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AKS Spring Convention Keynote Speaker

Janet Patry, Founder of Right 2 Thrive

"Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Multi-Generational Empowerment and Education"



Alpha Kappa State is honored to welcome Janet Patry to its 77th Annual Spring Convention on April 9th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell. Janet founded Right 2 Thrive after she spent several weeks volunteering at a children's home in Nairobi, Kenya. She discovered that many of the children had been abandoned by their families because of extreme poverty and did not attend school due to lack of funding. When Janet returned to the U.S. she started the charity to pay school fees and improve their living conditions.

Janet gave up a successful career as a Corporate Trainer and relocated from New York City to Nairobi in 2012. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, is an accomplished Human Resources professional, a certified Life Coach and a certified Master Trainer and Curriculum Developer. She has over 15 years of experience in coaching, training, team building and program development.

Right 2 Thrive, founded in 2009, is an American charitable organization and is a registered NGO (non-governmental organization) in Nairobi. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty through multi-generational empowerment and education. It provides training in Personal Empowerment, Basic English Literacy, Sports and Life Skills, as well as Craft Making and the Women's Economic Empowerment Program. It offers capital investment for businesses and has a pay-it-forward policy that requires them to give away goods or services equal to the investment. More information about R2T can be found at www.right2thrive.org. In this extremely low-income area of Nairobi formal employment is rare, as most residents run small-scale businesses or work as casual laborers. All R2T programs are free and open to all, and they reach the most needy and vulnerable members of the community.

SHARING OUR VISION: PAYING IT FORWARD

Alpha Kappa State 77th Spring Convention

Saturday, April 9th, 2016

Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell

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Jottings from Joan

Sharing Our Vision—Paying it Forward



Greetings Alpha Kappa State Sisters,

Timing is everything, one of those clichés which holds more than a kernel of truth. As I sit here writing, the first real snow storm of winter is slowly melting. As you sit reading, spring blooms are probably trying to emerge. This is one of the joys and ironies of publishing.

Paying It Forward is also alive and well. Once it was a Wheel of Fortune final puzzle which I solved. I am also reading about the children we teach who are paying it forward. Recently there was an article about a 13-year-old boy attending school in West Hartford. His aunt told him about the needs of the children she taught in impoverished countries. He founded Planting Pencils, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing school supplies to underserved children around the world. He has even petitioned legislators and the United Nations for support! Other children have been collecting coats and donating toys. There is hope for the future.

Our keynote speaker at the Spring Convention on April 9th also pays it forward with her organization Right2Thrive. This group helps children in Kenya to learn by paying for their education. It also assists women to earn a stable income and provide for their families. I hope to see you there on this spring day of business, learning, celebration and friendship.

Joan

What's New ? ? ? ?

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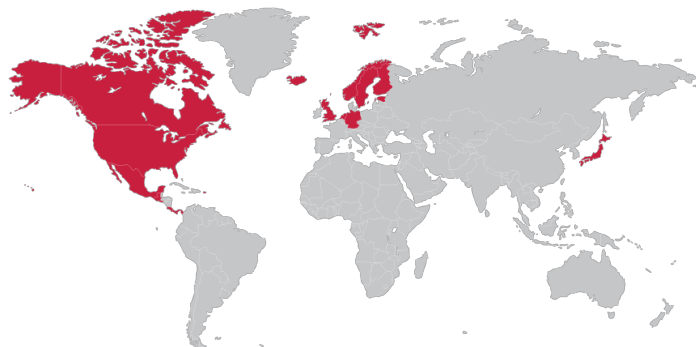
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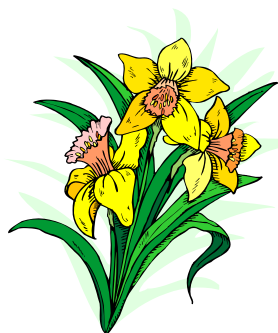
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International invites members to access the NEW website and to become part of the DKG social media. Chapters are encouraged to plan a meeting to demonstrate how to get onto the new website and what is available there for members. This is known as the Profile Premiere Challenge. To ensure security for all members, there is a new log-in which allows **only members** to access the information and resources. Members will need their membership number which will be the User ID and cannot be changed. It can be found on your membership card, on the label of your *DKG News*, from your chapter treasurer or **AKS State Editor Carol Beam**. You will be given an initial password to access the site; however, once you have logged in you are asked to create your own password and member profile.

