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Lenore Martinelli Nominated to Lead Connecticut State Organization for the 2023—2025 Biennium



Lenore has been a member of Zeta Chapter for 20 years serving as recording secretary, treasurer and president. At the state level, she is currently first vice president and served as membership committee chair and necrology chair, as well as receiving an award from the Margaret H. Croft Fund to attend the DKG International Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. She also attended International's Regional Conference in Windsor, Canada and the CTSO Conference in 2019, acting as a member of the Steering Committee.

Lenore received a B.S. degree in Education from Southern Connecticut State College and an M.S. in Reading from Southern Connecticut State University.

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Kim King 2022 CT Teacher of the Year: Convention Keynote Speaker



Members of CTSO look forward to hearing **Kim King**, a new member of Theta Chapter and the CT State Organization, speak at the Spring Convention on May 6th. She has been an enthusiastic new member who has taken full advantage of opportunities that DKG has to offer like the New Member Zoom meetings with DKG International in Austin - just as she fully participated in the many activities during her CT Teacher of the Year involvement with TOY's around the United States. She will share why she joined DKG and how she looks forward to being involved. Kim has also been invited to join our Next Gen Committee to offer her ideas of how we can improve our organization to better meet the needs of our young and active teachers. She will also share her exciting family background and her

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CONNECTICUT STATE SPRING CONVENTION

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Cascade Fine Catering, Hamden (9:00 a.m.—1:45 p.m.)

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MAXIMIZE, MAINTAIN, MOTIVATE AND MENTOR OUR MEMBERS



Dear CTSO Sisters,

As I pondered my words for this message, I remembered that at our last CTSO Executive Board meeting, it was decided to issue the Keynote, as we know it, only twice a year – in the spring and fall virtually. This will save us the cost of printing and postage and will be less work for our editor and chapter presidents, who submit chapter news for each edition. I want to thank our dedicated Keynote Editor of thirty years, **Carol Beam** of Delta Chapter, and welcome our new Editor, **LeAnn Hinkle** of Alpha Chapter. As president, it has been an honor and a pleasure to represent and work with you as we transitioned back into non-COVID times!

It has been a biennium of great change – starting with conversations during the Revitalization Process as we try to recruit new members, engage our present members and encourage leadership. With the financial implications, we were able to balance our budget; develop a plan for chapters to recruit new active, collegial and retired members to increase our dues revenue; and to hold our fall conference and one or two executive board meeting virtually, again to save money for the state organization and travel time and expense for members. We have a Next Gen Committee with **Beta President Allison Fay**, as the chair, to enable our active teachers and younger members to share what an ideal DKG CTSO would look like to them.

We also hope to move our archives to the University of Connecticut Dodd Center! In addition to saving a significant amount of money annually, this is quite an honor. We will be housed among their 1100 other collections. I will schedule a special Zoom Executive Board meeting to discuss this change and get approval (or not!) to sign the agreement with UConn before our Spring Convention. Hopefully, these changes will sustain our CTSO well into the future!

A special thank you to **Lenore Martinelli**, who has been an amazing First Vice President and partner for the past two years for all she has done. She will be a wonderful president! I congratulate her for her so well-deserved CTSO Achievement Award. I so appreciate getting to know and work with so many wonderful members from around the state. It is not too late! I can still visit your chapter until the end of June! Each member is a special and unique individual and together we are an amazing organization. I look forward to seeing you at our Spring Convention on May 6th at Cascade Fine Catering in Hamden! We will install our new officers for the next biennium! I congratulate them and thank each one for saying “Yes!”

Have a wonderful spring!

With much appreciation,

Ann

Ann Grosjean
CTSO President

Calling CTSO members to join the new Next GEN Committee

CTSO is forming a Next Gen Committee geared toward active teachers and younger members. The committee, chaired by Beta Chapter President Allison Fay, will help to develop a vision for the future of our DKG CT State Organization. Meetings will be held on Zoom. Please visit <https://bit.ly/CTSONextGenContact> to sign up. All are welcome!

