educational Impact Chair, a Legislative Chair, an Honorary Member Chair, Photographer and a couple of persons who are comfortable with Word or Publisher (or another equivalent) to create our Conference and Convention programs and our Celebration of Life booklet. We also need a Parliamentarian and thought if we created a team, each Parliamentarian would only need to oversee one meeting. Remember – you were invited to join DKG because someone observed your leadership skills. To keep our organization running smoothly and growing, we need many leaders! Please let me know if you have any questions or interest in serving in one of these positions. Thank you for your consideration.

**CTSO President Ann Grosjean**



# AROUND THE

## BETA

The first in-person Beta Chapter meeting was held July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Riverview Bistro in Stratford. Nineteen members were in attendance. At that time, four women were inducted into Beta chapter:

- **Dr. Alison Salerno**, Principal of R.M.T. Johnson Elementary School, Bethel, CT
- \* **Lena Paslov**, Adjunct Professor of English, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; CT Tutor at SHU Writing Center; Writing Instructor at SHU Pre-Fall Program
- \* **Dr. Tisha Fox**, former Dean of Curriculum at Booker T. Washington Academy, New Haven, CT
- \* **Dr. Patricia Buxton**, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at University of Bridgeport; newly appointed Executive Director of the Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester; member of Vernon Board of Education

The following members of Beta Chapter have assumed new positions:

- Dr. LèTanya Lawrence - Districtwide Supervisor of Special Education for the Bridges Program, New Britain High School
- Dr. Kathleen (Kat) Wallace - Professor of Literacy Education at University of Bridgeport
- Dr. Patricia Buxton - Executive Director of the Lutz Children's Museum in Manchester (while remaining a Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Bridgeport)
- Patricia (Patty) Miller – Elementary Academic Support Instructor, grades 2 and 3 at Barnum School, Bridgeport, CT
- Dr. Deresa (Dee) Scott – Equity and Climate Specialist, Consolidated School District of New Britain, CT

The chapter held its first executive board meeting for the 2021-2022 school year on August 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. The first meeting was a wine/cheese social via Zoom on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter held its first meeting on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at Mangia's Restaurant in Watertown. Approximately 15 members attended, and a new member was inducted. This was the chapter's first meeting since December 2020.

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter looks forward with enthusiasm to starting a new year of varied activities that will engage all members and hopefully bring forth some new members who will display enthusiasm for joining Delta Kappa Gamma and Zeta Chapter.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, a large executive board and planning committee members met to make plans for the upcoming year. A questionnaire was sent out to members to gather feelings concerning in person meetings this fall or a continuation of Zoom meetings. While most responding were hoping for in-person meetings, there was also enough skepticism later in the summer to decide on virtual meetings. Sadly, it was decided not to hold the annual November auction which funds the chapter's annual

Worthy Project and the two chapter grants. Members do want to emphasize the community out-reach activities and support the chapter's project involving the Friendship Pre-school program in New Haven.

Members were invited to gather at the Gouveia Winery in Wallingford July 21<sup>st</sup> to enjoy each other's company, share snacks and a glass of cooling wine while enjoying the beautiful scenic view.

At the first meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, former Zeta member **Carol Asprelli**, owner of Love, Lera Bakery and Coffee Shop in North Haven, was the speaker. She spoke about the adoption of her daughter from Russia in 2001, who after several surgeries was left with specific learning disabilities. Lera never wanted to give up on anything, so **Carol's** family opened the Bakery to allow Lera and other young adults with special needs the opportunity of meaningful work that could fulfill their dreams. Zeta member **Dorothy Logan** elaborated on specific skills taught to some of the bakery employees attending the Step Forward program for students with mild cognitive disabilities at Gateway Community College where she has been an instructor and job coach. Many Zeta members have made it a point to support the new business by stopping in to enjoy some of the high quality bakery items made and sold there. Carol's inspirational talk was well-received by all in attendance.

Zeta wishes CTSO new **President Ann Grosjean** a successful biennium while also proudly wishing the same to Zeta's own **Lenore Martinelli**, **CTSO First Vice President**, and **Kathleen Peters-Durrigan**, **CTSO Recording Secretary**.

