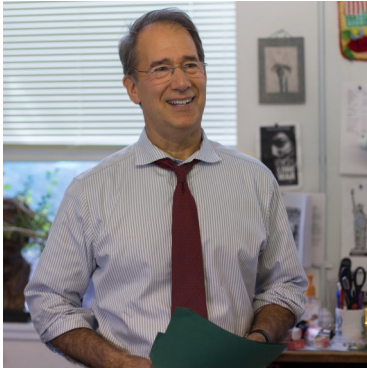




## Alpha Kappa State The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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### Chris George, Executive Director Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) Convention Keynote Speaker

Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS), will present the Keynote at the Alpha Kappa State Convention on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He will describe the vetting process and the process of refugee resettlement. He will also update us about the current status of refugee resettlement in Connecticut and the United States. Finally, he will share how AKS members might assist in welcoming these individuals and families into our communities.

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### New Honorary Member to be Inducted at Spring Convention



### Connecticut's Secretary of State Denise Merrill

Alpha Kappa State will be initiating Connecticut Secretary of State Denise Merrill as an AKS Honorary Member. Denise was elected Connecticut's 73<sup>rd</sup> Secretary of State on November 4, 2014. She is Connecticut's chief election official and business registrar. Since taking office she has focused on modernizing Connecticut's elections, business services and improving access to public records. She has improved election accountability and integrity with a series of rapid response processes to Election Day problems.

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## Alpha Kappa State 79<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Baci Grille, Cromwell

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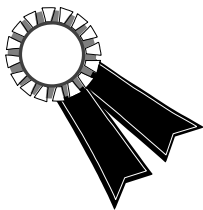
Dear Alpha Kappa State Sisters,

I am looking forward to the Spring, both for the warmer weather and for the activities planned for AKS. We will have our Spring Convention on April 28, 2018. The registration is included in this KEYNOTE. It should be a wonderful day. I am so looking forward to hearing Chris George, Executive Director of IRIS – Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services. It is so encouraging that Connecticut is continuing to help families resettle and start new lives in our country. I can't imagine what my life would be like if my grandparents or my husband's parents had not immigrated to the United States. I am excited to be initiating Denise Merrill, Connecticut Secretary of State, as an honorary state member. She has always been an advocate for education. We will also be honoring a devoted mother, Karen Cook. She is raising two autistic sons and volunteers in an adaptive ski program at Ski Sundown. It will be a great day, and I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Our Leadership Development Conference will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at The Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. **Shannon Karlowicz** and her committee are planning an informative and entertaining day. It will be a chance for new officers and chapter members to learn more about state activities and strategies for healthy chapters. They are also planning to entertain us with some talented student performers. I'm looking forward to meeting with the new and continuing chapter presidents, as well as with all interested AKS members.

May your chapters enjoy the meetings you have planned for the Spring. It is in the chapters that the community projects and fellowship of Delta Kappa Gamma are the strongest.

*Yours in DKG,  
Pat*



## Alpha Kappa State Outstanding Service Award

Alpha Kappa State's Outstanding Service Award Committee has selected Karen Cook to receive this award for 2018. Karen has been instrumental in the STRIDE Adaptive Sports program for the last six years. This program is run locally at Ski Sundown in New Hartford. Ski Sundown's Adaptive program provides ski and snowboarding lessons to individuals of all ages with physical, cognitive or developmental disabilities. Karen is an adaptive volunteer trained in adaptive coaching and can assess, equip and teach special-needs students one-on-one to meet their specific needs, abilities and learning styles.

Karen's enthusiastic spirit and her willingness to provide for those with disabilities, especially those on the autism spectrum, strongly qualify her to receive this award. She exhibits and excels in all the qualities of outstanding volunteer service for children. We are proud to recognize her countless hours of volunteering.

**Anne Brandt  
Outstanding Service Award Chair**



# Get the NEW DKG APP



This app will quickly become your 'go-to' source for information from International. You will have access to calendars/deadlines, news, messages, links, documents and more.

### Download and Log In Instructions:

If you already have the old DKG app, please delete it.

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The new app is free to download and is password protected. Once you have accessed the app, you will be prompted to log in. Please use the email address that the DKG has on file for you, then push the 'Email Password' button. You'll receive an email walking you through how to establish the password of your choosing. Once completed, login to the app with your email address and new password and explore! Navigate using the Menu button (3 horizontal lines) in the upper left corner.

