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When the CTSO Fall Conference finally arrives on November 5th, I am going to think back to when I wrote this article in the dog days of August!

I hope everyone is as excited as I am about meeting again in person. We will get to go into real classrooms. Our presenters will be able to demonstrate and see real hands raised for questions. We will get to wear entire outfits—not just tops. We won't be interrupted by phones, dogs, cats, husbands, children or grandchildren.

Our workshops should appeal to all of you—those teaching and those retired. We all deserve this morning together—both the learning and the socializing. I am looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces. No, I am looking forward to seeing whole persons—not just faces!

Lenore Martinelli
1st VP CTSO
Zeta Chapter



Past and Present CTSO Presidents at 2022 DKG International Convention in New Orleans: Pat O'Connell Buckley, Ann Grosjean and Kathleen Lozinak.

Highlights from the 2022 DKG International Convention

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its 2022 International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-16. Three Connecticut State Organization members were among the 900 attendees from 17 countries. **CTSO President Ann Grosjean, Immediate Past CTSO President, Kathleen Lozinak and Past CTSO President, Pat O'Connell Buckley** represented Connecticut. DKG members were welcomed by **International President Becky Sadowski** after a presentation of the flags of 17 member countries.

The week offered general sessions, keynote speakers, more than 60 workshops, chances to network and opportunities to explore the exciting city of New Orleans, including Mardi Gras World, where floats are created, refurbished and stored. Each general

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MAXIMIZE, MAINTAIN, MOTIVATE AND MENTOR OUR MEMBERS



Dear CTSO Sisters,

The arrival of summer is so long anticipated and seems to fly by with so many fun adventures, gatherings with loved ones and memories! Today, there is a chill in the breeze as the summer fades away. We begin to think about back to school, whether as a parent, teacher or retired volunteer. There is so much to look forward to as we enter the “ber” months with Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the holidays.

Our state organization and chapters also follow the ebb and flow of the calendar. We have had a nice summer rest as we gear up for our “Welcome Back” chapter events and our in-person CTSO State Executive Board Meeting which was held at the New Britain Library the morning of September 17th. I was sorry not to attend as my grandson, who lives with us, brought COVID home from school. With an abundance of caution, I chose not to risk causing a super spreader! Many thanks to our **First Vice-President Lenore Martinelli**, who did a wonderful job presiding over the meeting. It assures us that our state leadership structure works well!

Planning for our November 5th CTSO State *Conference* at the Orville Platt High School in Meriden is well underway. Lenore has arranged an exciting group of presenters for two forty-five sessions or one ninety minute session. Have you always wanted to try Tai-Chi? This is your opportunity! If you wish to participate in the ever popular book talk, start reading *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. There will also be sessions about Clapping, Workforce Initiatives for High School Students and a workshop about our Revitalization Plan. Breakfast will be served! Please be sure to register for the conference by October 24, 2022 with the enclosed registration form.

Our **Membership Chair Pam Aubin** submitted our Revitalization Survey to DKG International in Austin this summer. In August, we met by phone with **DKG International President Debbie Leblanc** and **DKG International Immediate Past President Becky Sadowski**. Having read our survey, they were very impressed with our state organization and our efforts to increase our number of members and leaders. **Carolyn Pittman**, also a previous DKG International President graciously offered to travel to Connecticut from Arkansas to facilitate a full-day Revitalization workshop on Saturday, October 15th, at the New Britain Library from 9:00 – 3:00 to develop a plan. Chapter presidents, membership chairs and any other interested members were encouraged to attend. A continental breakfast and lunch were served. We will begin to implement our plan during a workshop at our November 5th CTSO State Conference. We look forward to this exciting opportunity for growth and welcome your contributions.

Just another reminder that Lenore and I would love to visit your chapter for an in-person or Zoom meeting. We enjoyed our visit with Iota in September and enjoyed our visits with Alpha on Zoom, Beta, Theta and Rho last Spring; and with Omicron for their 50th Anniversary Celebration. It is a nice opportunity for our members to see the DKG big picture - our Chapters, State Organizations and DKG International.

Have a wonderful fall, and I look forward to seeing you at the Revitalization Workshop and at our CTSO 2022 Fall Conference! Thank you for all you do for your chapter and our state organization!
With much appreciation,

Ann

Ann Grosjean
DKG CTSO President

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

Terry Azoti
Judy Cody
Dr. Ann Grosjean

Dr. Kathleen Lozinak
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone



Connecticut State Organization Achievement Award

The Connecticut State Organization Achievement Award honors Delta Kappa Gamma members who have made significant contributions to chapter, state and international activities. The award consists of a high quality pendant and a framed certificate.

