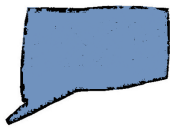


THE KEYNOTE



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Connecticut's 2020 Teacher of the Year Keynote Speaker at CT State Organization Spring Convention



**2020 CT
Teacher of the
Year
Meghan
Hatch-Geary**

Having been nurtured by incredible arts teachers at Maloney High School in Meriden, Meghan Hatch-Geary initially set out to be on Broadway. She pursued her passion for the performing arts at New York University's Tisch School. After spending two years in the program, she left in search of deeper fulfillment, feeling as though her pursuits were too solitary and self-serving to make her truly happy. Living in New York City, however, provided her with another education. Hatch-Geary developed a diverse group of friends and

colleagues who opened her eyes to issues she'd known little about. A transformative experience she had while working as a healthcare advocate for immigrants and their children made her realize it was time to return to school to pursue other passions.

At New York City's Hunter College, Hatch-Geary found herself enamored with a professor in the Black and Latino Studies department. A class she taught on post-colonial literature changed the course of Hatch-Geary's life. It was after reading African, Latinx, and Asian writers that she decided to experience these narratives and histories first hand.

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CT State Organization Outstanding Service Award



Deborah Caruso is the 2020 recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the Connecticut State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma International. She was a Girl Scout growing up in the Midwest and began as a troop leader in North Haven when her daughter was in kindergarten. Deborah continued to lead the troop through her daughter's graduation from high school before transitioning to

the position of Service Unit Manager for the town. She returned to the role of troop leader once again when her granddaughter began kindergarten.

When her granddaughter graduated, she continued to serve as Service Unit Manager in North Haven and has mentored many new troop leaders over the years. She has done all this while working full time at Kline Tower in New Haven. Deborah works on a weekly basis with all troop leaders and has been instrumental in planning trips to the National Parks and to Europe for the Travel Troop.

She has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of girls through her service to the organization and living the Girl Scout Way. Deborah Caruso exhibits the qualities of outstanding volunteer service for children, and we have found her worthy of this award. The CT State Organization is pleased to honor her many years of service.

Connecticut State Organization 81st Spring Convention Saturday, April 25th, 2020 Baci Grill, Cromwell

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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



Happy spring and welcome to letter #3. As I consider my focus for this addition of our beloved Keynote, I must return to the wisdom of my fourth graders and their work on informational writing. They are taught they must consider their audience. My audience, my dear sisters, is currently five hundred strong and growing. We are actively teaching in public schools, private schools, colleges and universities. We are retired, semi-retired and busily serving our communities as classroom volunteers, politicians and non-profit board members and chairs. We are raising families and babysitting our grandchildren. We are enjoying our time with our spouses and tending to the needs of our aging family members. We are 50-year members and new to participating in the work of DKG. We are the Connecticut State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma International, and you are my audience. So I will begin with a thank you and conclude with three invitations.

Thank you to those of you in my audience who serve as my mentors and encouragers (and hopefully editors, because this is some crazy writing!). Thank you for guiding me ever so gently from the new kid on the block to a state leader. Thank you for introducing yourselves and inviting me to events. Thank you for seeing me as a future leader when I couldn't see it. Thank you for noticing me lost there in the middle and helping me to access the resources available to develop much needed leadership skills. Thank you for sharing your stories and helping me to realize that I had one to share, as well. You are my heroes and my mentors in the society and in life, and I thank you.

And now, the invitations...Young and old, busy and bored, come one, come all to the Connecticut State Organization's 81st Spring Convention at the Baci Grille in Cromwell on April 25th at 8:00 a.m. **First Vice President Anne Grosjean** has organized another amazing event for us. We will hear from Meghan Hatch-Geary, 2020 CT Teacher of the Year and English Teacher at Woodland Regional High School, as well as conduct our annual business meeting. The registration form is included in The Keynote.

All DKG CT members should begin to plan now to attend a relaxing and fulfilling day of personal and professional development Wednesday, June 24th, at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. **Roz Etra** and her committee invite you to participate in our *Leading to Excellence Conference* where we will hear Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The ARC of Eastern Connecticut speak. A variety of breakout sessions will be available. You can find the registration form for that day in this Keynote as well.