Then..... the fun begins:

- ◆ Access your personal account and members-only resources
- ◆ Modify your contact information in the International database
- ◆ Create a DKG profile
- ◆ Be part of a secure community within which to connect with members around the world
- ◆ Join a blog
- ◆ And much more. . . .

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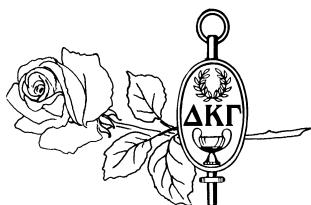


Spring Convention Highlights

- ◆ Learn about **Right 2 Thrive**, the charitable organization founded by **Janet Patry** to help fund educational opportunities for the children of Nairobi, Kenya.
- ◆ Attend the Ceremony of Life to honor the memory of our sisters deceased in 2015.
- ◆ Vote on the proposed AKS Bylaws Revisions.
- ◆ Enjoy the surprise Fine Arts presentation arranged by **Faye Ringel** and **Roz Etra**.
- ◆ Learn about the recent CTAUN Conference and the UN Sustainable Development Goals from our AKS NGO/United Nations Representative **Ann Grosjean**.
- ◆ Celebrate with our sisters who have been members of DKG for 25, 30, 40 or 50 years!
- ◆ Support our State Fundraiser and **WIN** one of the beautiful prizes donated by each chapter.

Above all, enjoy the time to share camaraderie with your Alpha Kappa State Sisters!

**Did you know that the Greek Letters DKG (ΔΚΓ)
are the first letters in the Greek words for
Teacher, Key and Women?**



ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



ALPHA KAPPA STATE PROPOSED STANDING RULES REVISION TO BE VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP APRIL 9, 2016

Marnee Straiton, AKS Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee Chair

The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following revision to the Alpha Kappa State Standing Rules. It has been recommended by an affirmative vote of the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board.

Standing Rules Article II, Duties of Standing Committees, Section A. Society Business, 4. Finance:

Current: The members elected to this committee shall be responsible for supervision of the financial affairs of the organization. It shall recommend the expenditure and investment of funds, prepare and present to the Executive Board a budget based on Program Goals and arrange for an annual financial review. In addition, the Finance Committee shall recommend the distribution of monies raised by the Spring Convention annual fundraiser.

To add:

a. **The Investment Committee** shall be a subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

1. The subcommittee members shall include the chair of the Finance Committee, the AKS President or her designee (ex-officio with a vote), two members of the Finance Committee, and the AKS Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer, ex-officio members without a vote.
2. The responsibilities of the Investment Subcommittee shall include recommendations for the investment of funds, the supervision of those investments, 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.

Rationale: This set of responsibilities requires a greater expenditure of time and expertise. Allocation of these duties to a specific subcommittee will ensure the careful monitoring of AKS investments.

Going to the DKG Convention? Plan to spend an evening at the Whitehorse Saloon!



The DKG Educational Foundation (DKGEF) will sponsor **Call Me Country** at the world-famous **Wildhorse Saloon** during the 2016 DKG International Convention. All DKG members and their guests are urged to purchase tickets when registering for the convention, either online (www.dkg.org) or using the registration form found in the Jan./Feb. issue of the *DKG News*.

