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Key Women Educators**

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**Dr. Kathleen Lozinak  
Nominated to Lead  
Connecticut State Organization  
for the 2019—2021 Biennium**



Dr. Kathleen Lozinak has been a member of Omicron Chapter, Connecticut State Organization since 1997. She is married to David, and they have five daughters and nine grandchildren.

Kathleen is a professional educator in Stratford, Connecticut. She is certified in elementary education, special education, and administration and supervision. Leadership roles at the district level include Elementary Representative to the District Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Coordinating Committee and co-chair of the Teacher of the Year Committee. She was selected Stratford's Teacher of the Year in 2014, as well as The Friend of Education recipient in 2011. She also received the district Human

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**AKS Welcomes  
International Guest  
Connie Rensink  
to Spring Convention**



Connie Rensink has been a member of Theta Chi Texas State Organization since 2006. She is a graduate of the Leadership Management Seminar and has held leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels. At the International level she served on the Membership Committee, and the Scholarship Committee, then chaired the Membership Committee.

She currently serves DKG as Webmaster for Theta Chi, Texas State Leadership Development of Chapter Presidents Committee Chair, International Member at Large, International Speakers Fund Committee Chair, and DKG/NGO representative to the United Nations. She is excited to be the DKG ambassador for a GoAhead Tour to Costa Rica at the end of this year.

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## CELEBRATING OUR BIRTHDAY!

***Connecticut State Organization's 80<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention***  
***Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019***  
***Casa Mia at the Hawthorne***

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## Fellowship, Generosity and Advancement of Women Educators



Dear Connecticut State Organization Sisters,

We have seen many changes in DKG in the past two years. We have simplified many of the rules governing our organization. We will now be collecting dues by June 30<sup>th</sup>, and each chapter will be tracking their members online. We are no longer calling our state organization - Alpha Kappa State. We are now using the name Connecticut State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. We have changed the format of the Fall Conference back to personal growth and professional development workshops. We changed the length of the Fall Conference to half a day. We are welcoming collegiate members into our organization. We merged two chapters into one and saved many members with that innovative approach. For the second time since 1985, we have taken on the challenge of hosting an International Conference. We are looking forward to welcoming our fellow DKG sisters to Connecticut.

However, a lot has not changed. We look forward to the fellowship of our friends at chapter, state and International meetings. We continue to remain knowledgeable about educational issues that affect education in our state, nation and worldwide. We support communities and educators in their quest to provide the best education for all children. We financially contribute to and give time to causes in our communities.

I can't believe that my two years as your state president is coming to an end. Thank you for the opportunity to lead our state organization. It has been both a challenge and a pleasure. I wish Kathleen and all the incoming officers the very best and a productive two years. I feel blessed to have met so many members, and I appreciate your support. This organization runs as a team, and I look forward to our future together.

*Yours in DKG,*

*Pat*



**Arlene Clancy**, a 30-year member of Omicron Chapter, was honored on Saturday, November 17, 2018, for her volunteer work in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Arlene was nominated for the Diocesan Saint Augustine Medal of Service for the work she does by Mrs. Lisa Lanni, Principal of Holy Trinity Catholic Academy in Shelton. Mrs. Clancy currently serves on the Board of Directors of Holy Trinity Catholic Academy and as a member of the Academic Committee. Arlene, a retired teacher, principal and student teacher supervisor, has served as Omicron Chapter president in two biennia.

She also has the distinction of having three generations of DKG members in her family: **Arlene**; her daughter, **Kathleen Lozinak**, and her granddaughter, **Emily Lozinak**.

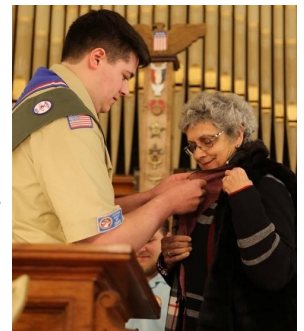


On March 2nd, two members of Omicron Chapter of DKG were each awarded with an Eagle Scout Mentor Pin. **Linda Coppola** received her pin from Eagle Scout James Cobaugh and **Annette Frank** from Eagle Scout Elliott Moscato, the son of our member **Kathleen Moscato**. Both Eagle Scouts are from Troop 3 and Crew 33 of Derby.