Finally, I want to personally invite you to join me at a truly international event in Philadelphia. From July 7th to the 11th, we will have an uncommon opportunity to assist in welcoming our guests from around the globe to our wonderful corner of the world. We will greet our sisters from Iceland, Finland, Germany and Estonia. Members will arrive from Japan and the Netherlands, Sweden and Norway. They will travel from Mexico and Canada, Great Britain and Puerto Rico...all to do the important work of DKG.

I invite you to come from Connecticut. Come by train or plane or automobile. Come for a day or a weekend or make it a family affair. But please do not miss this opportunity to actively participate in the happenings of your International Organization. Many of you were in attendance last summer as we hosted a regional conference and were impressed with how far many of our members traveled to participate in personal and professional development. Our International Convention provides an opportunity for all of us to be involved first hand in the business of The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society and make the decisions that will move our society forward.

Hope to see you all soon and often!

Kathleen

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

SAVE THE DATE

June 24, 2020

**CSO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Three Rivers Community College**



(Continued from page 1) Meghan Hatch-Geary

Hatch-Geary had her first teaching experience in a rural fishing village on the coast of Ghana in West Africa. From there she pursued other ventures in the developing nations of Ecuador and Peru. She worked on organic farms, on Amazon reforestation projects and in local schools. She says, "I was searching for work that would fill me up, that would allow me to use my diverse talents and to make a difference. Eventually I realized that the most profound influences in my life--which include my parents--had centered around teachers and education. My passions, skills and inspirations all coalesced in the classroom; and so I returned from South America and enrolled in the Graduate School of Education at The University of New Haven."

Meghan Hatch-Geary is now an English teacher at Region 16's Woodland Regional High School. Currently in her 11th year of teaching, she is passionate about working with young people both inside and outside of the classroom. She teaches Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, as well as freshman world literature. She also serves as English teacher for the Region's alternative program, H.A.W.K.S. (Helping All Woodland Kids Succeed).

Beyond the classroom, Hatch-Geary has advised a diverse array of clubs, including The Gay-Straight Alliance, Preserving our Histories and One Region, One Book. She is a founding member and co-advisor of Woodland Worldwide, an extracurricular organization that promotes social justice and works to empower young women developing their leadership skills through activism, while expanding opportunities for women and girls both locally and globally. In 2013, the club received a *Recognition of Excellence* award from The Connecticut Association of Schools for "raising awareness about gender discrimination and media bias, promoting equal access to education for females, advancing leadership and service opportunities, combating gender stereotyping and working to end human trafficking worldwide." When asked how she ensures that education transcends the classroom, Hatch-Geary responds, "I know that what we've provided for our students through Woodland Worldwide has deeply impacted their lives and shaped their futures. I'm fortunate to have maintained strong relationships with students, many of whom have graduated college and are pursuing careers centered around activism, social justice, service and education. I see the direct results of our impact not only in their choice of profession, but when they return to Woodland to present workshops, perform in our awareness-raising cabaret show or speak to our classes. They are proof that learning is not relegated to the classroom, and that sometimes the most powerful and lasting lessons happen after school. Working with our students and watching them find and use their voices to take action in their lives and communities has been immeasurably rewarding. It is the reason I became a teacher, and the reason I believe teaching is the most powerful profession in the world."

In 2014, Mrs. Hatch-Geary was named A Woman to Watch by the Connecticut Women's Legal and Education Fund (CWEALF) for "demonstrated leadership, potential to excel and dedication to the community." In addition to Woodland Worldwide, she co-advises the Class of 2022 and is the co-chair of Woodland's schoolwide data team.



WANTED !

Do you have a family member or friend you mentor who is studying to be a teacher?

Do you know a school or district intern with great potential as a future teacher?

Do you or someone you know have a connection to a college or university with a teacher preparation program?

Great! You're hired!

Position requirements:

Reach out. Tell the students about DKG International.

Share your story and the story of DKG.

Express your excitement on being able to offer college students this invitation to membership.

Invite them to a chapter, state or international event!

Compensation:

Satisfaction for a job well done.