No more than three members shall be honored each biennium. This honor takes place at the Spring Convention in odd-numbered years (2023). Members nominated in previous years, but not honored, may have their names resubmitted. A deceased member may be considered to be honored posthumously; in that event, chapter and family members would receive the award.

Achievement Award Nomination Form and Procedure:

- The Nomination Form can be found on the CTSO Website.
- A member may be nominated by a chapter or an individual.
- Signatures of three members must be presented to the chapter for endorsement.
- When nominated by a chapter, a simple majority of those present will be required.
- The nominating chapter will seek endorsements from at least two additional chapters.
- The nomination form must be postmarked no later than January 1 in odd-numbered years.

Qualifications:

- Significant contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma (Chapter, State and International)
- Active in Chapter for at least ten years
- Active in the Connecticut State Organization
- Has held a state office or has been a state committee chair
- Attends some, but not necessarily all, DKG International Conferences and Conventions

If you would like to nominate a chapter member or CTSO member who has these qualifications and deserves this honor, would you please complete the Achievement Award Nomination Form from the CTSO Website; acquire the necessary signatures and submit it to **CTSO Second Vice President, Paulina Auclair** at paulinaauclair@gmail.com by **January 1, 2023**. A committee with representatives from 50 percent (7) of our Chapters will review the nominations, discuss the qualifications and choose up to three women to receive the awards. No chapter may inform its members of the women who are to receive this award until the report of the committee meeting is presented by the Second Vice President at a Spring CTSO meeting.

Paulina Auclair

Past AKS Achievement Award Recipients	
1989:	Camella R. Maiewski (Epsilon) Rheta Lange (Zeta) Ella Rice (Kappa) Dr. Jacqueline Abbott (Rho) Elizabeth Sonier (Upsilon)
1991:	Marguerite McKay (Zeta) Charlotte Sharpe (Mu) Helen Sheldrick (Upsilon)
1993:	Hannah Griswold (Epsilon) Isobel Broadhurst (Kappa) Linda Shea (Sigma)
1995:	Anne Modugno (Alpha) Elizabeth Coppeler (Epsilon) Jeanne Morascini (Theta) Posthumous Award In honor of Joan C. Lee (Rho)
1997:	Gloria Dowaliby (Epsilon) Nancy Scofield (Tau)
1999:	Joan E. Haffey (Theta) Judy C. Villa (Lambda)
2001:	Phyllis Hickey (Theta) Barbara-Ann Cavanaugh (Kappa) Dr. Virginia James (Lambda) Marcella Miller (Upsilon)
2003:	Mary Connelly (Gamma) Rita Ward (Gamma) Pamela Solnik (Epsilon) Eleanor Decker (Theta)
2005:	Margaret Nielsen (Alpha) Judith Cody (Zeta) Patricia Lovelace (Xi)
2007:	Carylrae Clinge (Epsilon) Susan G. Salesses (Theta)
2009:	Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta) Carol H. Beam (Delta) Donna Chaney (Zeta) Patricia O'Connell-Buckley (Theta)
2011:	Judy E. Pflum (Gamma) Nancy M. Roy (Delta) Theresa A. Azoti (Zeta)
2013:	Carol Kraus (Theta) Marnee Straiton (Iota)
2015:	Anita Satriano (Theta)
2017:	Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean (Theta) Joan Konareski (Lambda) Susan Moon (Theta)
2019:	Dr. Kathleen Lozinak (Omicron) Deborah Soresino (Iota)

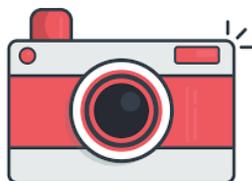


CTSO Fine Arts Retreat Update

While in New Orleans over the summer, Connecticut State Organization President Ann Grosjean had conversations with several area state presidents on my behalf regarding the potential to collaborate in the planning and institution of a Multi-State Fine Arts Retreat. Our state Fine Arts Retreat Exploration Ad Hoc Committee would love to plan a retreat that will occur biennially opposite our CTSO Leadership Conference, perhaps in late spring (though this would also be part of the conversation).

I am currently in communication with this group of leaders about planning a Zoom meeting to discuss this idea further, and will keep you all apprised of our progress.