The mentor pin is presented by new Eagle Scouts to an adult (non-parent) who played an important role in his journey along the trail to Eagle.

**Linda Coppola and Eagle Scout James Cobaugh**

**Annette Frank and Eagle Scout Elliott Moscato**





## ALPHA KAPPA STATE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2021 BIENNIUM



**Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean**  
Nominee for  
First Vice President

Ann, Theta Chapter, has been an active member of DKG at the chapter, state and international levels since her induction on November 1, 1984. At the chapter level, she has served as first vice-president from 2010 - 2014 and president from 2014 - 2018. She has also chaired the Theta Soup Kitchen Project for several decades until 2017. At the state level, Ann has been a member of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee since 2010 and served on the AKS Executive Board as the CT United Nations Liaison and now as the Educational Impact Chair. In 2014, she was a keynote co-speaker at CT High School Regional Model U.N. Conference. She also spoke at the 2016 Spring Convention about the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2017, she was honored with an Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award.

At the International level, she is a [DKG NGO](#) (Non-Governmental Organization) Representative to the United Nations and is a member of [CTAUN](#) (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations), which presents a conference about United Nations topics held at the United Nations each year. In addition, Ann submits articles describing briefings about current topics at the UN regularly for the on-line publication [DKG@UN](#). In 2016, she was one of 30 members selected to participate in the DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. Ann has attended many regional conferences and International conventions. She has also been a presenter at several regional and International events.

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**Paulina Auclair**  
Nominee for  
Second Vice President

A member of Delta Chapter since 2007, Paulina has served as communications chair, first and second vice-president and chapter president. She is currently serving as state membership chair.

Paulina has taught English at Watertown High School since 2002, and it was her colleagues there who invited her to Delta Chapter. In the fall of 2018, she began teaching a Methods of Teaching Secondary English course as an adjunct professor at the University of Hartford.

She holds a B.A. from Wheaton College (Massachusetts), a Master's in education from the University of Bridgeport, and she is currently enrolled in a Master's program at the University of New England to become a reading specialist.

A lover of libraries, Paulina has helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars in donations to the Bakerville Library in New Hartford by serving on the Friends of the Library since 2007. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors at the library since 2016, and she has served as secretary and chair. She's convinced that her small-town, historical library, which used to be a two-room schoolhouse, is 'the coolest library in existence'.



**Kimberly McGee**  
Nominee for  
Recording Secretary

Kimberly was inducted as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in Zeta Chapter in 2008. She has served as Recording Secretary for Alpha Kappa State for the last two bienniums. One of Kim's favorite events to attend is Zeta's annual charity auction held just before Thanksgiving each year! Kim regularly attends Alpha Kappa State Conferences and Conventions and attended the 2012, 2016 and 2018 International Conventions in New York City, Nashville, and Austin, respectively.

Kim received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from the University of Connecticut. She also completed her Sixth Year Diploma in Educational Psychology and Gifted Education in UConn's *Three Summers Program*.

Kim has been teaching in urban education for 19 years and has enjoyed varied teaching experiences spanning grades four through nine. Her concentration has been in English Language Arts, but Kim also taught in the area of gifted education for more than 10 years. In 2013, Kim was named Teacher of the Year at The Dr. Joseph S. Renzulli Gifted and Talented Academy in Hartford. Kim also spent three years working as an instructional coach, and this year she is in her first year in the Windsor Public School system working as the middle school gifted and talented language arts teacher.

Outside of the classroom, Kim enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, trying new restaurants/foods and taking photographs. She also likes to dance, kayak and read.



## ALPHA KAPPA STATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2023 FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Joan Konareski Northwest Region



Joan has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 31 years. She is presently immediate past president of Connecticut State Organization. As a member of Lambda Chapter, she served as recording secretary, vice-president and chapter president (2004-2006). On the state level, Joan served on the membership, finance and ad hoc investment committees, as well as state bylaws chair and as president (2015-2017), first and second vice-president. Joan attended five International conferences and seven International conventions. She was the recipient of the 2017 State Achievement Award.