CT STATE ORGANIZATION ACHIEVERS

Dr. Linda Paslov, President of Beta Chapter, has been appointed interim director of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Bridgeport.

Joanna Najarian-Garb, a member of Beta Chapter, was one of three teachers from the Stratford school system who was awarded a \$130,000 grant from the Barr Foundation to support its Portrait of a Graduate project, which is a collective vision of what all high school students will know and be able to do by graduation.

Congratulations to Past AKS President Phyllis Hickey



Phyllis was recently appointed as the DKG International Strategic Outreach Director!!

Phyllis previously served as the DKG Business Director from 2007- 2020.

Phyllis also served as President of the CT State Organization (AKS) from 1997-1999.

An Opportunity to Serve Connecticut State



The CT State Organization of DKG has been fortunate to have capable leadership. Please consider being a part of the board for the 2021-2023 biennium. Our current **First Vice President Dr. Ann Cavanaugh-Grosjean** will be stepping up to serve as president.

We are looking for members to serve during the 2021-2023 biennium as **first vice president, second vice president and recording secretary.** Please remember that permission of the person must be secured before her name is recommended for nomination.

Nominations are also open for 2021-2025 for three members each for the **Finance Committee** and the **Nominations Committee.** The responsibilities of each position can be found online at the Connecticut State website (dkgct.weebly.com) in the Bylaws and Standing Rules documents. The nomination form is also online on our website under Forms.

Let's keep our strong leadership going and choose to be a part of it in the next biennium. 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, 2020.**

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Joanne Brogis (Delta)
Jacqueline Farrell (Iota)
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta)
Patricia Piatek (Rho)
Judi Weiner (Epsilon)

The 2020 CTAUN Conference: War No More at the United Nations

Fortunately, the 2020 CTAUN Conference: **War No More** was held at the United Nations on Friday, February 28, just a week before the annual two-week UN Women's Conference was cancelled. The UN is now closed.

Since the United Nations is celebrating its 75th Birthday this year and every organization has planned an event, we were able to partner with the Permanent Commission of Korean to the UN to schedule a date. **DKG International Honorary Member, CTAUN Advisory Council Member and Nobel Peace Prize nominee this year for the fifth time, Cora Weiss,** worked very closely with the CTAUN Committee for the past two years planning this conference. The DKG CT State Organization had several members in attendance.

I am attaching an article written by Narin Strassis, a co-chair of the conference published by IDN, the flagship agency of the International Press Syndicate. <https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/armaments/nuclear-weapons/3374-committee-on-teaching-about-the-un-demands-war-no-more>

If you would like to virtually attend the entire conference yourself, it was aired live and archived on webtv.un.org so you can access it on the following links:

Morning Session (Part 1) at: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/part-1-2020-ctaun-war-no-more-conference/6137004798001/>

and the **Afternoon Session (Part 2)** at: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/2020-ctaun-war-no-more-conference/6137094687001/>

CT State Organization First Vice President Ann Grosjean,
CTAUN Committee/ DKG @ UN



REFLECTIONS FROM PAST ALPHA KAPPA STATE/CT STATE ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS

Leadership Conferences



In the month of June, on the even years, and after our chapter presidents have been elected for their upcoming biennium, a Leadership Conference is held for those new presidents, officers, state executive members and specific committee chair positions. It is a time of excitement as they look forward to a new biennium, and perhaps with a slight case of anxiety as they learn more about the responsibilities of those new leadership positions in our Society.

New presidents come away with a plethora of information to help them on their way to successful chapter leadership, while treasurers and communications chairs, for example, learn important techniques and responsibilities to keep funds in order and important information passed on to chapter members. The conference offers inspirational speakers and mentorship to attendees from all over the state, as they join in fellowship with their sisters and take on new endeavors of

leadership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

This year the Leadership Conference will be held on June 24th at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. Chapter officers **please** plan to attend this day of fellowship and leadership training; it will be a day you will remember well during the years of your biennium and as you move forward in new and exciting leadership roles.