## Visit the DKG and AKS websites!

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)  
<http://dkgct.weebly.com>



Photo courtesy of DKG Educational Foundation

## DKG 2018 CONVENTION ATTENDEES

### Educational Foundation Event

Join the fun at THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF AUSTIN right in the JW Marriott Lone Star Ballroom when the DKG Educational Foundation hosts its second annual fundraising event. Tickets for the event may be ordered on the Convention Registration form and are \$155 per person.



(Continued from page 1) Denise Merrill

Denise was elected president of the National Association of Secretaries of State for 2016-2017. She serves on the Board of Advisors to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. She has also launched an award-winning online business startup tool and led the development of Connecticut's e-Regulations System, an online platform to update agency regulations.

Prior to her election as Secretary of State, Denise served 17 years as a State Representative from the 54<sup>th</sup> District of Mansfield and Chaplin. She was a member of Government Administration and Elections Committee from 1995-1997; vice-chair of the Education Committee from 1994-1999; chair of Appropriations from 2005-2009 and House Majority Leader from 2009-2011. In 2009, she was named "Most Respected by the Other Side of the Aisle" and "Most Effective Legislator".

Prior to being a State Legislator, Denise served on the Mansfield Board of Education. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and is a classically trained pianist. She lives in Hartford. Denise's family includes her husband, Dr. Stephen Leach, his two sons, her three children and five grandchildren.



### Reminder to all Chapters!

The Annual Fundraiser will be held 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 support the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee and the Scholarships/Grants, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

**Pat O'Connell Buckley**  
**AKS President**



## An Invitation to Serve Alpha Kappa State

The AKS Nominations Committee will be preparing a slate of officers for the 2019-2021 biennium for **first vice-president, second vice-president and recording secretary**. The committee is also accepting nominations for **three candidates each for the finance committee and for the nominations committee** to serve from 2019-2023. A nomination form, which can be found on the AKS website, needs to be filled out for each candidate. Permission of the person must be secured before her name is recommended for nomination.

Nominations Committee members will be contacting chapter presidents. Be thinking now if you or members in your chapter are interested in serving in one of these positions. Nominating forms are due to the Nominations Committee Chair by December 1, 2018.

**Marilyn Arvoy (Alpha), AKS Nominations Chair**  
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#### Nominations Committee Members:

- Joanne Brogis (Delta)
- Jacqueline Farrell (Iota)
- Gail Karkowski (Beta)
- Susan Nadeau (Rho)
- Judy Weiner (Epsilon)

**Incoming Chapter Officers,  
Committee Chairs  
AND all AKS members!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**June 27, 2018**  
**AKS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Greater Hartford Academy  
of the Arts**

**Registration Form Enclosed**



# AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

## ALPHA

March 12<sup>th</sup> was a day with two very special celebrations. The first was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alpha Chapter and the second was the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alpha member **Ruth Wilson**.

The Chapter celebration included honoring past presidents with a red rose and appreciation. Past presidents who now live out of state sent greetings and notes to share a memory from when they served as president.

**Ruth Wilson** taught kindergarten at Cos Cob Elementary School in Greenwich. Both Ruth and many of her former students still live in Cos Cob. She is an inspiration to her Alpha sisters and is very proficient with communicating via e-mail using her iPad.

Alpha members are looking forward to the April 28<sup>th</sup> AKS Spring Convention at which four members will receive DKG longevity awards: 30 years – **Carolyn Gilbert, Lurline Lapolla, Car Westbrook**; and 60 years – **Anne Modugno**.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter members will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Manor Inn in Plantsville. A brunch buffet will be served. The guest speaker will be **Gloria Brown, President of CEA-Retired**. Gloria will address issues facing current and retired educators in Connecticut. Members will honor **June Legge**, a past chapter president, current chapter parliamentarian and very active member of Delta. June was the mother of **Colleen Spieler**, chapter Curriculum of Hope chair and member of AKS Membership Committee.