She loves reading, traveling, attending entertainment events and playing games with friends.

### Carol Kraus East Region



Carol has been a member of DKG since 1997 and has been actively involved at the chapter, state and International levels. At the chapter level, she has served as president, first and second vice president. At the state level, Carol is presently Parliamentarian and has served as president, first and second vice president, fine arts committee chair, member of the leadership development and Curriculum of Hope committees. At the International level, she was a Golden Gift Leadership recipient and has attended several regional conferences, including London, Germany and Iceland, where she presented breakout sessions. Carol is a regular attendee at International conventions.

She is always willing to take on responsibilities and always follows through with extreme diligence. Carol received the State Achievement Award in 2013.

### Claudia Grantham Southwest Region



Claudia Grantham has been a member of Zeta Chapter since 2009. She currently is serving as chapter treasurer.

She is a retired school administrator having worked for the North Haven School District for 38 years. She now spends her retirement serving on Children's Center of Hamden Board of Directors, Yale New Haven Hospital Family Advisory Board and Parent Support Board, as well as the North Haven Education Foundation Board. Claudia enjoys travel with her husband, Ron, and visits with her son and daughter-in-law in Colorado. In her free time, she knits, reads and enjoys gardening.

### ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



## ALPHA KAPPA STATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019-2023 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

### Dr. Joanne Brogis Northwest Region



Dr. Joanne K. Brogis has been a member of Delta Chapter for over fifteen years. She currently serves as president of the chapter. She has over 30 years as a counselor, guidance director and assistant principal in the Torrington Public Schools. She received her Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut. Since her retirement, she has worked in Adult Education in Danbury, Naugatuck Valley Community College as a transitions counselor and is currently working for the National Assessment of Educational Progress as an assessment coordinator.

She also retired from the Air Force Reserves with 30 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was selected as Honorary Parade Marshal for the Torrington Memorial Day Parade. Her community involvement has included serving on the Torrington Board of Education, Veteran's Committee, Democratic Town Committee and currently as an usher for the Warner Theatre. Her passion is to travel throughout the world; and she has visited every state, European country and continent.

### Patricia Piatek East Region



Pat has been a member of Rho Chapter for 12 years. She has been chapter president for two terms and is presently recording secretary. She has participated in four leadership conferences and attended a number of state conventions. This is her sixth year serving on the professional affairs committee.

Pat is a retired School Nurse Coordinator/Consultant after 37 years in school nursing. She received her Master's Degree in Nursing from UConn and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Educational Society. She received the C. Widmer Leadership Award from UConn School of Nursing in 1992. Pat has served on numerous school nursing Task Forces with the Connecticut Department of Education while actively working and is a past president of the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut.

Pat has served her local community on a number of committees, ten years on the Willington Board of Education in the past and two terms on the Willington Library Board of Directors. In her spare time she enjoys painting, reading, gardening and is a Reiki Master. Pat continues to substitute as a school nurse in several local school districts.

### Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone Southwest Region



Sandra has been a member of Beta Chapter for 30 years and served as president, first vice president and chaired several committees. She is presently a mentor and is the Beta finance committee chair.

Sandra served as CT state president, as first vice-president and on committees including nominations, membership, ad hoc committee to formulate the Dr. Virginia James Arts Presentation Fund, as well as the committee to revise the CT State Bylaws/Standing Rules. Most recently she is serving as a CT State Chapter Ambassador. She received the State Achievement Award in 2009.

She attended many international, regional and state events where she presented several workshops. In 2004 Sandra was elected to attend the Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, TX. She has served on international committees including the Task Force to Study Restructuring of International Committees, Educators Book Award and the Arts & Humanities Jury.