### Zeta Chapter and Love, Lera Bakery





# NUTMEG STATE

## THETA

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Theta Chapter inducted five new members into the DKG Theta Chapter. This talented group of women exemplified their commitment to education and their willingness to use their individual talents to ensure that all children have the opportunity as well as the experience of a high quality education.

- **Michelle Doucette Cunningham**

Until her retirement, Michelle was the Executive Director of the Nonprofit Connecticut After School Network. As the Executive Director, Michelle's goal was to ensure that all children have the opportunity to participate in high quality, affordable afterschool programs.

Michelle has served on the Willington Board of Education since November 2011 and served as Chair from 2017-2019. Michelle currently is Chair of the Democratic Town Committee in the Town of Willington.

- **Tracy Olander**

Until her retirement, Tracy taught in the Tolland Public Schools for 33 of her 36 years of teaching, initially as a special educator at Tolland High School and then at Tolland Middle School for a total of 10 years. She became a fifth grade regular educator with a full-inclusion classroom for five years. Her final years were spent in sixth grade with a focus in math. While at Tolland High School, Tracy was a girls' varsity soccer coach and a junior varsity basketball coach. Her son Tyler was a forward on the UCONN Huskies Basketball team when they won the NCAA National Championship in 2011, during his freshman year. In her spare time, Tracy is an avid knitter who donates hats to area homeless.

- **Laura Rodriguez**

Throughout her career Laura has combined her passion for biology and teaching as evidenced by her early experience working in the Peace Corps as a Freshwater Fisheries Extensionist through her years as a middle school science teacher from 2000-2017, followed by her work as a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Connecticut from 2017-2020.

Laura earned her PhD from the University of Connecticut's NEAG School of Education in Curriculum and Instruction concentrating in secondary science education. Laura is now an Assistant Science Professor in the Education Department at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Laura currently serves on the Willington Board of Education.

- **Sarah Smith**

Sarah taught biology, anatomy & physiology and chemistry for 34 years at the high school level and earth science, reading, biological science at the middle school level for 8 years. As a teacher she sponsored many clubs and extra-curricular activities.

Sarah is currently a liaison between E.O. Smith High School and the Windham/Willimantic NAACP. As a member of the Windham/Willimantic NAACP, she serves on the Curriculum Committee, Courageous Conversations about 2020 Anti-racism and the CT 29th Colored Regiment historical research committee. Sarah also serves on the Literary Advisory Board at E.O. Smith, which is a group of teachers, parents and others interested in teaching anti-racism through the English Department's curriculum. As a Region 19 Board of Education member, She serves on the Building Committee, Policy/Curriculum Committee, Equity, Diversity and Justice Committee.

Sarah loves nature, theatre, music, history and gardening. She holds a master gardening certificate and takes elementary student groups on DEEP sponsored fieldtrips. She is active in political action and served for 8 years as the Willington Democratic Town Committee's secretary. Sarah serves on the ASHoW Board, which monitors senior housing issues in Willington. This May, she will be the membership chair of the local AAUW.

- **Pat Wilson-Pheanious**

After graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1978, Pat received her MA in Social Work and a law degree from a dual degree program at the University of Connecticut in 1981. Pat, a Democrat, was appointed by Governor Rowland (Republican) in 1999 as the Commissioner of Social Services and served in that capacity until her retirement eight years later.

Pat was elected as a State Representative to the 53<sup>rd</sup> House District in Ashford in 2018. While serving in the House, Pat was a member of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. In addition, Pat was Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee on Children and the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Two of the first bills she filed were designed to seek funding to remediate buildings with crumbling foundations, including the Birch Primary School in Tolland.

## MU

The Mu Chapter Executive Board met in late July to plan for the upcoming year together. While members had high hopes of in-person meetings, they quickly realized that the first meeting needed to be virtual. Mu Chapter members again gathered via Zoom on October 13<sup>th</sup> for the much loved Book Talk. Members haven't had a Book Talk in several years, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity to bring the Mu family back together and share, not food, but books and ideas; feed the soul and the mind. Hopefully, a true potluck will be held later in the year. Other dates and topics are being finalized.



## AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (continued)

### OMICRON

Omicron Chapter held its summer executive board meeting via Zoom to plan events for the upcoming year. Ongoing fundraisers of book collections for Valley Regional Adult Education and school supply collections for the Valley Boys & Girls club will continue.

The fall social was held on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at the HOPS Company in Derby. Members enjoyed catching up with current members, as well as welcoming prospective new members.

The annual Holiday Brunch has been scheduled for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Kellogg Environmental Center and Osborne Estate. A basket raffle will be held which funds the chapter's high school grants.

### RHO

Rho Chapter wishes DKG CT State Organization a successful 2021-2022 year. Members met in July to plan a programs and meetings. The first meeting will be in October. It will include a welcome-back dinner and a viewing of 2020 CT Teacher of the Year, Sheena Graham's Keynote video at the Spring 2020 CTSO Convention. Two additional meetings are being planned in recognition of the 2021 passing of children's book author/illustrator Eric Carle. One meeting will be a discussion of members' favorite Eric Carle books. The second meeting will involve a spring/summer field trip to the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA. Theta Chapter has invited Rho to a joint meeting in January for a book discussion of Martha Hall Kelly's books *Lilac Girls*, *Lost Roses* and *Sunflower Sisters*. Additional meetings are in the planning stages.



*A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World*

The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World is a subcommittee of DKG's Connecticut State Organization. Its mission is to promote peace education, protect the environment, foster human rights, and celebrate diversity. Members work to identify changing local and global needs in pursuit of a more just and equitable world.

The newsletter continues to be published two or three times a year under the guidance of **Editor Janice McKusick**. It has more than 1,300 subscribers in 22 countries.

The last project was the creation of the CT Pieces for Peace Traveling Art Exhibition. Local students created their own artwork expressing *What Does Peace Look Like to You?* The committee wants to continue to share this traveling exhibit throughout the state. This exhibition has 30 pieces of framed artwork. If you are interested in displaying this exhibition in your school, faith community, library or any other venue, please contact a committee member.

The newest project will involve our whole CTSO and support beginning teachers. We plan to ask each chapter to identify a beginning teacher to be the recipient of a packet of information focusing on the topic of caring, especially for our environment. This new teacher does not have to be a DKG member. We will encourage her to share this with others in her grade level. Potentially, this can increase interest in our committee's work and new membership to DKG. The packet will include a book on the topic, along with our newsletter and some additional resources. This will be for elementary school level PreK-grade 5. We will share more details as this evolves!!

New members are welcome anytime to join us.

**Sue Moon, Chairperson**

### IN MEMORIAM

#### *White Roses*

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



#### **Jeannette Palluzzi, Zeta Chapter**

Died: July 24, 2021

Jeannette Palluzzi, affectionately known as "J", passed away on July 24, 2021. Her early education was in Guilford, CT, and São Paulo, Brazil, before graduating from New Haven State Teacher's College in 1955. Jeannette received her Master's Degree as a reading consultant and Sixth Year Certificates in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Special Education.

Jeannette was an outstanding athlete who participated in basketball, field hockey, volleyball and tennis. She was inducted into the Education Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. Her enthusiasm for sports was passed on to her four sons and ten grandchildren. To this day, they continue to shine in a variety of

sports and sports-related activities.

In 1983, she co-pioneered a computerized reading lab at Branford High School in Branford. Her reputation as an ESL expert attracted many non-English speaking families and students to Branford. "J" also became an Assessor and Master Mentor in the BEST (Beginning Educator Support and Training) program and was well-known for assisting students preparing for CT teacher certification.

Jeannette was a 32-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta and former Xi Chapters, and served on various committees throughout her years as a loyal member. She will be sorely missed by her community and her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.