Plan to spend Thursday evening, July 7th, in the **Wildhorse Saloon** located in the heart of Nashville's entertainment district. This three-level historic warehouse has been converted into a 66,000 sq. ft. country music dance hall, restaurant, concert hall and TV production site. Horse sculptures and murals dominate the décor with many positioned for optimal "selfie" opportunities! The extensive "all-you-can-eat" buffet on levels two and three features their award-winning BBQ selections and numerous side dishes.

The first floor features space for performances by a live band and a DJ, as well as line dance instruction for those wanting to kick up their heels. Besides dining seating, the second and third floors include cash bars and a variety of entertainment venues ranging from billiards to shuffle board to big screen TVs. Use your visit to the **Wildhorse** as an opportunity to wander in and out of all the famous clubs and shops located in the area with a ride home to the Opryland Hotel provided at your convenience.

Your ticket (\$165) includes:

- transportation (buses will run every 20 minutes between the Wildhorse Saloon and the Opryland Hotel)
- access to all levels and activities
- entertainment — DJ, live band, line dance instruction, dance floor
- dinner buffet
- a tax deductible donation to the Foundation



Do you know someone who is helping women and/or children to make a better life for themselves?

Do you know someone who advocates for the rights of women and/or children?

**If you can answer 'Yes' to either of the above questions,
then this is your chance to recommend that person(s) for an
Alpha Kappa State Honorary Membership**

All chapter members are reminded that the Alpha Kappa State Membership Committee is seeking nominations for new state honorary members to be initiated at the November 2016 Fall Conference.

"An honorary member shall be a woman not eligible for active membership who has rendered notable service to education or to women, and is elected to honorary membership in recognition of such service." (DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules 2014, Article III, Section 3)

The State Honorary Membership form is the same form as Chapter Member Application. The form needs to be completed and submitted to **AKS State Honorary Membership Chair Joan Troccolo** by **June 30, 2016**. Please e-mail to LTroccolo@snet.net or mail to Joan Troccolo; 701 Center Street B-1; Wallingford, CT 06492. If there are any questions, please contact Joan at 203 265-0779.



**Joan Troccolo, Chair
State Honorary Membership
Alpha Kappa State Membership Committee**



Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation

Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation supports and encourages intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

Vision: Giving To Educate the World.

Purposes: Support and encourage intercultural understanding

Encourage standards of excellence in education

Assist and cooperate with schools, colleges, universities and other persons, organizations, trust funds or foundations in support, encouragement and improvement of education.

History: The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation was established in 1964. Generous contributions from the Society, members, chapters and friends provide funds to support DKGEF Projects that carry out the Mission and Purposes of the Foundation. Gifts to the Educational Foundation are welcome at any time and are tax deductible in the United States. The Foundation spends more than \$150,000 each year to support creative projects, seminars and professional development. Since its inception, the Educational Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$4 million in its efforts to improve, enrich and encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.

Lucile Cornetet bequeathed the largest gift ever granted to the Society. The Cornetet Fund for Professional Development was established in 2005. The proceeds from this investment are administered by The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to support professional development of educators.

Visit the DKG website to learn more about the Educational Foundation. Members are encouraged to donate, as well as to apply for one of the awards to continue their educational endeavors.

For additional information go to www.dkgef.org.



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BETA

Beta Chapter will hold its third meeting of the 2015-2016 school year March 16th (snow date March 23th). **Linda Paslav, Educational Excellence Chair**, will give members and guests a tour of the Old Fairfield Academy, located in Fairfield, CT.

Fairfield's Old Academy was founded in 1802 by a group of prominent local citizens. The schoolhouse itself was built on the Old Post Road in Fairfield and opened in 1804. The original academy was in existence until about 1884. In 1920, the Old Academy was faced with demolition, but the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Fairfield Historical Society joined to save and restore the building, which was moved to the town green in 1958. Today the Old Academy is owned by the town and still used by the DAR. Open to visitors several days a year, the building contains historical artifacts, and the second floor is a replica of the old schoolroom.

Several members are investigating projects/fundraisers to be used to fund Beta's scholarship.