## EPSILON

In February, Epsilon Chapter members partnered with several financial institutions to invest in the future of the chapter, as well as the children it supports. A raffle was held in March to benefit the book grant fund. In April, Epsilon will be donating to the Helen and Harry Gray Cancer Center. Members are looking forward to attending and participating in the AKS Spring Convention. Epsilon Chapter, under the direction of **Shannon Karlowicz**, will be hosting the AKS Leadership Conference in Hartford on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## ZETA

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Zeta Chapter had its first meeting since its very successful auction held mid-November. This was the annual Birthday luncheon meeting and was held at Giulio's Pizza Restaurant in North Haven. Members enjoyed the socialization, and **President Lenore Martinelli** shared news from the AKS Executive Board meeting and Zeta's Executive Board meeting, both held in early February. A few registrations for the Spring Convention were collected, and the slate of officers for the 2018 - 2020 biennium was presented by the nominations committee.

Members **Nancy Tingley** and **Dot Logan**, who both work at Gateway Community College in New

Haven, shared the **Step Forward Programs** in which they are involved. The programs service students (ages 18- 21) with mild cognitive disabilities, allowing them to explore a variety of activities to ensure improved interpersonal communication skills, career possibilities and workplace readiness. On-site vocational experiences are an integral part of the program as well, and both **Nancy** and **Dot** are highly involved in this portion of the program. Both ladies are retired special education teachers from North Haven Public Schools taking their knowledge and experiences on to older students preparing for life in their community. Zeta thanks them for sharing!

Zeta members look forward to the AKS Spring Convention April 28 and to the chapter's final Sundae Social meeting. This meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Whitney Center in Hamden.

## THETA

Theta members are very saddened by the recent passing of their sister and long-time friend, **Annette Murphy**. Nettie was a beloved member of the chapter who never hesitated to pitch in or take on another committee or task. Nettie was a joy to work with and was always concerned and willing to help any member in need. Theta members have many fond memories of Nettie and will always remember her dedication and devotion to Delta Kappa Gamma.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, members prepared and served the annual meal at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic! **Margaret Daly** and **Ann Grosjean** coordinated the project with so many members contributing in so many ways! **Margaret, Ann, Jane Moynihan, Judy Baxter, Mary deVecchis** and **Lynda Stein** helped to prepare and serve the meal. **Janet Pagoni, Jeanne Morascini, Sharon Bartlett, Donna Cawley, Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Julia Brown, Margaret** and **Lynda** made delicious chicken and stuffing casseroles. **Karen Anger, Pam Aubin, Ronni Zoback, Senator Edith Prague** and **Monique Brown, Jane, Janet, Mary**, and **Ann** brought yummy desserts. Many other members generously made cash donations which will be presented to the Danielson Soup Kitchen.

The young ladies of Journey House thoroughly enjoyed the holiday gift boxes Theta shared with them! On February 12<sup>th</sup>, **Sharon Bartlett, Carole Norrish, Lynda Stein, Donna Cawley** and **Margaret Daly** delivered Valentines with Dollar Tree gift cards to the girls! They also enjoyed making individual pizzas together! They are looking forward to making and decorating spring cupcakes for the Soup Kitchen in March!

In April, Theta Chapter looks forward to gathering together when Theta member, **Pam Aubin**, will present *Planning the Just Right Garden*. Members are saving their catalogs and will learn which plants will flourish in their own garden environment! Happy Spring to all from Theta!



## IN MEMORIAM

### White Roses

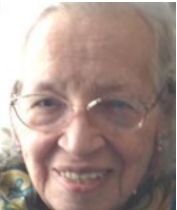
“Every good life leaves behind the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.”

#### **Alma Collins, Mu Chapter August 12, 2015**

Alma Collins was a DKG member for 60 years. She was valedictorian of her class at Norwich Free Academy and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Connecticut College of Women, where she was president of the College Press Board. She received a Master's Degree in English at Trinity College and completed a sixth year at Boston University and the University of Connecticut for national certification as a secondary school counselor. She is listed in *Who's Who America* and *Who's Who in the World*. Her book *Danielle at the Wadsworth*, published in 2004, was dedicated to her beloved husband Daniel Francis Collins.

Following her 25 year career as a teacher and counselor at Hall High School and Conard High School in West Hartford, she wrote art-related articles for numerous national magazines, including *Architectural Digest*, *Connoisseur*, *House Beautiful*, *Colonial Homes*, *Home Decorating* and *Antiques Journal* with *Architectural Digest* cover stories translated into Japanese and Italian editions. As President of Arts Universal Research Associates, she represented many artists and worked with several international companies in promotional work and publication, as well as in finding artists for specific company projects. Her recorded interview with Salvador Dali is included in the archives of the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art.