Allison Fay, Beta Chapter President



CTSO SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2025 BIENNIUM



**Dr. Linda Paslov
Nominee for
First Vice President**

Linda S. Pavlov, Ed.D., has been a member of Beta Chapter since 2011. On the chapter level, Linda has served as president, treasurer, membership chair, as well as the chair of the fine arts and educational excellence committees. On the state level, she served as Fine Arts Committee chair, CTSO Fine Arts Retreat Exploration Ad Hoc Committee chair and was a presenter at CTSO's Fine Arts Retreat in 2021. On the International level, Linda was an attendee at the 2021 DKG Virtual Hybrid Conference in San Antonio and the 2020 DKG Virtual Hybrid Conference in Philadelphia.

Linda has served in leadership positions in DKG, in K-12 public school systems and in higher education, as well as within other organizations. In the DAR, she served as a Chapter Regent, a State Committee Chair for three different committees and National Vice Chair for a committee. She enjoys writing and has been published in several venues: research article in conference proceedings, doctoral dissertation, book chapter, DKG Fine Arts Gallery and *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.



**Kathleen Peters-Durrigan
Nominee for
Second Vice President**

Kathleen has been a member of Zeta Chapter since 2015. On the state level, she recently served at CTSO Recording Secretary. On the chapter level, she has served as chapter secretary and co-secretary.

She was the principal at Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven and Beecher Road School in Woodbridge. Kathleen was also the director of summer school and community agency collaboration for the Stamford School District, director of pre-school and head-start programs for Greenburgh Central #7 School District in New York, supervisor of adult education for Southern Westchester BOCES in New York, director of Westchester County Homeless Student Collaborative and executive director of Student Advocacy, Inc. in Westchester County, New York. She was also an adjunct professor at the College of New Rochelle.

Kathleen has volunteered for Discovering Amistad, Inc. where she served as secretary to the board of directors and co-chair of the education committee. She was previously a member of the advisory board of the Parenting Support Programs of Yale-New Haven Hospital.

She lives in Ansonia with her husband, Jerry Peters; and they are the parents of a son living in St. Louis, MO, and a daughter residing in Stamford. They are also grandparents to a four-year old grandson and a two-year old grandson.



**Robyn Proto
Nominee for
Recording Secretary**

Robyn has been a member of Beta Chapter since 2015. At the chapter level, she has been a meeting presenter regarding magnet school and diverse school communities.

She has been the assistant principal at the Six to Six Interdistrict Magnet school, a Cooperative Educational Services School in Bridgeport since 2000 and recently retired in June of 2022. Prior to that, she served as the State Department of Education Consultant for Family and Consumer Sciences and Medical Career Education.

Robyn received a BS degree in Education with a concentration in Home Economics at the University of New Hampshire, an MS degree in Education at the University of Illinois and completed an elementary certification program, as well as a 6th Year Certificate in Educational Leadership at Sacred Heart University.

Robyn has served her community through positions as the Stratford Library president, vice president, Life member president, and chair of various committees since 1992. She is also the co-chair of the Stratford CARE, Citizens Acting for Racial Equity, Education Team and the Stratford Board of Education curriculum committee. Robyn is also a member of the CES Foundation, an organization that provides grants to teachers in CES schools and programs. She is currently an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University where she supervises student teachers and works with their mentors.

She lives with her husband Benjamin, and son Jeremy in Stratford and has a daughter, Caroline who resides in Miami, Florida.



CTSO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023-2027 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Terry Azoti Southwest Region



Terry has been a member of DKG Zeta Chapter since 1994. She has served her chapter as president, secretary, corresponding secretary and on several committees. She is currently serving as Chapter Historian. At the state level she has been President and First Vice President and is currently International Funds Chair. She served as Membership Committee chair, Bylaws Committee chair, World Fellowship Committee chair and several ad hoc committees. She has attended many International Conventions and Conferences. She is also a reviewer for *The Keynote* state newsletter. Terry received the CTSSO State Achievement Award in 2011.