The final meeting of the year will be a dinner meeting to be held during the week of June 20th, the date, place and time to be determined.

EPSILON

On December 6th, Epsilon members gathered for the winter meeting and holiday festivities. Members in attendance included **President Katherine Nunn, First Vice President Anne Marie Moore, Treasurer Diana Wassenhoven, Secretary Carol Koladicz, Ellen Murtha, Pam Solnik, Brenda Monroe Fitzpatrick, Janie Pertillar, Carylrae Cling, Katie Cognata, Joanne Charbonneau, Shannon Karlowicz. Janie Pertillar** was celebrated for 25 years of membership. Members collected toys to be donated to Mercy House and Shelter. Food and festivities were followed with a Yankee Gift Swap. Epsilon members will gather again in March for the spring meeting and to determine spring outreach projects.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter came out of hibernation since the very successful auction in November to hold its Birthday Celebration Pizza Party on March 5th at Guillos Pizza Restaurant in North Haven. Highlight of the event was the initiation of three new members; **Jamie French**, an instructor at Gateway Community College in New Haven, **Maria Rivera**, high school English instructor in Bridgeport, and **Kathleen Peters-Durrigan**, retired elementary principal in North Haven. Long-time Zeta Chapter member **Evelyn Barese**, Associate Professor at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York, was the speaker discussing What's New in Teacher Prep.

Tickets were sold for the gift baskets at the AKS Spring Convention on April 9th in Cromwell, and members contributed funds for a gift basket to be donated at the Spring Convention as well! Members had a pleasant time greeting new initiates, as well as each other since there

had not been a meeting since November. Zeta's final meeting of the year will be held June 1st when a new slate of officers will be installed, and applications for new Zeta Chapter members will be presented.

THETA

In December Theta continued to strengthen its relationship with **Journey House**. Members visited and prepared holiday cookies with the girls, which they were able to give to their families. Many members continued the tradition of filling stockings with wrapped gifts for the girls to open on Christmas morning.

Theta Chapter's winter meeting was held at the Willington Public Library on January 18th with Rho Chapter. Each chapter held its business meeting simultaneously. Following the meetings, authors, **Jeanette Alsheimer** (a DKG member from Massachusetts) and Patricia Friedle, dressed in period costumes and treated members to a colonial tea party where they discussed issues of the times. They then spoke about their trilogy of pre-revolutionary historical fiction novels written for middle and high school readers. Rho member **Jacqueline Abbott** ended the meeting by sharing "The Story of Us". Jackie shared the history of how one chapter was split into two chapters: Rho and Theta. Attendees then had the opportunity to view and purchase books and socialize. Members also enjoyed a book swap and donated board books for the chapter's **Books for Babies** program.

Theta members **Karen Anger, Karen Dibala, Millie Ramsey, Sharon Bartlett and Ann Grosjean** attended the CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) Conference at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on January 22nd. They returned excited having learned about and anxious to share the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Global Goals!

On January 30th, **Monique Brown** coordinated Theta members to prepare and serve their semi-annual meal. There were approximately 100 members of the Willimantic community at the Covenant Soup Kitchen for the annual winter meal.



Theta members at 2016 CTAUN Conference: Ann Grosjean, Millie Ramsey and Karen Dibala



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LAMBDA

A hint of autumn was in the air the evening of Lambda's first meeting at the home of **Sandy Conway**. After a delicious pot luck dinner, members enjoyed a presentation by Maureen DeLucia, author of *Keeping Your Word, The Best Gift You Can Give Your Children*. Maureen, a retired Wallingford teacher, discussed her writing process and shared some poignant personal memories.

The chapter's second meeting was held at Pond Hill School on November 9th. Fifth grade teacher Jennifer Ulatowski, demonstrated some fascinating technology that she uses with her students. After her presentation, members celebrated an early Lambda birthday celebration with delicious cupcakes made by **Nancy Maynard**.