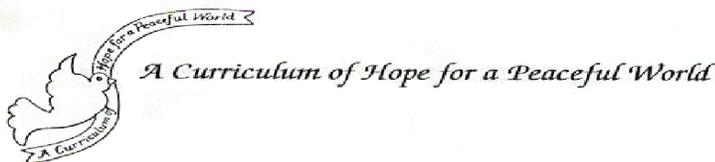
**Linda S. Paslov, Ed.D., Beta
CTSO Fine Arts Chair**



DKG Arts & Humanities Gallery

The Arts & Humanities Gallery will be open for submissions to the Spring Gallery from January 15 to February 15, 2023. Many of our state members have been honored to have their entries accepted to this online gallery. Be sure to read the submission procedures, and good luck! Also, please visit the DKG Arts Gallery Blog at <http://dkgsi.blogspot.com> to read various Artists' Spotlights.

**Linda S. Paslov, Ed.D., Beta
CTSO Fine Arts Chair**



Giving Kids Hope about Climate Change

The Curriculum of Hope Committee for a Peaceful World is extending a project that was initiated last year. The Committee recognizes the need to give hope to children about the future, especially peace and the sustainability of our earth.

We will be giving teachers across the state resources and books that they can use in their classrooms to enhance their teaching of climate change. Teachers have the awesome responsibility of giving children the tools to face the future with hope and empowerment.

We are asking each chapter to identify a teacher who would benefit from the resources and books donated by the Curriculum of Hope Committee. The books we are giving away are:

McAnulty, Stacy, *Our Planet! There's No Place Like It*, 2022

Rockwell, Anne, *Why Are the Ice Caps Melting?*, 2006

Simon, Seymour, *Climate Action: What Happened and What We Can Do About It*, 2021

The resources may also provide additional information for classroom teachers.

The committee will be contacting the teachers, passing along the materials, and following up with the individuals. In a world that needs hope and encouragement, the committee continues to provide support and fellowship to teachers across our state and worldwide.

**Jackie Abbott, Rho
Pat O'Connell Buckley, Theta**

Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee



ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



International World Fellowship Fund

The International World Fellowship Program started at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco with support for four German women educators. In 1952, an alliance was begun with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women. The present program began to take shape during 1958-1960 when an agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

Fellowship applications are now conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions/Foundations or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the IIE in the United States. IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation. It also helps with obtaining grants from many organizations of which DKG is one. Annually, the IIE staff reviews applications from successful candidates who meet the criteria for DKG fellowships. From these, the International World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants for graduate study at U.S. colleges and universities. There is also a program to attend Canadian institutes of higher education.

From the initial award of \$2,500 in 1960, the program has grown through the 2020-2021 academic year. Contributions have reached \$4,158,974 through June 30, 2021. Awards have been given to 1,029 women in 122 countries totaling \$3,739,250 since 1960. DKG receives confirmation that recipients are enrolled and studying at U.S. universities in the fall.

Members' tax-deductible donations to the International Educators Foundation for the World Fellowship Fund continue impacting education worldwide. Donations can be made online and by mail. "Remember, we give to educate the world."

Terry Azoti, Zeta
CTSO International Funds Chair



Do you need money for professional development ?

The DKG Cornetet 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

Cornetet Individual Awards will fund participation in conferences, seminars, lecture series, online courses and workshops plus other degree programs. **This award is given November 1 and May 1.**

Cornetet Seminar Professional Development is granted to sponsor professional development seminars. Regions, areas and state organizations of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may apply for a Seminar Award to assist in providing development opportunities for educators in their locale. **The deadline is November 1.**

For more information go to www.dkgef.org



AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter Executive Committee met in August to plan an exciting program for the upcoming year. The chapter will be having a combination of some of its favorite programs, as well as providing new activities for its members.

The chapter will begin the year with a Zoom meeting to allow members who are no longer in the area to participate. Members will have a chance to socialize before beginning the business meeting.

One of Alpha's members has celebrated her 104th birthday this year. Please join the chapter in sending best wishes to its beloved DKG sister, **Ruth Wilson**.

In October, members are planning to meet with Joseph Belisle an author/illustrator. He will discuss his book *What if Wilhelmina*, as well as a new book he has in development *What if Monday is a Monster*. Author talks are always a hit with chapter members.