She is a retired reading consultant for the special education department from East Haven Public Schools, where she worked for 30 years. In her community, Terry is a member of The Garden Club of Orange and was co-chair of its first newsletter. She also served on the board of the Case Memorial Library Friends of the Library. Presently she is also secretary of her Condo Board Association.

She and her husband, Joe, have been married for sixty-two years. Her favorite pastimes are reading, crocheting and crafts. Terry has a passion for photography. Many of her photos have been selected for the online DKG International Art Gallery.

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 has served as president, first and second vice president, fine arts committee chair, Parliamentarian and 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.

Joan Konareski Northwest Region



Joan has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 35 years. She is a 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.



CTSO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023-2027 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



Lillie Feierabend - Northwest Region

Lillie is a past president of Mu chapter. At the state level, she was a workshop presenter at the CTSO 2022 Fall Conference.

Lillie is known for her work with young children and instilling a love of music within them. She has been an early childhood and general music educator for over thirty years and was a conductor for the Connecticut Children's Chorus for seventeen years. She has twice been honored with her respective district's Teacher of the Year Award for her inclusive and innovative music programs; and in 2008, she also received the Outstanding Elementary Music Educator Award from the Connecticut Music Educators Association. Over the course of her career, Lillie has mentored twenty-three student teachers and will forever be grateful for the opportunity.

Karen Newcomb - East Region



Karen Newcomb is a member of Rho Chapter. She has served as the chapter's second vice president

She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Central Connecticut State College, followed by a Master's Degree. She began her career as a special education teacher in September 1982 in Region 10, Harwinton/Burlington where she started a new program for students with multiple disabilities. She worked in Region 10 for several years before starting a family. Karen returned to teaching in the Bloomfield Public Schools, where she taught students with multiple disabilities for seven years, and then taught students with behavioral issues for several years. In 2000, she was hired by South Windsor to teach students who were medically fragile. While teaching in South Windsor she spent several years as a representative for SWEA, the local teacher's union.

Karen retired from South Windsor in 2018. During her retirement Karen is very active in her church and also volunteers with the READS program.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone - Southwest Region



Sandra, a member of Beta Chapter since 1989, served as chapter president, first vice president and has chaired several chapter committees. She is presently chair of the nominations committee and serves as a mentor.

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. She received the CT State Achievement Award in 2009.

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

Sandra participated in the early stages of the CT State Assessment Program of Beginning Educators. Her teaching career of 39 years ranged from teaching regular education, Grades 1-5, to teaching special education, grades K-8 and culminated as a curriculum specialist in 2001.

Sandra is a lifetime member of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut. She is serving as the first vice president of the Greater Bridgeport Teachers Association. In addition, Sandra is corresponding secretary for the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers' Fund, Inc.

Mary Ellen Ulatowski - Northwest Region



Mary Ellen taught music in the Wallingford School System for 35 years. This included teaching at eight schools and with scores of principals and teachers. Choruses routinely were involved with community activities such as the town awards ceremony, the National Day of Prayer and singing with the Wallingford Symphony. All of these activities involved not only working with students, but also working with many adults.

Delta Kappa Gamma experience includes Lambda Chapter Fine Arts Committee, recording secretary and currently Lambda president. At State level, Mary Ellen has been active in Executive Board Meetings, the Fine Arts Committee and Scholarship Committee. She has attended multiple State conferences, twice as a presenter, and the DKG International Global Awareness Conference at Foxwoods.