## Communication is Key: Check Out the Websites and the Keynote

Please take full advantage of the **DKG (dkg.org)** and **CT State Organization (dkgct.weebly.com)** websites. There are two layers to the DKG site: public and private. To access the additional information on the private site, you will need to use your **membership ID** (on your card or journals that were mailed to you) to sign in and a password. The first time you log on, use **DKG2014Society** as the password, then you can create your own password. There is a CHAT feature if you have any questions or need help. Please be sure to keep your e-mail, address, phone number, birthday and other information up to date on My DKG – My Account. You can also report any changes to your treasurer. DKG International will send you e-mails, newsletters and journals using this information. If you wish to receive publications by mail, you may modify your site or ask your chapter treasurer to check that box on your DKG dues site under EDIT – on the bottom “Receive DKG News by Mail”. You can also follow DKG and the CT State Organization on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Also, if you have a chapter program that you feel would interest other members from around the state, you can send information to **Emily Lozinak DelPiano** at [ebdelpiano@gmail.com](mailto:ebdelpiano@gmail.com); and she will post it on the CT State Organization website. Check out the website to see if there is an event you would like to attend. If so, be sure to let the registrar or chapter president know if you plan to attend. Emily would also welcome any photos of your events or other information you wish to share on the state website. You will also find our state documents – Our Standing Rules and Bylaws and The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World and DKG @ UN newsletters, and the Pieces for Peace Gallery of CT artwork.

The **Keynote** is a great way to share your chapter’s activities; introduce your new members; announce special member news and to learn about the fourteen chapters in CT. You will receive the Fall and Spring Keynotes by mail, since they contain the registration forms for the Fall Conference and Spring Convention. The Summer and Winter editions will arrive by e-mail. If you wish to submit an article, the deadlines are September, December, March, and June first. Please submit to the Keynote editor **Carol Beam** ([beamc267@gmail.com](mailto:beamc267@gmail.com)). Would you be interested in a mentorship with Carol to become the new Keynote Editor? Carol has done a wonderful job publishing the Keynote for many years and she is ready to pass the torch to a new editor.

CTSO President Ann Grosjean

Visit the DKG and Connecticut State  
Organization websites!

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

### Emergency Fund Assistance

The DKG International Emergency Fund continues to give assistance as natural disasters affect members. The fund has been in existence since a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon. Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires or other natural disasters may be recommended to receive \$500 from the Emergency Fund. Members affected by natural disasters contact their chapter presidents who in turn inform state organization presidents. Form 84 Emergency Fund Request can be accessed by going to DKGIEF on the top bar of the International website.

At this time of Hurricane Ida in New Orleans and most recently in the New England area and the ongoing wildfires in California, it is sure that there will be a large demand by members needing assistance through this fund. Please also consider contributions to this fund to help other members in their time of need while demonstrating the Society’s “genuine spiritual fellowship”. Donations may be made with a credit card on the Society’s website or Form 43 can be completed and mailed with a check (directions are on the website). Remember all donations are tax deductible in the U.S. We can be positive that this fund will be exhausted at these times of so many natural disasters. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and will have a ripple effect around the world.

**Terry Azoti**  
CTSO International Funds Chair

### Investment Committee

The Investment Committee is a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. The responsibilities of the Investment Committee include recommendations for the investment of funds, the supervision of those funds and the allocation of the interest from those investments. All recommendations will be presented first to the Finance Committee and then to the Executive Board for their approval. The contact person for this committee is **Marnee Straiton**.

**Marnee Straiton, Investment Committee Chair**

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, November 6th**  
**Connecticut State Organization**  
**Virtual Fall Conference**

**More details and info will be emailed  
to chapter presidents to forward.**



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**2021—2023**

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**Committee to explore a Fine Arts Retreat**

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**Connecticut State Organization**  
**Dates to Remember**  
**2021 - 2022**

**Maximize, Maintain, Motivate and Mentor our Membership**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021**  
**CT State Organization 80<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference**  
**Virtual**  
**8:30—11:45 a.m.**

**Saturday, February 12, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Connecticut State Organization**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Virtual**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**State Convention**

**Friday, June 24, 2022**  
**State Leadership Conference**

**NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINE:** December 1, 2021  
**SPRING 2022 KEYNOTE DEADLINE:** March 1, 2022