BETA

Beta Chapter members attended the last meeting of the 2021-22 school year on June 8th, at Vazzy's Italian Restaurant in Stratford. Along with the opportunity to socialize, the following officers/chairs were installed:

President Allison Fay
First Vice President Janis Isenberg
Second Vice President Nancy Yarmosh
Treasurer/Membership Dr. Linda Paslov
Corresponding Secretary Dr. Chandra Maxwell
Recording Secretary Barbara Schroeter
Parliamentarian Dr. Jess Gregory
Educational Excellence Chair Dr. Patricia DeCoster
Sunshine Chair Barbara Cavanaugh
Scholarship Chair Valerie Forshaw
Audit Ad Hoc Committee Gloria Francesconi
Nominating Ad Hoc Committee Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone

The Executive Board met on August 29th to begin planning meetings and activities for the 2022-23 school year. Beta Chapter will have monthly meetings on Zoom, as well as in-person induction ceremonies at the beginning and end of the school year. At the fall ceremony, Beta will induct **Rachel Satter**, Adjunct University Supervisor in the Teacher Preparation Program at SHU and doctoral student at UB; **Dr. Valrie Noel**, Literacy Coach in the Norwalk Public Schools; **Tangular Irby**, Program Manager of Content for the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence and Adjunct Professor at SHU, and **Dr. Shanté Hanks**, Deputy Commissioner for Connecticut Department of Housing and former Higher Education professional. Beta looks forward to welcoming these new members, as well as reinstated member, **Dr. Carla Amistead**, principal of Chapel Street Elementary School in Stratford.

Beta Chapter is saddened to announce that member **Nancy Zorena**, a 40-year member, succumbed to a brain tumor on August 27th. Nancy fought a long, courageous battle.

Beta Chapter inductees



Dr. Valrie Noel



Tangular Irby



Rachel Satter



Dr. Shante Hanks



Linda Paslov and Nancy Yarmosh

DELTA

Delta Chapter held a planning meeting during the summer. The theme for this coming year will be 'Maximize, Maintain, Motivate, Mentor Our Members' in keeping with the CSTO theme.

The September meeting was held at Ciao Restaurant in Thomaston. Members brought school supplies which were packed in individual boxes to be given to five new teachers this year. Some of the teachers were Delta Chapter grant recipients.

Joanne Chenkus introduced Nancy Janis, a retired teacher, who spoke on 'Re-inventing Yourself after Retirement'. Nancy retired after 41 years of teaching kindergarten and first grade. She has been a member of the Connecticut Critics Circle since 2014. This marks her 11th year of reviewing theatre at local professional venues, many community theatres and a large number of Connecticut schools. She was recently hired as the theatre critic for Waterbury's Republican-American newspaper. Nancy encouraged both active and retired members to reach beyond their teaching careers.

Chapter members honored **Chelsie Guerrero**, a recently inducted Delta member, who was selected as the 2022 Watertown Teacher of the Year. Chelsie has been a math teacher at Watertown High School for seven years. In 2020, Chelsie created a course, 'Math for the Trades', recognizing that there is a true need in the field and sensed the need for post high school pathways for students.



NUTMEG STATE

Delta Chapter Fall Meeting



Joanne Chenkus and guest speaker, Nancy Janus



Watertown 2022 Teachers of the Year: Delta member Chelsie Guerrera

June 19th they attended a presentation of *Mama Mia* put on by members of the Square Foot Theater of Wallingford, several of whom were high school students at Lyman Hall High School where the presentation was held in their school auditorium.

Socialization and wine sampling proved to please nearly 20 Zeta members at the Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford on July 20th. Attendees brought various snacks to share to accompany various beverages. The scenery from that venue is breathtaking, and many hope for a return visit in the Fall when leaf peeping is at its peak!

On August 17th, several Zeta sisters were fortunate to take the VIP tour on the Amistad docked at Long Wharf in New Haven. Educational staff provided an informative look at the ship's history and its story. This visitation was the result of the invitation given to all DKG CTSO members at the April 30th Spring Convention by Amistad keynote speakers that day.

Zeta wishes ALL chapters a successful year of activities and events along with increased membership!

Zeta members visit the Amistad (Photos Julie Hulten)



ZETA

Zeta Chapter is looking forward with enthusiasm to starting the new biennium with varied meetings and activities that will interest and engage all members. Hopefully, some new members will also come forth who will display their enthusiasm for joining Delta Kappa Gamma and Zeta Chapter.

On July 28th, an Executive Board and committee chair meeting was held at the home of **Lenore Martinelli** to make plans for the upcoming year. A highly productive morning ended with dates and details for the three upcoming fall meetings.

Zeta's Welcome Back to School meeting was held at Ridge Road School in North Haven on September 22nd under the leadership of **President Evelyn Barese**. Highlights included member **Kim McGee** sharing her educational experience, Breathe For Change -- 200-hour digital Wellness, SEL and Yoga Teacher Training for Educators and Community Leaders. Kim received the CTSO Camilla Maiewski Scholarship award, which helped her finance this interesting educational adventure.