Members brought donations for the Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis to both meetings. Paul Ulatowski, **Mary Ellen Ulatowski**, John Mattingly and **Sue Mattingly** delivered the items prior to the busy holiday season. Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis provides much needed support for battered women and their families.

Early in December, a holiday sing-along and ornament swap took place at the home of **Nancy Maynard**. Members enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and song. Over fifty dollars was raised for Lambda's high school grant fund.

The March meeting will be held at the home of **Kari Baransky**. Jim Deveau will present a program of Irish music. Back by popular demand, Jim will sing (accompanying himself on either guitar or bodhran) and provide a glimpse into the historical significance of Irish music.

The Lambda year will conclude with a May dinner meeting at the Cheshire Academy. **Nancy Maynard** and **Kathy Hanisko** will present the chapter's grant to a Cheshire senior who will be majoring in education. In addition, members will complete chapter business and recognize the contributions of its wonderful members.

NU

Nu Chapter members enjoyed a holiday get-together in December at the home of **Karen Curth**. Those in attendance enjoyed a festive evening, complete with dinner and a gift exchange. **Sr. Carol Ann** supplied the entertainment with her holiday trivia quizzes! It was a wonderful time enjoying each other's company and getting in the holiday spirit!

Plans are being made for our popular *Dinner and a Movie* to be held in late February/early March (depending upon the weather!)

RHO

Rho Chapter enjoyed a delightful joint meeting with Theta on Jan 18th at the Willington Public Library. Sister authors, **Jeanette Alsheimer** and Patricia Friedle shared their trilogy of pre-Revolutionary War books written for middle school age students. They dressed as two characters in the books and presented a lively dialogue of the times and lives of their characters. Jeanette is a Massachusetts DKG member. These writing sisters have a business entitled CollegialWriting that can be accessed at collegialwriting@gmail.com. Rho would encourage other chapters to investigate this site and perhaps book a program for a chapter meeting. Rho members appreciate Theta's hospitality and hope to return the favor with an invitation to a Rho program. The March 8th meeting will be a craft meeting at the Somers Public Library.



Reminder to all Chapters!

There will be the Annual Fundraiser at the Spring Convention. It will be similar to ones held in the past. Each chapter will be responsible for sending a gift basket, afghan, gift certificate or the like to the Spring Convention.

These items need not be expensive, but rather appealing and fun to win. We would also hope that individual chapters will collect money from their non-attending members for purchase of tickets at the Convention. The funds collected will go to supporting the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee and the Scholarships/Grants, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Joan Konareski
AKS President

SAVE THE DATE:

June 24, 2016

AKS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Central CT State University

Special Copernican Planetarium Program after the Conference

AKS Leadership Chair Roz Etra



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

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



Helen M Woodford, Delta Chapter July 25, 2015

Helen Woodford was initiated as a member of Delta Chapter on March 3, 1966. She served as the chapter treasurer from 1968-1970. She was also part of the finance committee from 1972-1974. Helen also served as a hostess at meetings several times throughout her membership.

Helen attended Bloomfield Schools, graduating high school in 1945. She earned degrees at Dean Junior College and the University of Bridgeport. She also held graduate degrees from the University of Hartford. She was a Health and Physical Education teacher in the Torrington Public Schools for thirty-four years. Helen retired in 1984 and was named Retired Educator of the Year for Connecticut by the Litchfield County Association for Retired Teachers in 1995.

The Girl Scouts were near and dear to Helen, and she held a variety of positions including Girl Scout Camp Director for a few years. She volunteered her multiple talents to a variety of organizations in Torrington, including the United Congregational Church, the American Cancer Society, Community Kitchen and Sullivan Senior Center.

Helen was a forty-nine year DKG member. In 2014, she was honored with Alpha Kappa State's Life Membership Award.

Alice Marie Obrig, Alpha Chapter January 1, 2016

Alice, initiated into Alpha Chapter on September 24, 1974, was an active member until her illness. She was the daughter of Virginia Obrig, also a member of Alpha Chapter.