Judy Cody
Alpha Kappa State President 2001-2003

Flag Ceremony



When I attended my first International Convention, I was very impressed with the flag ceremony where representatives of each state and country entered the hall carrying the flag of their respective state or country. When I became state president, I instituted a flag ceremony where each chapter president carried the flag of her chapter into the venue before the start of each state conference or convention. I have to give credit to **Judy Cody** for finding the person to create the chapter flags, as well as to former CSO member **Judy Pflum** who constructed the base for the chapter flags.

Longevity Pins

I have long thought that our loyal and long-serving members should be recognized in some way for their loyalty and service. When I became state president, I wanted to do something to recognize and honor these women. While researching ideas, I learned that a chapter in California sold pins to represent years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. I contacted them and ordered pins for 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of service. I am happy to see that this tradition is still carried on today. Our members deserve our loyalty!

Nancy M. Roy
Alpha Kappa State President 2003-2005

The State Organization Executive Board and You



Your chapter has a large impact on Connecticut State Organization decisions. It all begins at the Executive Board meetings. Your chapter president and chapter representative have the power. Your president and representative stand for you.

This past decade was a time of change for the Connecticut State Organization Executive Board. A discussion of the makeup of the board began in 2010 and ultimately resulted in a change in favor of increased chapter representation during a vote to change the Bylaws at the 2013 state convention. At that time, it was voted to give each chapter two votes on the State Executive Board. The fundamental concept was that the chapters, through their presidents and chapter representatives, should always make up the majority of the State Executive Board. The chapters should always dominate decisions of the board. Chapter attendance at the State Executive Board meetings is vital. Chapter presidents and chapter representatives recommend policies and procedures. They examine, modify and accept the state budget. They act in the interim between conventions upon matters that require immediate decisions. They represent you. Encourage your chapter president to attend State Executive Board meetings. Go with her as your chapter representative. Your opinion, your vote, counts.

Marnee Straiton
Alpha Kappa State President 2011-2013



AROUND

THE

NUTMEG

BETA

After weather-related postponements, Beta Chapter held its "December" meeting on January 16th at Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe. Chapter **President Linda Paslov** introduced guests/prospective members: Monisha Gibson (Founder and Director of Maritime Odyssey Preschool in Norwalk), Aresta Johnson (Former Superintendent of Bridgeport Public Schools and current Director of K-12 Strategic Initiatives) and Dee Scott (Bilingual Education Coordinator at Booker T. Washington Academy and doctoral student at the University of Bridgeport). Beta Chapter members voted for new members to be inducted at the May, 2020 meeting. The following prospective members were unanimously accepted: Monisha Gibson, Melissa Manzione, Allison Fay and LeTanya Lawrence.

Linda shared that she had the opportunity to visit Luis Munoz Marin School. DKG Beta Chapter is assisting Luis Munoz Marin by donating school supplies requested by the school. She spoke about DKG and brought gently used books. Linda also shared that she gave a personal monetary donation to assist with school cheerleading uniforms.

Barbara Schroeter and **Linda Paslov** attended the Connecticut State Organization Fall Conference on November 2nd at Wilcox Technical.

The chapter's next meeting was held on March 2nd at the Huntington Library in Shelton.

Beta Chapter members painting birdhouses



Dr. Patricia Anekwe and Angela Swanepoel

Sandy Carbone and Karol Fleegal



Barbara Schroeter and Jenn Sinal Swingler



ZETA

In preparation for 2020 events for Zeta Chapter, **Presidents Margaret Hrabchak and Lenore Martinelli** held an executive board meeting to which all Zeta members were invited. A priority item of discussion was planning for the chapter's annual birthday celebration to be held April 4th, at Doody's Restaurant in North Branford. Bonnie Mueller from the Friends Center for Children in New Haven, will speak about this day care center where Zeta Chapter delivered backpacks of books on various topics as part of a Zeta project last fall.

Zeta Treasurer Claudia Grantham announced that a \$1,000 donation was made to Zeta Chapter's Marguerite McKay Grant in memory of Tom Brandt, husband of member and **Past Zeta President Anne Brandt** (niece of **Peg McKay**), on the occasion of Tom's passing on January 27th. The donation was given by Joseph Patton, Anne's brother, on behalf of the family. Zeta thanks the family for such a generous memorial; condolences continue to be delivered to Anne by Zeta members.