A Celebration of Life was conducted for long-time member **Julia Nicefaro** who passed away August 2nd. Worthy Project applications that had been sent to members in early September were discussed and members were highly encouraged to return all applications by October 12th to **Nancy Tingley**.

Zeta's induction ceremony and dinner will be held October 19th at Biagettis Restaurant in West Haven. The chapter's fundraising auction and brunch will be on November 19th at Lorenzo's restaurant in West Haven. The winner of the Worthy Project, as voted on by Zeta members at the auction, receives a portion of the proceeds earned at the auction event. These funds honor charities and groups that benefit women and children and those in need of financial support. The greatest portion of funds earned goes to Zeta's two grant programs, the Marguerite McKay Memorial Grant and the Zeta Memorial Grant awarded alternate years.

Over the summer, member **Nancy Tingley**, kindly organized three activities for members to enjoy. On



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (Continued)

THETA

Theta Chapter has inducted two new Theta members: The first is **Kim King**, who is the 2022 Connecticut State Teacher of the Year. Kim is currently a Grade K-4 art teacher in the Mansfield Public Elementary Schools. The Council of Chief State School Officers describes Kim as a teacher that, "Regardless of grade level, she carries with her the themes of equity, empowerment and creativity. She believes that artmaking and the creative process help to build creative confidence from within, and it empowers students to find and trust their voices and ideas."

Theta's second new member is **Sheri Barna**, a career-long early childhood educator who has recently retired from teaching after 46 years. Sheri was named the Tolland Teacher of the Year and has spent most of her career in Tolland, teaching kindergarten and second grade. Theta is pleased to welcome Sheri.

IOTA

At a recent Iota meeting chapter members unanimously approved changes to its Grants. The Book Grant and Active Teacher Grant were under-utilized and were removed from the standing rules. After members began sending information for the Iota Graduate Program Grant to principals, this grant has always received applications from qualified applicants. This grant, formerly awarded only in even numbered years, will now be awarded annually; and the amount awarded will be significantly higher.

Iota Chapter members met at a member's home in late August to plan for the 2022-2023 year. Iota members chose to continue the tradition of meeting for lunch at Hopkins Inn, overlooking Lake Waramaug. Tentative dates and programming have been set for the December, March and May meetings.

Iota chose two service projects this year. One will be Meal Train, a Danbury Rogers Park Middle School program that "provides weekend meals for the school's food-insecure students and household supplies not covered by food stamps. The program has a mission to help adolescents learn how to be self-sufficient and independent in order to break the generational food-insecurity cycle".

One of Iota's chapter members read on DKG Facebook about a school library in Letcher County, Kentucky, losing everything when the school was flooded. Iota's second service project will be to collect and mail gently used books to this school.

Many of Iota's members are travelling again and are volunteering locally for several organizations. Busy schedules were one reason that members were hesitant to take on the time commitment and duties as a member of the chapter executive board. Sharing the responsibilities was the solution! Officers were installed at the August meeting: **Co-Presidents Sandra Gammons and Deborah Soresino, Vice President Eleanor Coffey, and Co-Secretaries Nina Shimer and Joanne Maples. Marnee Straiton** will continue as treasurer.

MU

On August 25th, Mu members **Pam Beach** and **Jan Schley** delivered 1,008 Books for Babies to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. This annual labor of love, begun by **Bev Kibbe** many years ago, continues to be a heartfelt outreach of Mu. Each book contains a letter explaining why it's so important for parents to read to their children. The hospital staff is always so appreciative.

Mu is looking forward to the future with confidence, as we usher in the next biennium with **President Ann Atwood** and **First Vice President Laurie Burrill. Ann Newbury** will continue as Mu's treasured Treasurer with **Patty Faulkner** as the Chapter Liaison to CTSO, **Lillie Feierabend** as Recording Secretary and **Shelley Lloyd** as Corresponding Secretary. At the first executive board meeting, the chapter schedule will be set with presenters, community outreach and opportunities to gather. Mu wishes all its CTSO sisters a wonderful year.



Pam Beach and Jan Schley deliver Books for Babies to the nurses at the Hospital of Central Connecticut.

OMICRON

Omicron Chapter started its year with a virtual meeting, followed by an in-person Meet & Greet at the Hopps Company Brewery in Derby. At the Hopps Company, members enjoyed catching up with each other and hearing how everyone spent her summer.