#### **Rosa Jennings, Epsilon Chapter May 12, 2017**



Rosa Jennings was a member of DKG for 41 years. She received a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University, a master's degree from Columbia University and her sixth year degree from the University of Connecticut. She was a teacher and guidance counselor in the Hartford Public Schools. Rosa played the trumpet, violin and piano; and she was a former member of the Salvation Army Band in New Haven. She attended Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield where she was a Eucharistic Minister and member of the Lazarus Committee. Epsilon sisters mourn the loss of Rosa.

#### **Nancy Eudora Lyhne, Mu Chapter September 19, 2017**

Nancy was a member of DKG for 39 years. She graduated from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, taught in Darby, Pennsylvania, and then taught at Charter Oak Elementary School in West Hartford for 25 years. She was also employed for over 30 years at FAVARH thrift shop (a local chapter of The Arc, the world's largest community based organization for people with intellectual, physical and development disabilities). Nancy also belonged to the Avon Senior Center and the West Avon Congregational Church. She leaves many friends, including her Mu sisters.

#### **Lucia Dauplaise, Lambda Chapter November 19, 2017**

Lucia (Kolodziej) Dauplaise was a member of DKG for 56 years. She was initiated into Lambda Chapter on December 6, 1960. Her 56 combined years of active, reserve and lifetime membership helped to support countless community projects and grants to local high school seniors.

She taught typing and stenography at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford until her retirement. Lucia was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Wallingford. She was 98 years old at the time of her death. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and will be missed by her Lambda sisters.



## IN MEMORIAM

### *White Roses*

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

#### **Doris Charter, Rho Chapter January 3, 2018**

Doris was initiated into Beta Chapter in 1970 and was a member of DKG for 47 years. Doris served on the chapter finance committee.

She was the valedictorian of her graduating class from Stafford High School in 1948. After graduating from Russell Sage College, she taught Spanish for her entire teaching career at Stamford High School. While teaching, she took students from her Spanish classes to Spain for a cultural experience. Following her retirement, she moved to Stafford and transferred her membership to Rho Chapter. Doris remained an active Rho member before becoming a reserve member two years ago when she moved to Idaho to be near her cousin Marjorie Barnes with whom she maintained a close friendship her entire life.

During her retirement, she was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Stafford and enjoyed singing in her church choir. She also enjoyed reading, playing bridge and belonging to ladies' groups. Doris will be missed by all who knew her.

#### **June Legge, Delta Chapter January 22, 2018**



June Legge was initiated as a member of Delta Chapter on December 12, 1969. She served as chapter president from 1974-78, a member of the chapter Newsletter Committee (1970), Publications Committee (1970-72), Finance Committee (1984-86), Hostess (1988), Professional Affairs Committee (1990-92), Scholarship Committee (1994-2018) and was chair of the chapter Scholarship (1995). June also served on the AKS Executive Board from 1974-78.

June earned a degree in English from the University of Connecticut and went on to earn a sixth-year degree in education. She spent more than 37 years teaching at Watertown High School, where she also served as the athletics director for 20 years. In addition, June taught speech for several years at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

She was the recipient of the Watertown Gold Circle of Sports Award and was an active member of the Watertown Democratic Committee. In addition, June received an award from the Waterbury Sportsmen's Club for her work in athletics.

June was a proud advocate for children and was a longtime active parishioner at Our Lady of Loreto Church in Waterbury. She was the mother of Coleen Spieler, a member of the AKS Executive Board and chair of Delta Chapter's Curriculum of Hope Committee.

She remained an active Delta Chapter member until her death and will be missed by her chapter sisters.

#### **Annette Murphy, Theta Chapter January 26, 2018**



Annette was a DKG member for 37 years. She served as Theta's Chapter president from 1986-1988. In keeping with her commitment to early literacy, she co-chaired its Books for Babies program at Windham Hospital. She also served as chair of CARE for Theta. In addition, Annette served on the AKS Executive Board as the co-chair of the AKS Program Committee. Annette taught second grade at Annie E. Vinton School in Mansfield for five years. She taught reading to sixth through eighth graders at St. Mary's/St. Joseph's School in Willimantic for four years. For the next 21 years she was a reading consultant at Coventry Grammar School. Annette was Coventry's Teacher of the Year (1986-1987).