She graduated from Greenwich High School in 1956, attended Bentley University and graduated with a BS from Cornell School of Nursing. She received her MS from Boston University and her MPH from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She also earned her EDD from Columbia University. Alice taught at Fairfield University from 1973-2001 with an emphasis in nursing midwifery.

Alice was nearly a lifelong resident of Greenwich, CT. She was well-known in the community and served on many committees.

ALPHA KAPPA STATE ACHIEVERS

Patricia O'Connell Buckley (Theta Chapter and AKS First Vice-President) has been nominated for a position on the 2016-2020 DKG International Finance Committee. Pat was a member of the 2012-2016 International Finance Committee. Congratulations, Pat!

Jacqueline Farrell (Iota Chapter) was selected to have her article, *Literacy Volunteer Organizations: Providing Alternative Education for Adults*, published in the Summer 2015 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Belated congratulations to Jackie.

Ann Grosjean Cavanaugh (Theta Chapter President and Delta Kappa Gamma NGO representative to the UN) and **Kathleen Lozinak** (Omicron Chapter President) have been selected to participate in the 2016 DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar to be held July 17-29, 2016, at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. AKS extends its congratulations to Ann and Kathleen.



The Sustainable Development Global Goals: Pathway to the World We Want

AKS Spring Convention Presentation by Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean

At the April 9th Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention, **Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean** will share the new United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Global Goals. Ann serves as one of the nine Delta Kappa Gamma NGO (non-governmental organization) representatives to the UN. With her NGO colleagues, she attends briefings at the UN on Thursdays. They write articles about what they learn for the dkg.org website under the Education Excellence Committee at DKG@UN. They also serve on CTAUN (Committee on Teaching about the United Nations) where they plan the annual January CTAUN Conference at the UN. They feature the UN topics they feel will be of most value to educators each year and invite speakers they have heard at the briefings and at other UN venues. Ann also serves as her AKS Theta Chapter president and is excited that she will attend the DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in July at the University of Texas in Austin to develop her leadership, communication and management skills!

On September 25, 2015, as the United Nations celebrated its seventieth birthday, the General Assembly adopted the 2015 – 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN Headquarters in New York City. The seventeen SDGs were developed based on the evaluation of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which were implemented between 2000 and 2015. The MDGs met many of their benchmarks: poverty was reduced; more children, especially girls received a primary education; infant and child mortality was decreased; many diseases were contained or eradicated; clean water and sanitation were more available and there was greater gender equality. Although some progress was made in these areas there is much work yet to be done. More than anything, the MDGs proved that setting goals and working together does enable us to create a better world for all!

To develop the SDGs, The “My World” survey (<http://vote.myworld2015.org>) enabled everyone worldwide, with access to computers, to choose six priorities for their families from the sixteen listed. In addition, extensive efforts were made to include all citizens in developing countries. Interviewers visited communities of farmers, indigenous peoples and migrants. You may see the ongoing results at <http://data.myworld2030.org/> . The millions of responses were considered to determine the seventeen SDGs. The NGOs (Non-governmental Organizations) held a conference in New York in August of 2014 to enable the workers “on the ground” to share what they felt still needed to be accomplished. Several of your Delta Kappa Gamma NGO representatives, including Ann, attended and participated in this process!

Each citizen of the world must make these goals a part of their daily lives! Teachers must educate their students about these global goals and live them in the classroom! Governments from villages to nations must integrate them into their plans. The voices of developing countries must be heard and be equal partners. The SDGs are by everyone for everyone! Together we can all create a world on our sustainable planet, where each person’s human rights, needs, dignity and security are guaranteed.