She holds a B.S. in history and elementary education from Emmanuel College in Boston, a M.S. in special education/mental retardation from Southern Connecticut State University, as well as a C.A.S. in Learning Disabilities and a Special Certificate in Intermediate School Administration and Supervision from Fairfield University. Her teaching career of 39 years ranged from teaching regular education to teaching special education and culminated as a curriculum specialist.

Sandra is a lifetime member of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut, is on the board of directors in the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers' Fund, Inc. She also chairs the Investment Committee in the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers' Association.



*IN MEMORIAM*  
*White Roses*  
 "A moment to remember. . .  
 A lifetime to honor."



**Beverly Kibbe, Mu Chapter**  
**Died: July 26, 2018**



Beverly passed away after a valiant battle against metastatic breast cancer. She was inducted into Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on Nov. 1, 1994. Inspired by her desire to promote literacy to all children, she chaired Mu's Books for Babies program for many years. This project yearly donated more than 1,000 books to mothers of newborn infants at the Hospital of Central CT.

Bev received her bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University in 1971 and her master's degree from Central Connecticut State University in 1971. She started her teaching career in Stamford where she taught for two years, then taught kindergarten for 31 years in the Canton School System, where she was named Teacher of the Year. During her teaching career, she educated well over 1,000 kindergarteners.

In addition to this, Bev was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Avon, where she served for many years as the Sunday School superintendent.

Beverly leaves a lasting legacy to Mu Chapter for her Books for Babies project. Chapter members continue her dedication.

**Genevieve Rafferty, Eta Chapter**  
**Died: December 24, 2018**



Genevieve was inducted into Eta Chapter on May 1, 1975 and was an active chapter member for 43 years. She was 105 at the time of her death. She attended Norwich Free Academy, then went on to graduate from the Willimantic Teacher's College after receiving her Bachelor's Degree at Columbia University. In a career that spanned at least forty years, she taught at both St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School and Edgerton Elementary School in New London.

She was very involved in the local community and was a member of many organizations including: Catholic Women's Club, Confraternity of Christian Women, New London Landmarks, Lawrence & Memorial Auxiliary, Faire Harbour Club, New London Historical Society, Literacy Volunteers, Daughter of Isabella, AARP, Dante Alighieri Society, Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, National Education Association and worked as a volunteer of numerous organizations. Genevieve especially enjoyed serving as a volunteer docent at the Harkness Mansion.



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International New Dues Process

This will be the first year that our dues collection will be aligned with the fiscal year of Delta Kappa Gamma. Starting in June, 2019, all annual dues and fees will be paid no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> for the following year. New or reinstated members on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, will pay one-half the international dues for the rest of the year.

Each chapter treasurer will be recording payment of dues on the computer using **Chapter Connect**. Chapter treasurers will add, transfer and reinstate members on the website. The process will be a more efficient way of keeping track of membership. As you know, training in the new process was available after the March 16<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting. It will be available again at the Connecticut State Organization Spring Convention on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Change is good for any organization. This process will be very straight forward once it is completed one time.



(Continued from page 1) Dr. Kathleen Lozinak Relations Award in 2007. She is an active member of the Stratford Education Association and Connecticut Education Association.

Dr. Lozinak serves St. Joseph Church in Shelton as a lector and also volunteers her time to assist with the Holy Trinity Catholic Academy School Advisory Board. Kathleen completed her doctorate at Capella University in 2016 with a degree in Educational Leadership. She chose to focus her research on mentoring early career educators. Her findings were published in *The DKG Bulletin* 2016 Volume 83-1.

Kathleen has served as president of Omicron Chapter. At the state level, she is presently first vice-president, serves as chair of the educational excellence committee. Kathleen has also acted as co-chair of the non-dues revenue committee and has been a member of the leadership committee and the educational impact committee.

She was a Golden Gift recipient for the Leadership and Management Seminar 2016 and the Delta Kappa Gamma Alida Park International Scholarship recipient. She has been a presenter on a variety of topics at DKG International conventions and conferences in Portland, Baltimore and Nashville on.