She and her husband, Ronald, were communicants at St. Joseph's Church in Willimantic for almost 50 years. Annette served as a lector and member of the Bereavement Committee. A very selfless and caring person, she belonged to the Windham/Tolland Association of Retired Teachers, the Norwich Council of Catholic Women, St. Joseph's Women's Club and Catholic Charities.

Theta Chapter members extend their sympathies to Annette's family. The chapter has benefited greatly from Annette's commitment and service. She will be greatly missed by all.



(Continued from page 1) Chris George

Our world is experiencing the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. People are finding it necessary to escape their home countries because of war, human rights violations, famine or due to climate change or weather episodes making their homes and communities uninhabitable. Working with the United Nations and the U.S. Immigration Services, some refugees are fortunate to be able to settle in the United States after a nearly two year strenuous vetting process. A major step in the resettlement process involves the nine agencies who work with the U.S. Immigration Service after the selection process to arrange for refugees to arrive in their assigned region of the United States. If a family is assigned to Connecticut, it might be placed with IRIS which works closely with local community co-sponsorship groups. Connecticut is blessed to be able to work within these local support groups to host these families in our communities after they have arrived through IRIS.

For the past 12 years, Chris George has been the Executive Director of IRIS, the New Haven-based refugee resettlement agency that has welcomed more than 1,000 refugees to Connecticut over the last three years. Chris has spent most of his professional life living in, or working on, the Middle East. Before returning to Connecticut in 2004, he worked seven years in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Chris directed a legislative strengthening project with the Palestinian Parliament and later established an emergency assistance program for Palestinian nonprofits. From 1994 to 1996, Chris was Executive Director of Human Rights Watch – Middle East. Prior to that, he worked with Save the Children for nine years (mostly in the West Bank and Gaza) and three years with American Friends Service Committee (mostly in Lebanon). Chris began his international career in 1977 as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Muscat, Oman. Altogether, he spent close to 20 years living in the Middle East. Chris speaks Arabic, has a BA in History from the University of Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Montclair High School in New Jersey.

**Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Theta Chapter  
AKS Educational Impact Committee Chair**



## **Musical Group TAKE NOTE! Fine Arts Presentation At AKS Spring Convention**

Take Note!, founded in February 2003, was inspired by Artistic Director and Theta Chapter member **Linda Tracy's** desire to lead and be a part of an a cappella group of select, talented local singers who enjoy eclectic, challenging music. The mission of the group naturally evolved as members of Take Note! recognized that benefit performances could support local community organizations, while at the same time support the group's commitment to making beautiful music. Take Note! became a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in July 2004.

Take Note! provides their benefit performances free of charge to local non-profits, including PR materials and media guidance. Since 2003, Take Note! has raised more than \$175,000 for over 60 local organizations.

With a repertoire of well over 250 pieces, Take Note! performances are a varied mix of musical genres, from madrigals to jazz, pop standards to world music and everything in between. The group has released three CDs, two of which are available for a small donation at concerts and online.

Additionally, every year Take Note! lends support to local youth arts organizations as part of its commitment to the next generation of artists. They are proud to be able to help provide financial assistance to those who might not otherwise be able to participate in creative enrichment programs.

AKS members look forward to being entertained by Take Note! at the Spring Convention. More information on Take Note! can be found at [www.take-note.org](http://www.take-note.org).

**Linda Tracy, Theta Chapter  
AKS Fine Arts Chair**

### **ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT**

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





# ALPHA KAPPA STATE 79<sup>th</sup> SPRING CONVENTION

## Saturday, April 28, 2018

Baci Grill – Rose Garden Room

134 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT Phone: 860-613-2224

### Fellowship, Generosity, and Advancement of Women Educators

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast, State Fundraiser Sales
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Ceremony of Life
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Introductions, Welcome, Flag Ceremony, Business Meeting
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Keynote: Chris George, Executive Director Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Break and State Fundraiser
11:15 – 12:00 noon	Initiation of Honorary Member: Denise Merrill, Connecticut Secretary of State
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch and State Fundraiser
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Fine Arts Presentation: <i>Take Note!</i>
1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Outstanding Service Award
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Honoring Our Members: Longevity Pin Recipients
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks, The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

#### 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: Margaret Festi

74 Hickory Hill Drive

Somers, CT 06071

[rfesti@aol.com](mailto:rfesti@aol.com) 1 (860) 749-2698

#### DIRECTIONS TO BACI GRILL

Traveling North or South: I-91 North or South to Exit 21.