The chapter also installed the **Corresponding Secretary Jessica Block**, who is the only new officer for the current biennium since all other officers retained their positions for a second round. As in the past, the chapter collected donations of school supplies at the Meet & Greet. These school supplies will be brought to the local Boys & Girls Club in Shelton.

RHO

Rho Chapter enjoyed a final lunch meeting on a warm July 1st in the Ellington Center Gazebo. Those in attendance celebrated with socializing and catching up with fellow members.

On July 29th eight Rho members met in the Blake Room of the Somers Public Library to create torn paper note cards. Several Rho members are experienced card makers. They shared their expertise to assist in this project. The chapter hopes to sell these cards at a fall craft show as a fund raiser. Rho officers from 2020-2022 are continuing in their positions for 2022-2024.

Rho Chapter mourns the loss of DKG member **Gloria Matthews** of Tolland, who passed on July 6th. Gloria was a well-regarded reading teacher in Tolland. Her graveside service was attended by many of her former colleagues. She had served as Treasurer for Rho and CTSO. She also hosted teas for new members for many years. Her gentle nature will be missed by her sisters in Rho.



Highlights from the 2022 DKG International Convention

(Continued from page 1) 2022 International Convention session included inspirations delivered by members of DKGNext, information about the new DKG website, which will be functioning by the end of this year and lively discussions and votes on proposed amendments to our governing documents.

Attendees had the pleasure of hearing two exceptional Keynote speakers. Courtney Clark who says she is the luckiest unlucky person in the world, shared her story of adaptability, resilience and revisionary thinking after facing a series of major life challenges. She encouraged members to embrace detours in life.

Ingvi Omarsson is an educator, entrepreneur and speaker from Iceland. He presented five guiding principles for education:

1. Success cannot always be measured with a #2 pencil;
2. Collaboration is key;
3. Students learn by doing;
4. To be intelligent is to be creative;
5. The purpose of education is to help us become more human and less like machines.

The Convention closed with the installation of new officers. **President Dr. Debbie LaBlanc** will lead DKG for the next biennium. Members enjoyed a reception and closing dinner. After not having a Convention in four years, members celebrated a week of friendship and fellowship.

Pat O'Connell Buckley, Theta
CTSO Longevity Chair



CTSO President Ann Grosjean and keynote speaker Courtney Clark



Kathleen Lozinak, Ann Grosjean and Pat O'Connell Buckley

International Convention Fine Arts Display



DKG 2022-2024 International President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc



International Convention General Session





IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

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



Jean Masotti, Delta Chapter

Died: April 2, 2022



Jean was initiated into Delta Chapter on December 10, 1977 in Waterbury. She served as Research Committee Chair from 1988 - 1992 and worked on the Bundles for Babies Project in 1999. She also served as hostess for chapter luncheons in 1981 and 1990. Jean was a very creative woman and used her talents by making favors for Delta's birthday celebrations in 1994 and again in 2004, as well as, favors for the State Fall Conference in 2002. Jean's membership in Delta was a family affair as her mother, Adelaide King, and sister, Dorothy "Dee" Hamel, were also members.

Jean graduated from Bristol High School in 1955 and Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania in 1959 where she earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. In 1958, she was elected to "Who's Who" in American Colleges and Universities. Jean taught in the Bristol School System for thirty - eight years, teaching grades one, two and three. She was a member of The Friends of the Library and The Bristol Historical Society.

She leaves her husband, Joe, to whom she was married for sixty- one years and her three children: daughters Lori Tracy and Susan Hahn and son Thomas Masotti and their spouses. In addition, she leaves five grandchildren and four great- grandchildren.

Jean was an avid swimmer, had a passion for gardening and shared her love of books with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She spent her retirement years traveling the country with her husband. Jean's warm smile and quiet, gentle presence will be dearly missed by her Delta sisters. May you rest in peace, Jean.

Angeline Schillaci, Beta Chapter

Died: April 14, 2022



Angeline B. Caruso Schillaci was inducted into Beta Chapter on November 1, 1978. She left us at the age of 97. Angie was an active member of DKG for many decades and served on many Beta Chapter ad hoc committees. In her later years, she became a reserve member of the chapter but continued to support Beta's annual \$500 grant for a local high school senior.

Angie graduated from Albertus Magnus College, received her Master's Degree from Yale University and her Sixth Year Certificate from the University of Bridgeport. She was a true lifelong learner. Angie was a biology teacher at Harding High School for more than 37 years and was respected by her peers and students alike.