(Continued from page 3) Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean

Ann, although retired after thirty-five years as an elementary school teacher, stays involved by serving on the CT State Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards and the CEA-Retired Advisory Council and Legislative Committee. Since, 2012, she has been a member of the Willington Board of Education and volunteers weekly in six grade one to four classrooms in Mansfield, Willington and Willimantic.

She is also a devoted church member, Sunday School Lead Teacher and Eucharistic Minister who brings communion to residents in a local nursing home. She has also enjoyed helping to resettle three families from Syria by teaching them to speak and read English.

Ann has distinguished herself and the Society through her tireless efforts at all levels. She is constantly seeking to improve her skills and knowledge, while sharing what she has learned with her DKG sisters. She is looking forward to serving at the state level and working with DKG members throughout the state!



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

Terry Azoti	Pat O'Connell Buckley
Judy Cody	Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone
Dr. Kathleen Lozinak	Nancy Roy
Jeanne Morascini	

(Continued from page 1) Connie Rensink Her favorite part of Society is meeting other members and learning about their DKG journey.

Professionally, Connie is a global education consultant passionately supporting educators and schools to integrate global perspectives and competencies into existing curriculum. Through her consulting business, Connie splits time between her Texas home, New York City, and other parts of the world.

Connie was a teacher for 12 years and is an ardent human rights advocate. She is a World Savvy Programs Administrator, a member of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN), and an ambassador for Teach SDGs. She has completed graduate course work in China, a Fulbright-Hays Project Abroad to India, and the Global Competence Certificate, a graduate program for teachers through World Savvy, Columbia University, and Asia Society.

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**4 DAYS August 29–September 1, 2019**  
**A Weekend in Santa Fe**  
Take in stunning landscapes and historic culture of New Mexico's capital city.

**6 DAYS July 19–24, 2019**  
**6 DAYS July 28–August 2, 2019**  
**Iceland: Reykjavik & the Golden Circle**  
Inhale fresh Icelandic air, tap into the country's natural restorative powers, and discover geysers and waterfalls on this adventure. From your home base in progressive Reykjavik, set out to see the inspiring Golden Circle, the otherworldly beauty of South Iceland, and the world-famous Blue Lagoon

**9 DAYS Dec. 28, 2019–Jan. 5, 2020**  
**Costa Rica: Rainforests, Volcanoes & Wildlife**  
From misty cloud forests and lush jungles to volcanic landscapes and sun-kissed beaches, there's so much to love about this Central American hot spot. Begin your adventure in Tortuguero, the Land of Turtles, then take a dip in the natural hot springs at the foot of the mighty Arenal Volcano and explore the majestic cloud forest region before ending your tour in San José.

**5 DAYS October 9–14, 2020**  
**Food & Wine: San Francisco & California Wine Country**  
Enjoy the bustle of world-class cities and the beauty of wine country. Sample local specialties in San Francisco and Berkeley. Indulge in rich wines, olive oils, and cheeses in Napa and Sonoma. From a hands-on cooking class to savory tastings, you'll experience the trends and traditions that define the region.



# AROUND THE

## BETA

Beta's second meeting of the 2018-19 school year was held December 6<sup>th</sup> at Jane Ryan Elementary School in Trumbull. Michaela Durand, Technology Integration Specialist (TIS) at Madison Middle School in Trumbull, presented a program of instructional technologies/tools that are engaging for students and easy for teachers to integrate into the curriculum.

Michaela became a Technology Integration Specialist as a result of Superintendent Gary Cialfi's plan to allow teachers to better select and use technology as a tool for delivering content, so that technology was not simply taught as a separate subject. Then **Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessments Dr. Linda Paslov** worked with the TIS's via weekly meetings, where they could share successes and best practices with each other, as well as identify the barriers to full implementation/adoption of specific programs and apps. Mapping technologies to grade level and subject-specific or interdisciplinary Performance Based Assessments areas was another area in which Michaela and her colleagues provided their expertise.



Michaela Durand, Technology Integration Specialist at Madison Middle School presents instructional technologies



**Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** and **Nancy Yarmosh**



**Barbara Orser Schroeter,**  
**Gloria Francesconi** and  
**Karol Fleegal**

Beta's next chapter meeting was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Frenchtown School, where school social worker David Weitzman presented a program on dealing with stress.