At end of exit turn right onto CT-372W. Restaurant is .2 miles on the right.

Parking is at front and side of restaurant. Additional parking is in the lot behind restaurant.

Handicap ramps are located at both sides of the restaurant.

There are stairs at the back of the restaurant directly into the Rose Garden Room.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Continental Breakfast served 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Includes: muffins, bagels, juices, brewed coffee and teas.

Check your choice(s) below for lunch:

<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Florentine – egg battered and sautéed with lemon and sherry wine, topped with seasoned spinach, pesto crème sauce over penne	\$37.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Petite Sirloin - mashed potato, vegetable medley, house demi glaze	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Sole - seafood stuffing laced with creamy shrimp sauce	\$34.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant tower– layered with house roasted peppers, seasoned spinach, asiago and mozzarella cheeses with house made marinara over penne	\$36.00

(All entrees include: Salad, Rustic Italian Bread, Birthday Cake, Coffee/Tea)

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INDICATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONVENTION COSTS: Registration fee per person \$ 5.00

Late fee (Postmarked after 4/15/18) (\$ 5.00)

Guest Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Food 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.



**SAVE THE DATES**

**2018**

**Saturday, April 6, 2018**  
**19th Annual CTAUN Conference**  
*Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children*  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York City

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**  
*Alpha Kappa State*  
*79<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention*  
Baci Grille, Cromwell

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**  
*AKS Executive Board Meeting*  
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

**Wednesday, June 27, 2018**  
*AKS Leadership Conference*  
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

**July 16—20, 2018**  
*DKG International Convention*  
Austin, Texas

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**AKS Members  
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Special Amendments Edition**



Please take time to look over the *March/April 2018 DKG NEWS*, which all members should have received by mail recently. This special edition is devoted almost entirely to the proposed amendments to the **DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules**.

These proposals will be discussed and voted on at the 2018 International Convention in Austin, TX, July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Even if you can't be at the Convention, please check out the proposals and let your thoughts and opinions be known to your chapter president who will forward them to the AKS sisters who will be voting on them at the Convention. The purpose of these changes is to move the Society forward.

**NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINES:**

Summer issue:	<b><u>May 18, 2018</u></b>
Fall issue:	<b><u>September 1, 2018</u></b>

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# CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP

## DKG Alpha Kappa State, Leadership Conference

### Wednesday, June 27, 2018

**Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts  
160 Huyshope Ave, Hartford, CT (860) 995-6161**

<b>8:30-9:00 a.m.</b>	Registration and Continental Breakfast
<b>9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>	Welcome, Introductions and Team Building Activities
<b>10:15-11:45 a.m.</b>	Leadership Activities and Breakout Sessions
<b>11:45-12:30 p.m.</b>	Arts Academy Performance and Closing Remarks

### DIRECTIONS TO: Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts

**91N to Hartford:** Exit 27 (**Brainard Rd.**) and turn left onto Brainard Rd. **Brainard Rd.** becomes **Maxim Rd.** Make a left onto **Reserve Rd.** Travel .5 miles to **Van Dyke Ave.** Travel .29 Miles to **Maseek Ave.** Parking lot is the **second** opening on the left.

**91S to Hartford:** Exit 31 (**State Street**) Merge onto **CT-2 West.** Take the first left onto **Columbus Blvd.** In .32 miles take left onto **Sheldon Street.** In .3 miles, turn slight left onto **Van Dyke Ave.** In .34 miles, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto **Maseek Street.** The parking lot is the **second** opening on the left.

**From I-84 East:** Take **Exit 52** to merge onto **I-91 S toward New Haven.** Take **Exit 29A** toward **Capitol Area.** Continue onto **Whitehead Hwy.,** use the middle lane to take the **Columbus Blvd.** ramp to Convention Center. Use the left lane to turn left onto **Columbus Blvd.** Turn left onto **Charter Oak Ave.,** then turn right onto **Huyshope Ave.**

**From I-84 West:** Use the left 3 lanes to take **Exit 54** toward **Downtown/Hartford.** Keep left to continue toward **CT-2W.** Continue onto **CT-2W.** Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto **Columbus Blvd.** Turn left onto **Charter Oak Ave,** then turn right onto **Huyshope Ave.**

### REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Please send form below with contact information and check made to:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### CONFERENCE COSTS:

Registration fee per person \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee (postmarked after June 6, 2018) \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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