Zeta members are reminded of the chapter's responsibility for the Ceremony of Life at the Connecticut State Organization's Spring Convention on April 25th. Plan to attend this event, as the chapter is always so pleased to have such a high number of members in attendance. Plans are still in the making for Zeta's final meeting of the year, the annual Sundae Social to be held May 19th. At this time new officers for the next biennium will be installed.

THETA

The new year started quietly for Theta Chapter. The January meeting had to be postponed due to a speaker scheduling conflict. **Linda Tracy** got the High School Grant information out to all the schools assigned to Theta; and on January 20th, **Sharon Bartlett** and **Marie Desautels** enjoyed an afternoon at Journey House playing board games with the girls. Sadly Theta Chapter lost another member on January 17th. **Hannah Clements**, an honorary member of for 27 years and a Windham first selectman.

On February 1st, Theta successfully served over 70 meals at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic. Thanks go to **Ann Grosjean** and **Margaret Daly**, as well as all members who cooked, baked and served.

Theta's first meeting of 2020 took place February 12th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Windham Center. The business meeting was productive, the soup and salad delicious and the speaker on Human Trafficking riveting.

On February 28th, five members attended the CTAUN conference "War No More" at the UN. Theta member are looking forward to the reflections of **Ann Grosjean, Sue Moon, Margaret Daly, Karen Dibala** and **Karen Anger** on this worthwhile conference.



STATE

NU

Nu Chapter is spreading out! **Debi Boccanfuso**, finally retired 'for good this time' and moved to Bluffton, South Carolina, where she is absolutely loving life! **Karen Curth**, Nu's treasurer, finally finished building her 'dream home' in Kiawah, North Carolina, and also made the move late fall. Karen still spends part of her time in Darien and works in the Darien schools helping with triennial district testing at the elementary level.

Summer/early fall was certainly busy for all. **Ann Novotnik** and **Eileen Kinahan** had a great time at Foxwoods for the Delta Kappa Gamma Northeast International Conference. Wedding season took over as both **Carleen Wood** and **Karen Curth** played "Mother of the Brides". **Eileen Kinahan** travelled to Ireland for a family wedding. **Rita Ferri** had a wonderful vacation in Italy in August.

Nu's September meeting also served as a retirement party for **Debi Boccanfuso** before her move. **President Ann Novotnik**, **Vice President Rita Ferri**, **Eileen Kinahan**, **Katy Gale**, **Laura Straiton**, and **Karen Curth**, as well as **Debi Boccanfuso**, all showed up for a fun evening at **Carleen Wood's** new home. **Gerry Petrizzi**, an Alpha member, who also worked with all of us in Darien, joined in on the fun!

A few members, Ann, Rita, and Katy were able to kick off the holiday season at a local restaurant, Bertucci's. The rest of the chapter enjoyed an *After the Holidays* get together at **Rita Ferri's** home.

Nu sisters took a road trip on February 23rd to Plymouth, Connecticut. **Debi Boccanfuso** was back in the state for a few days and staying at her lake house. So several members happily hopped in cars and made the drive for an afternoon of togetherness outside around the fire pit, enjoying the beautiful day.

Plans are under way for our March meeting where members will be brainstorming ideas for celebrating Nu's 60th anniversary! Nu may be small and definitely adding miles between us, but nothing is as strong as the bond of sisters!



Nu sisters' get-together at lake house in Plymouth
(l. to r.) **Eileen Kinahan**, **Carleen Wood**, **Ann Novotnik**, **Katy Gale**, **Rita Ferri** and **Debi Boccanfuso**



CT State Organization ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION RAFFLE

Proceeds to support
the Curriculum of *Hope for a Peaceful World* Committee and
Scholarship Grants recommended by the Finance Committee

Saturday, April 25, 2020
Baci Grill, Cromwell, CT

- ◆ Prize basket items donated by each chapter
- ◆ Raffle tickets purchased at chapter meetings and on April 25th at the Convention
- ◆ Cost of tickets: \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00

Helen Scully, Omicron Chapter President



Connecticut State Organization Seeking Nominees for State Honorary Members

All chapter members are reminded that the CT State Organization Membership Committee is seeking nominations for new state honorary members to be inducted at the November 2020 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."