## EPSILON

Epsilon Chapter held its annual Holiday Luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Garden in West Hartford. Toys and diapers were collected and shipped to families in Puerto Rico. Members sat and discussed the challenges and success stories encountered at their school sites. The luncheon ended by sharing the joys observing their own children, who are between the ages of one to three, growing up and developing their own unique personalities.

Epsilon donated turkeys and can goods to the Hartford Knights for the Xmas holiday and donated \$100 to the food pantry in Windsor. Several members are volunteering to read at a nursing home in Bloomfield. Epsilon is looking forward to donating to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford for their Summer Camp starting in July, 2019.

UCONN continues to support **Dr. Yvonne Francis** in her efforts to empower young women to become math and science majors.

Chapter members are excited about participating in the Spring Convention and celebrating Connecticut State Organization's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Epsilon's Scholarship Fundraiser at the end of May and the DKG Conference: Global Awareness at Foxwoods Resort and Casino on July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter members met on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Manor Inn in Plantsville. The theme for the meeting was *Healing the Children*. Dr. Jennifer D'Amico, Litchfield Orthopedics Board-qualified in foot surgery and reconstructive ankle surgery, was the guest speaker. Dr. D'Amico spoke about her upcoming trip to Nepal in April with a 12-member volunteer medical team (Healing the Children, a charitable organization treating children in underserved countries). The group offers care and surgery free of cost to patients. Delta Chapter members donated a variety of items which Dr. D'Amico and the team will bring to Nepal.

## ZETA

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Zeta Executive Board opened up its winter meeting to all chapter members interested in attending to share ideas for the chapter's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration scheduled for March. This meeting was held on a Saturday morning in hopes that more members would be able to attend. Plans were made for the birthday event which was held at Doody's Restaurant in North Branford on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Highlights of the day included having both **Connecticut State Organization President Patricia Buckley** and **First Vice President Kathleen Lozinak** attend the festivities, as well as having several members of the locally popular a cappella group *Silk 'n Sounds* serenade with some favorite selections. Zeta member **Anne Murphy** is a member of the chorus which numbers about 40 in full strength.





## NUTMEG STATE

Their members also contribute funds to worthy projects in the New Haven area as do we in Zeta Chapter. Zeta's most senior **Past President Ann Caruso** recognized Zeta past presidents in attendance. The member with greatest longevity, **Dorothy Martino**, a 57-year member of Zeta, led a memorable re-dedication ceremony! **Anne Brandt**, niece of Zeta founding member **Marguerite McKay**, shared some memories of early Zeta days as written by her Aunt "Peg". Members in attendance were recognized for their years of membership by **Terry Azoti**. In addition, plans were discussed and are now underway for Zeta's new Educational Project which includes providing a variety of reading materials for the New Haven early childhood care facility, Friends Center for Children. This center services children from three months to five years of age.

New member applications were accepted by the membership committee; and interest aroused in attending the May 4<sup>th</sup> Connecticut State Organization Spring Convention, as well as the DKG International Conference: Global Awareness this summer at Foxwoods. This will be the first International event many Zeta members have ever attended, and they look forward to a memorable and meaningful experience for all.

### THETA

Mother Nature was not kind to Theta Chapter forcing the cancellation of both the scheduled meeting date and the snow date. This did not stop Theta members from doing what had to be done. **Margaret Daly** coordinated a very well-attended meal at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on February 2<sup>nd</sup> where many members cooked, baked or served.

**Susan Moon**, Theta member and chairperson for The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee, reported that the *CT Pieces for Peace Traveling Exhibition* was on display at the South Windsor Library in January, thanks to the efforts of Rho Chapter which was in charge of the arrangements.

**Sharon Bartlett** and **Ann Grosjean** remembered the girls at Journey House on Valentine's Day by sending them a card and small gift from Theta. **Theta Treasurer Millie Ramsey** worked diligently so that members can easily transition into the new dues collection process. She has prepared letters that will be going out in March explaining the changes.