The Sustainable Development Goals can be found on Page 10



CTAUN Planning Committee members:
(l. to r.) Ann Grosjean (CT), Ruth Neilsen (NJ), Eileen Venezia (NY) and Grace Murphy (NY)



2016 CTAUN Conference at the United Nations in New York City



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or Global Goals

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture**
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**
- Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**
- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all**
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**
- Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation**
- Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries**
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable**
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns**
- Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts**
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss**
- Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels**
- Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership**



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

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ALPHA KAPPA STATE 77th SPRING CONVENTION

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SHARING OUR VISION: PAYING IT FORWARD

7:45 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration, State Fundraiser Sales
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Ceremony of Life
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Introductions, Welcome, Flag Ceremony
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Thought for the Day, Business Meeting
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break, State Fundraiser and Right 2 Thrive Sales
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Keynote: Janet Patry, Founder of Right 2 Thrive, <i>"Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Multi-Generational Empowerment and Education"</i>
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Break, State Fundraiser and Right 2 Thrive Sales
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch, Birthday Celebration, State Fundraiser
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Fine Arts Presentation
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean , <i>The New U.N. Sustainable Development Goals</i>
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Honoring our Members: Longevity Pin Recipients
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and <i>The Delta Kappa Gamma Song</i>

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION

Please send form below with meal choice(s) and check made out to: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa State

Mail to:

Mary Ellen Ulatowski

139 Dryden Drive

Meriden, CT 06450

Mulatowski75@sbcglobal.net

Phone: (203) 237-5718

DIRECTIONS TO COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Traveling North or South: I-91 North or South to Exit 21, turn right at end of exit. Turn right just before Burger King onto Sebethe Drive. Hotel is on the right.

From New York City/Bridgeport: I-95 to I-91 North to Exit 21. Follow directions above.

Parking is at front, side and back of hotel.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 26. 2016

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

COFFEE and TEA available from 7:45-9:30 a.m. (no breakfast available)

Check your choice(s) below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Citrus Grilled Salmon topped with Citrus Mint Beurre Blanc	\$37.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pepper Encrusted Flat Iron Steak with Cabernet Demi-Glaze and a Gorgonzola Crown	\$36.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Vegetable Couscous with Quinoa, Vegetables, Olives and Fennel in a Light Herb Olive Oil	\$32.00

(All entrees include: Garden Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Rolls, Birthday Cake, Coffee/Tea)

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INDICATE: _____

CONVENTION COSTS:	Registration fee <u>per person</u>	\$ 5.00
	Late fee (Postmarked after 3/26/16)	\$ 5.00

Guest Name/s: _____ Lunch Cost/s (see item/s checked above) _____

Choice _____ GRAND TOTAL + _____

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

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

**SAVE THE DATES****2016****Saturday, March 12, 2016****(Snow Date: March 19, 2016)***AKS Executive Board Meeting*
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library**Saturday, April 9, 2016***Alpha Kappa State**77th Spring Convention*

Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell

Friday, June 24, 2016*AKS Leadership Conference*Central CT State University
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WINSTED, CT**Reminder:****The Summer issue of
*The Keynote*****will be available online only at
<www.deltakappagamma.net/ct>****Nashville is calling****Make your plans now to attend the 2016 DKG International Convention!
July 5-9, 2016**

This is a once-in-a-biennium opportunity designed to help you find fulfillment in your busy life. The convention will offer community and connection, information and inspiration, motivation and momentum. When you and your chapter are equipped with the right tools, the right plan and the right attitude, there is nothing that you cannot achieve. That's what the 2016 DKG International Convention is all about.

Stay at the famous Opryland Hotel and Resort, which is part of the Marriott chain of hotels. Earn points when booking in your name. The group rate cutoff date is June 3rd. Convention rates are applicable July 3-10. Register online at <http://bit.ly/DKG2016hotel> or call 888-777-6779.

Enjoy Nashville with tours of Music City and experience the wonder of the Opryland Hotel. Visit www.dkg.org for all the details and registration. There will be time to enjoy tours, such as Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and Studio B, as well as Music City USA (a sight-seeing tour of Nashville).

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