(Constitution, Updated 1 /2020, Article III, Section 3)

International Standing Rules, Updated 9/19, 3.31 clarify "service" as being of statewide significance for a State Honorary Member.

The State Honorary Membership form, obtainable from each chapter, is the same form as chapter Membership. The form needs to be completed and submitted to **CT State Honorary Membership Chair, Jeanne Morascini** by **June 30, 2020**. Please email to jemora@aol.com or mail to: Jeanne Morascini, 55 John E. Horton Blvd. Apt. 202, Hebron, CT 06248. If there are any questions, please contact Jeanne at 860-228-9293.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Jeanne Morascini
CT State Organization Honorary Membership Chair



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

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

Grace 'Gay' Elizabeth (Putnam) Farmer, Theta Chapter

Died: January 31, 2019



Gay was inducted into Theta Chapter on May 1, 1975, and was a 43 year member of the chapter. She served as chapter president (1980-1982). She also served on various committees and attended meetings when she was living in Hebron.

Gay received both her BS and MFA degrees from the University of Connecticut. She also earned a 6th year equivalency in humanistic education. Gay spent much of her career as an elementary school teacher at Hebron Elementary School in Hebron. Her work in outdoor education was exceptional, earning her national recognition from the State Department of Interior, U.S. Park Service. She also was honored as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America.

Gay loved to travel and was fortunate to visit many areas of the world. Gay will be sadly missed by her Theta sisters.

Marjorie Jackson, Eta Chapter

Died: June 4, 2019



Marjorie was an Eta member since 1976. She was a Canadian until 2012 when she became a U.S. citizen. She left school after eighth grade to support her family, completed high school, received a B.A. in home economics from Goshen College, an M.S. in food service from University of Wisconsin, and a PH.D in nutritional science from UCONN. Marjorie taught in junior highs, Perdue University and was an outpatient dietician at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital. She was a singer, a master gardener and, what a knitter! She went out of her way to avoid committees; however, she was proud to be a member of Eta and also a presenter at chapter meetings. She always had a smile for us and a healthy platter for us to munch on at our meetings. She is sorely missed.

Deborah Chin, Iota Chapter

Died: September 7, 2019



Debbie was initiated into Iota Chapter in 2007. During her 12 years of active membership, she served as membership chairperson and was an active participant at meetings.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Lesley University in 1975, and in 1989, earned a dual master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University in early childhood education and library media studies. She was cross-certified as a Library Media Specialist in 2001.

During her 40 years as an educator, Debbie worked primarily in the New Milford public school system. She was a Title I Reading and Math Tutor, a kindergarten teacher, a second grade teacher and most recently, a library media specialist. She served as both a BEST and TEAM mentor for new teachers, was a member of the Language Arts and Library Media Curriculum committees and organized the JPS Author Week from 2001-2011.

Debbie was an active member of the Roxbury Congregational Church. She loved reading and writing and had aspirations to become a children's author. She loved baking for family and friends, and her cookies were often in high demand throughout the community.

Georgene McCarthy Hayes, Zeta Chapter

Died: September 12, 2019



Georgene McCarthy Hayes died peacefully surrounded by family on September 12, 2019 at Rivermead in Peterborough, NH. She was born to first generation Irish immigrants on August 10, 1921. Georgene was a 51-year member of Zeta Chapter and received the Life Membership Award from the CT State Organization (Alpha Kappa State) in 2012. She worked on many Zeta committees, and her long-time membership supported many of her chapter's initiatives.

Love and tolerance were her way. If she had a say in the matter, not a single person in her presence would want for comfort or care. She had a way of making people feel special, valued and honored. As an art teacher, her classroom was a place where each child was special, "mistakes" became discoveries; and something wonderful always happened. She taught in the Hamden/Spring Glen schools from 1966-1987 and had a reputation for making sure that everyone she taught earned an A.

She married the love of her life and husband of over 50 years, John Joseph Hayes in 1942, after graduating from NYU. They had two sons, John Edmund Hayes of Hancock, NH and Raymond Paul Hayes of Deep River, CT.

Predeceased by her husband, Georgene is survived by her sons, their wives and four grandchildren.