**Membership Chair Sharon Bartlett** is urging members to be thinking about women they know who would be honored to join Theta. You can make it happen by contacting her with the prospective new member's information.

On a sad note, Theta lost a valued member in January. **Gay Farmer**, a Theta past president, passed away January 31<sup>st</sup>. She will be sadly missed by her Theta Chapter sisters.

The chapter is looking forward to better weather in April. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Theta and Rho members will meet at the Temple B'nai Israel in Willimantic to welcome **DKG's**

**Business Director Phyllis Hickey**, who will visit from Austin, Texas. Phyllis will give a Power Point presentation on the way DKG can help its members.

### RHO

Rho Chapter met on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the South Windsor Public Library. The program was a slide show by **Rho member Jackie Abbott** of her trip in Jan. 2018 to the Zadogari Refugee Camp in Jordan, on the border with Syria. There were 75,000 refugees living there at the time of her visit. Families are awaiting resettlement to other countries, including the United States. This is the same refugee camp of which Connecticut State Organization's 2018 Convention keynote speaker, Chris George spoke. Jackie and Rho guest, Stan Culy, a local retired minister working with Connecticut Refugee Settlement have been involved with supporting one Syrian refugee family in Conn. They discussed the intense assistance along with the challenges and rewards in supporting this family.

On Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, members held a book discussion meeting on quilting and the Underground Railroad. Rho members, **Malta Bailey** and **Dottie Shackway**, provided a variety of quilting and children's books available on this topic, which initiated a lively discussion. Jackie Abbott opened her home for this meeting with dinner foods provided by members.

Rho members also began the collection of vintage/costume jewelry at this meeting. They will be selling this jewelry as a chapter fundraiser during the Marketplace at the DKG Conference: Global Awareness at Foxwoods on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any jewelry items that Connecticut State members would like to contribute to this sale will be greatly appreciated. These items may be given to Rho members at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention. Thank you for your help with this chapter fundraiser.



### OPEN INVITATION FOR CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS . . .

DKG and members of the Connecticut State Organization will sponsor a Bingo on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in conjunction with the 2019 International Global Awareness Conference, hosted by the Connecticut State Organization. This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. (Hall opens at 4:00 p.m.) and is open to the public. Admission is \$15 per ticket. It is a DKG Emergency Fund Benefit.

We hope that our Connecticut State Organization members and others will support this event. Theta Chapter is coordinating this activity. For more information, please contact **Marie Desautels** at 860-928-0796 or [phototeach@snet.net](mailto:phototeach@snet.net). A ticket ordering form will be available from all chapter presidents, as well as on the Connecticut State Organization website ([dkgct.weebly.com](http://dkgct.weebly.com)).



The Bylaws Committee presents motions to approve the following amendments to the AKS Bylaws, April 29, 2017.

Both motions have been recommended by an affirmative vote of the Connecticut State Organization Executive Board.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE MANDATED BY INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND/OR STANDING RULES**

**MOTION:** The Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee moves to amend the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws by clarifying the definition of *quorum* for voting at Executive Board meetings.

**AKS Connecticut Bylaws, April 29, 2017  
Article VIII, Section A. State Executive Board**

**CURRENT:** 3. a. The presence of a majority of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at meetings. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote. There shall be no proxy voting.

**TO READ: Connecticut State Organization Bylaws, May 4, 2019**

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**Rationale:** There are fewer meetings to transact state business and attendance at Board meetings is inconsistent. Adjusting the definition of *quorum* for the Connecticut State Organization Board meetings will make it possible to vote on all motions at every board meeting in a timely manner.

**MOTION:** The Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee moves to amend the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws by matching the current process for maintaining Curriculum of Hope funds.

**CURRENT: AKS Connecticut Bylaws, April 29, 2017  
Article X Activities, Section C. Special Activities**

1. The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World shall be maintained as follows:
  - a. By stipends budgeted annually by the Alpha Kappa State Finance Committee and approved by the Alpha Kappa State convention;

**TO READ: Connecticut State Organization Bylaws, May 4, 2019**

1. The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World shall be maintained as follows:
  - a. By working from the Curriculum of Hope’s own separate budget, within the general framework of the Connecticut State Organization.

**NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION  
PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION ON MAY 4, 2019.**

**Please remember to bring the insert from this issue of The Keynote to the Spring Convention which contains the  
CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION PROPOSED BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES REVISIONS  
TO BE VOTED ON BY MEMBERSHIP MAY 4, 2019.**

It will also help to bring this issue of The Keynote, as this page contains **MOTIONS FOR REVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE MANDATED BY INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND/OR STANDING RULES,** which will also be voted on by membership May 4, 2019.



# Connecticut State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 80<sup>th</sup> SPRING CONVENTION

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

**Casa Mia at the Hawthorne**

**2421 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin, CT Phone: 860-357-2061**



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

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast, State Fundraiser Sales
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Ceremony of Life
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Introductions, Welcome, Flag Ceremony, Business Meeting
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	Keynote: <b>Connie Rensink, International Society Representative</b>
11:00 - 11:15 a.m.	Break and State Fundraiser
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Birthday Celebration
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and State Fundraiser
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.	Honoring Our Members: Longevity Pin Recipients and Achievement Awards (Treasurer Training)
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Installation of Officers
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks, The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

### **REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION**

**Please send form below with check made out to:  
Delta Kappa Gamma, Connecticut State Organization  
Mail to: Paulina Auclair  
1320 Litchfield Turnpike  
New Hartford, CT 06057  
paulinaauclair@gmail.com (860) 480-3270**

### **DIRECTIONS TO Casa Mia at The Hawthorne**

**Traveling North: I-91 North to Exit 17 toward Rt.15 N  
Traveling South: I-91 to Exit 18, follow Rt. 691 to Rt. 15 N (Exit 9)  
Once you are on Rt. 15 follow it North for 2 miles.  
The restaurant is on the right.**

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20, 2019**

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

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

**Continental Breakfast served 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Includes: pastries, bagels, sliced fruit, juices, brewed coffee and teas.**

**Buffet Luncheon: includes pasta marinara, chicken parmesan, roasted potatoes, stuffed sole, salad, rolls and butter, coffee, decaf and teas and desserts**

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

<b>CONVENTION COSTS:</b>	<b>Registration fee <u>per person</u></b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
	<b>Late fee (Postmarked after 4/20/19)</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
	<b>Food Cost(s)</b>	<b>\$41.00</b>

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

**Guest Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_**

***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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**Dates to Remember**

**Friday, April 5, 2019**  
 Conference on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)  
 United Nations Headquarters, New York City

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
 CT State Organization 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
 State Spring Convention  
 Casa Mia at the Hawthorne, Berlin

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**  
 CT State Organization Executive Board Meeting  
 Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

**July 30—August 1, 2019**  
 DKG International Conference  
 Foxwoods Resort and Casino, Mashantucket, CT

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**2019 International Conference: Global Awareness**  
**Foxwoods Resort and Casino**

**Proposed Schedule:**

Tuesday, July 30th: Pre-Conference Seminars  
 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
 Seminar I: Mashantucket Pequot Museum  
 Seminar II: Restorative Practice Framework and Violence Prevention  
 Foxwoods Convention Center  
 (after the 2 pre-conference seminars):  
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.: *Gathering for First-Timers*  
 First General Session: *Women Making a Difference*  
*Prudence Crandall*, portrayed by Donna Defresne  
 Connecticut Night- *Flamingo* Big Band

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>:  
 Second General Session: *Human Rights*  
 Induction and Presentation  
 DKG International Member, Marion Blumenthal Lazan  
 Luncheon: *DKG Impacting Education Worldwide*  
 Workshops  
 BINGO night to benefit the DKG Emergency Fund

Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>:  
 Third General Session: *Global Awareness of Cultures*  
 Breakfast  
 Native American Performers  
 United Nations SDG Panel  
 Banquet: *Global Awareness through our Partnerships*  
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