After retirement, Angie volunteered at VITA and at Saint Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport. Her family remembers her for her devotion to them, her strong Catholic faith and for her culinary ability to make the best meatballs and sauce, which were a staple. She loved doing puzzles and word games, and she cherished Sunday and holiday dinners with her growing family.

Anne Rudge-Pinkham, Eta Chapter

Died: April 23, 2022



Anne was initiated into Eta Chapter on 1 May, 1969. She was a treasurer of the chapter in the 1970s.

She earned a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Connecticut State University, followed by a Master's degree in reading from the University of Connecticut. Anne taught in the New Britain school system, in Amish county in Pennsylvania and in the Waterford Public School System. For more than 40 years, she taught and advocated for 'my kids'. Anne's life was filled with service. After Anne retired from teaching, she was not done with helping children.

Anne volunteered at the York Correctional Facility where she read to and played with children so families of inmates could visit. Anne believed in family first and second chances. She volunteered at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Lobby shop.

Anne had a smile, and she had style. She was passionate about animal welfare and was a constant donor to various organizations. Her definition of home equaled family, friends and lots of good food. Anne always appreciated what Eta Chapter was involved in and was vocal about it. She was a pleasure to be around. A shining light seemed to surround Anne, and her Eta sisters were drawn to her good cheer at the meetings. Her presence will be missed.



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

**Dr. Bettye Fletcher Comer, Eta Chapter
June 2, 2022**



Bettye was initiated into Eta Chapter on May 1, 1975. She graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Science degree, from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Master's Degree in education and from the University of Connecticut with a Sixth-Year Certificate in professional education. In 1985, she was awarded a Doctorate in education from Columbia University.

Bettye began her teaching career in Ledyard as an English and social studies teacher. In 1970, she was appointed as Dean of Girls at New London High School, followed by principalships at two New London schools: Nameaug in 1973 and Winthrop School after that. She finished her career in education in the Stamford school system as a principal and then as an administrator in their central office. Retirement came in 1996.

Bettye was involved in various organizations: she was a trustee of Mitchell College in New London, a director of the Fletcher Foundation, a member of the Teachers Advisory Board of the New School for Social Research and a member of the New York State Regents Task Force Subcommittee. The honors she received were numerous, such as the Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Neag School of Education at UCONN, the President's Award of Merit from Connecticut College and an honorary doctorate from the Bank Street College of Education, as well as their President's Medal.

Bettye spoke softly, had a big smile and always took time to listen and extend a helping hand. She was kind and known for being fair to her students. The children and her staff had great respect for her. She was an excellent administrator.

**Alma Peterson, Eta Chapter
Died June, 4 2022**



Alma was initiated into Eta Chapter on June 1, 1984. She did it all - president, secretary, acting president and was the best hostess for the infamous Patio Picnics at Peterson Place every summer. She always had suggestions and great ideas.

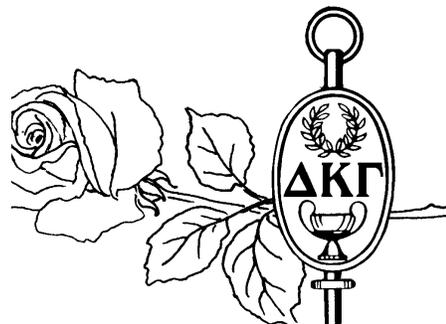
Alma received her RN in 1953 and her BSN in 1959. Her Master of Library Science degree was conferred upon her by the University of Rhode Island in 1977.

Alma was a school librarian in the New London Public School System for at least 20 years serving elementary, junior high and middle school students. Besides her school obligations, Alma was an inveterate volunteer to her church, the hospital auxiliary, the New London Public Library, the Red Cross, Child and Family Agency and many more.

She was predeceased by her husband, David. Eta Chapter members extend their sympathies to her three sons, their wives and her five grandsons.

She took pleasure and satisfaction in knitting, needlepoint and the precise weaving required for her Nantucket lightship baskets. These skillful crafts added color and character to her home and were received as cherished gifts across the decades. Alma's craftsmanship kept many Eta members in awe of her talent and creativity.

Alma's infectious laugh, irreverent humor and the joie de vivre will long be remembered.





CTSO Fall Conference Workshop Descriptions

Tai Chi—presented by LeLap Le. Ms. Le was born in Viet Nam and came to CT in 1975 with her husband and two children. She has worked as a pharmacist in St. Francis, Hartford, John Dempsey Hospitals. She has been teaching Tai Chi and Qigong since 1989 for all ages.

Book Talk—discussion led by Pat O’Connell-Buckley and Jackie Abbott. Please read *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Everybody Claps—presented by Lillie Feierabend. This lively session will explore clapping games from several cultures. Global community music-making builds a bridge where we are offered a window into another culture.