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White Roses

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

Maxine Schortman, Rho Chapter

Died: January 12, 2020



Maxine was inducted into Theta Chapter in 1976 and became a charter member of Rho Chapter in 1979. She was an active member of Rho. Maxine especially enjoyed hosting Rho meetings at her home during the Christmas season when every room was decorated.

Maxine graduated from Willimantic State College (now Eastern Connecticut State University) with a B.S. in elementary education. She received her master's degree from UConn. She was very involved in both the Vernon Education Assoc. and the Connecticut Education Assoc., serving as president of both organizations. Maxine also served as a Tolland County Director and on the CEA Board of Directors.

Maxine taught third grade at Lake Street School for thirty-three years retiring in 1996. She was a respected teacher and served as a mentor to many colleagues.

After retirement, Maxine was a supporter of Dogs for the Deaf and the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. Maxine and her husband Bill also funded two high school scholarships for students majoring in education in college. The scholarships were for graduating students at Rockville High School and East Windsor High School through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. She and Bill enjoyed traveling, especially their trip to Mexico where they met the child and his family that they had sponsored. Maxine will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and love of life. She will be deeply missed by her husband Bill and her Rho family.

Hannah Kieps Clements, Honorary Member Theta Chapter

Died: January 17, 2020

Hanna Clements, an honorary member of Theta for 27 years and one of Windham's early prominent female public servants, died at the age of 86 after a life of serving the community and making peace. Clements served on the board of selectmen, board of finance and planning and zoning commission in Windham. In all these roles, colleagues valued her calm, reasoned thoughtfulness, her sense of justice and fairness, her pragmatism and her compassion.

Her early years in New York, London and Berlin were defined by her father's career as a diplomat and then by the rise of Hitler and World War II. Her father's anti-Nazi activities led to his arrest, imprisonment and execution in 1944. Her brother Albrecht was also a casualty of the war, leaving Hannah, her sister Hildegard and her mother to make a life in post-war West Germany. Her mother took a diplomatic role in Washington, DC, and Hannah came to the US in 1950 to attend Wells College and then transferred to Barnard College in New York City, where she earned a degree in chemistry. In 1968, Hannah and her husband Bruce moved with their four children to Windham, Connecticut, where Bruce taught at Eastern Connecticut State University and where they raised their family and became active members of the community, living, working and serving for 42 years.

Hannah was active at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving as Senior Warden and helping to found Isaiah 58 Ministries and the Covenant Soup Kitchen, which she later directed. Having experienced hunger and need in her early life, Hanna worked tirelessly to advocate for the poor and the homeless. She was a founding member of Windham Habitat for Humanity, led the Windham Homeless Coalition, worked with the Refuge, providing shelter for runaway teens, and helped found the Interfaith Sponsor Group for Vietnamese Refugees. She worked for many years helping families transition from homelessness to housing at the Windham Regional Community Council.

Hannah was a present, loving and consistent mother. She was thrifty and could stretch Bruce's modest salary to feed a family of six. She made beautiful things a master knitter and needle worker, accomplished ceramicist and batik artist. She sewed clothes and costumes and made her oldest daughter's wedding dress. She typed all of Bruce's novels and co-authored *Coming Home to a Place You've Never Been Before*. Together, Hannah and Bruce hosted *Neighborhood*, an interview radio show on the Willimantic radio station, WILL.

Hannah was honored for her service by the town of Windham and the Connecticut State Legislature before leaving Connecticut and moving into a retirement community in Lombard, IL, in the spring of 2011. She and Bruce enjoyed reading aloud, conversation, doing crossword puzzles, watching movies, spending time in their cottage in Michigan, and being with their children and grandchildren. Even as Hannah's health was failing, her eyes lit up with love when she saw them. Hannah leaves her husband of 65 years, Bruce Clements, three daughters, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and a great grandchild.

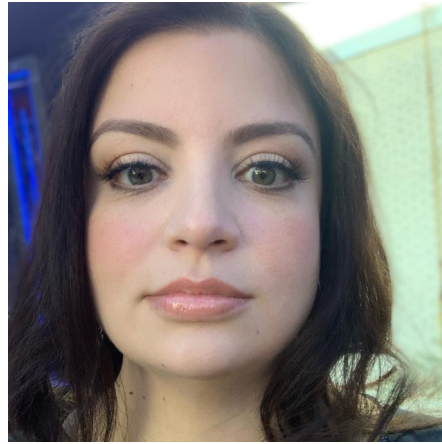


Spring Convention Highlights

Fine Arts Presentation



Kevin Kiley



Allison Fay

This year's Connecticut State Organization State Convention will feature a performance by vocalist Kevin Kiley, accompanied by pianist Allison Fay. The pair will present a selection of musical theatre and pop songs, ranging from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Billy Joel.

Kevin Kiley appeared with Curtain Call Theater as Johnny Casino/Teen Angel in *Grease*, Charlie in *Elf* and Bernstein/Patrick Martin in *Little Shop of Horrors*. In addition, he portrayed numerous roles with Manhattan College Theater, including Prez in *The Pajama Game*; soloist in *Side by Side by Sondheim*; Mr. Dussel in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and Eddie Jaffe in *Working*. He recently released a single, *What I Ever Saw in You*, from an upcoming album of original songs. Mr. Kiley will next appear with Bridgeport's Downtown Cabaret Theatre as The Stalker in *The Bodyguard*. He is a graduate of Manhattanville College, where he majored in musical theatre.

Pianist Allison Fay is a highly sought after conductor, accompanist, voice teacher and vocal coach. She is a lyric coloratura soprano and appeared with the Amadeus Opernensemble as Madame Herz in *Der Schauspieldirektor* and Papagena in *Die Zauberflöte*, as well as with the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra as Herd Girl and *Prophet Song* soloist in *Peer Gynt*. In addition, she has sung with Sherrill Milnes's VOICE Experience Foundation in Florida, and Lauren Flanigan's Audition Workshop in New York. Past concert performances include Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and Bernstein's *Candide*. Future engagements include Rorem's *Evidence of Things Not Seen* and the Unknown/Unsung recital series in New York. Ms. Fay is a graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and is the daughter of **Beta Chapter President Dr. Linda Paslov**.

DKG MISSION STATEMENT

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



DKG CT State Organization 81st SPRING CONVENTION Saturday, April 25, 2020



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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 -	10:45 a.m.	Keynote: Meghan Hatch-Geary, 2020 CT Teacher of the Year, English Teacher, Woodland Regional High School
10:45 -	11:00 a.m.	Break and State Fundraiser Sales
11:00 -	11:45 a.m.	Outstanding Service Award - Deborah Caruso
11:45 -	12:00 noon	Honoring Our Members - Longevity Pin Recipients
12:00 -	1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Birthday Celebration and State Fundraising Drawing
1:00 -	1:30 p.m.	Fine Arts Presentation—Kevin Kiley & Allison Fay
1:30 -	1:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks, <i>The Delta Kappa Gamma Song</i>

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Three Rivers Community College
Norwich

July 7—11, 2020
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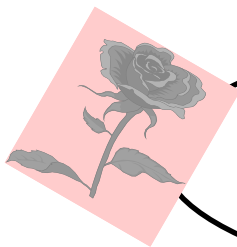
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Keynote: Kathleen Stauffer



Kathleen Stauffer graduated from Point Park University with a bachelor's in journalism and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of New Haven. She worked in publishing for 30 years, advancing to U.S. Magazine group president & publisher for Bayard Presse. In 2009, Kathleen joined The Arc New London County leading two mergers resulting in the establishment of The Arc Eastern Connecticut. The Arc was originally established in 1952 by parents of handicapped children with intellectual disabilities in order to ensure equal participation and choice in school, the workplace and in the community. She is co-chair of the Human Service Coordinating Council for the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and was appointed to the Governor's Nonprofit Cabinet by Dannell P. Malloy. She serves on The Arc US Board of Directors and has served on the NCE Steering Committee. In 2011, she won NE's Rising Star Award; in 2014, she was named Executive Director of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut; in 2018, she received the NCE Chair's Leadership Award. She has authored/co-authored three books.

Kathleen Stauffer
Chief Executive Officer
The Arc Eastern CT

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