DKG CTSO Chapter Revitalization—presented by members of CTO executive board. Information from the meeting with Carolyn Pittman will be shared with participants. Time will be allotted for discussion.

Workforce Initiatives for High School Students—presented by Ann Benowitz of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Benowitz is vice president of Economic Development and Workforce Initiatives. She is working on a project with local manufacturing companies and school districts to develop a collaboration that will provide students with information and opportunities to explore manufacturing (and other local opportunities) that may interest them after graduation. She will be available for questions after her presentation.



Lelap Le



Ann Benowitz



The Connecticut State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

An Important Date...December 1, 2020

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of candidates for the 2023-2025 biennium for:

Recording Secretary

The committee does have members willing to serve as first vice president and second vice president. They are looking for one member to serve on the Nominating Committee (2023-2027) from the

NORTHWEST Region---that would be Iota, Tau-Upsilon, Delta, Lambda and Mu

At this point they do have members, two from each region, willing to serve on the Finance Committee for the 2023-2027 term.

The responsibilities of each position can be found online on the Connecticut State website (dkgct.weebly.com) in the Bylaws and Standing Rules documents. The Nominations Form is also on the website under Forms.

Nomination forms are due electronically or by mail by December 1, 2022 to:

**Patricia Piatek
56 Clint Eldredge Rd
Willington, CT 06279**

**Nominating Committee Co-chairs: Pat Piatek and Sue Nadeau
Committee members: Sandra Petrucelli Carbone, Kathleen Lozinak and Lillie Feierabend**



DKG CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION
83rd FALL CONFERENCE
Maximize, Maintain, Motivate, and Mentor our Members
Saturday, November 5, 2022
Orville Platt High School
220 Coe Ave, Meriden, CT 06451. Phone: 203-235-7962

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Buffet in the Cafeteria
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
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: Allison Faye

375 Chickadee Lane, Stratford, CT 06614

allisonfay@gmail.com; (203)331-5643

DIRECTIONS TO PLATT HIGH SCHOOL, 220 COE AVE., MERIDEN

I-91 South to exit 18 (I-691W); *exit 6 (right on Lewis Ave., Rt 71); right on Hanover St., right on Coe Ave.
1-91 North to exit 17-merge onto Rt. 15N toward 1-691 (Berlin Turnpike); take exit 68W to merge onto I-691W; continue from *

Registration Deadline October 24, 2022

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Breakfast Buffet: gluten-free quiche (veggie & bacon), sausage, potatoes, croissants, bagels, fruit salad, coffee, tea

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

- _____ Book Talk: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks (one double session)
- _____ Tai Chi (This session will be held twice)
- _____ Chapter Revitalization (Recruiting new members; strengthening chapters)
- _____ Clapping—history, importance and examples
- _____ Workforce initiatives for high school students

CONFERENCE COSTS: (Due to the increase in food costs there is no registration fee or late fee.)

Breakfast cost: \$25.00 _____

Guest Name/s: _____

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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**DKG CT State Organization
Upcoming Dates:**

September 17, 2022

CTSO Executive Board Meeting – New Britain Library

October 15, 2022

CTSO Revitalization Workshop – New Britain Library

November 5, 2022

CTSO Fall Conference – Orville Platt HS, Meriden

February 11, 2023

CTSO Executive Board Meeting – Zoom

May 6, 2023

CTSO Spring Convention - Cascade, Hamden

June 3, 2023

CTSO Executive Board Meeting – New Britain Library

DKG International Upcoming Dates:

July 11–16, 2023

DKG Conference in Detroit, Michigan

July 18 – 22, 2023

DKG Conference in Phoenix, Arizona

July 26 – 29, 2023

DKG Conference in Tampere, Finland

2024 - DKG International Convention
Gaylord National – Washington DC

2026 - DKG International Convention –
Gaylord Rockies – Aurora, CO

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SPRING 2023 KEYNOTE DEADLINE: February 28, 2023

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<http://dkgct.weebly.com>



The Leadership Puzzle ... and You

A main reason Delta Kappa Gamma was founded is still valid: women teachers need the support of each other. Chapters provide a haven of support and encouragement for women educators. Helping each other to build confidence, to feel the strength of combined voices and to develop courage to speak out to and for each other is essential. DKG chapter leaders must feel the support of their members.

(Partial reprint from DKG Blog—January 3, 2018—Karen Dole, Xi Chapter, Iowa State, DKG