Dr. Virginia James
Past CTSO State President
1975-1977

Dr. Virginia James entered into rest at the age of 95 on January 20, 2022. Virginia served Lambda Chapter in the roles of president, first vice president, parliamentarian, recording secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor, membership chair, personal growth and services chair, program chair and professional affairs chair. She helped to lead the Connecticut State Organization in the roles of state president, state first vice president, state second vice president and fine arts chair. She served on many committees, presented workshops, organized art displays, led state singing groups, travelled around the state to address various chapters and promoted fine arts through a generous donation, which served as the seed money and creation of the CTSO Dr. Virginia James Art Presentation Fund. She represented the Northeast Region in many capacities including the areas of travel, study and expansion. Internationally, she participated in a flag ceremony, created a topiary tree, presented workshops, served on panels (as panel member, moderator, timekeeper and recorder), helped to create a program manual, composed an original song, *Birthday Roses*, was awarded an International Scholarship and travelled extensively for conferences and conventions. Virginia was presented the State Achievement Award in 2001.

Virginia graduated from Middlebury College and initially worked as advertising manager for Fafnir Ball Bearings, the first woman to hold that position. After several years in business, she switched to a career in Education and began as an elementary school teacher in Wilton and Westport. This began what would ultimately be 40 years of teaching in Connecticut public schools, primarily in Wallingford. To further her education career, Virginia obtained a Masters degree from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Education of the Gifted and Talented from the University of Connecticut. She completed additional studies through New York University, Southern Connecticut State College and the University of Arizona.

In 1950, Virginia married William H. James, then Superintendent of Schools in Easton, Connecticut. In June 1955, she and William jointly graduated from Yale University – she with her Masters, he with his Ph.D. – and a year later they welcomed their daughter, Hillery. Virginia and William enjoyed 64 years of marriage; it was his passing which prompted Virginia’s relocation to Florida to be near Hillery and her husband, Chris.

Virginia loved connecting with others. She enjoyed fellowship with women educators through active participation in Delta Kappa Gamma. She also belonged to DAR and AAUW; was active in church; and treasured neighbors and friends from around the world. Virginia is survived by her daughter, Hillery James-Chung; her son-in-law, Chris Chung; sister, Cindy Parmelee; cousins, nieces and nephews; dear friend and assistant, Judi Evans; and large extended family through Chris, particularly grandson Doron Chung. All were “my family” to Virginia. Members of CTSO extend their sympathies to Virginia’s family.

Letter from the Editor:

Dear members of the CT State Organization of DKG,

This issue of *The Keynote* will be my final edition. I have served in this position since 1993 under 16 state presidents. It has given me the opportunity to learn so much about our organization and to appreciate all that it has to offer for teachers. The most amazing part was to receive ‘news’ from chapter presidents and to be able to share all the wonderful and exciting programs and projects through which they serve their communities. So many local organizations are the beneficiaries of their hard work and caring attitudes. Honoring future teachers with grants is another way in which chapters are meeting the goals of DKG.

Thank you to those who have served as ‘Reviewers’ for all these years, especially —**Terry Azoti, Judy Cody, Jeanne Morascini, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** and **Nancy Roy**. I was blessed to work with each of you.

Peace to my CTSO sisters as I sign off - - - *Carol*



CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION 2023 Longevity Award Pin Recipients

Congratulations to the members being honored for their years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma, to Connecticut State Organization and to their chapters. Below is a list of members who will be recognized at the CTSO May 6, 2023 Convention.

Pat O'Connell Buckley, CTSO Longevity Chair

60 Years

Ruth Wilson, *Mu*
Elizabeth Zaharek, *Mu*

50 Years

Mary DeAngelis, *Beta*
Luann Daragan, *Iota*
Jacqueline Abbott, *Rho*

40 Years

Marilyn Maxwell, *Alpha*
Joanne Zammit, *Alpha*
Carol Beam, *Delta*
Mary McVerry, *Delta*
Rita Landino, *Zeta*
Frances Pagliaro, *Zeta*
Sally Swanson, *Mu*
Catherine Palmer, *Tau Upsilon*

30 Years

Helen Wasserman, *Beta*
Angelia Whiting, *Beta*
Janice McKusick, *Theta*
Catherine Rowe, *Theta*
Anne Soracchi, *Theta*
Kathleen Hanisko, *Lambda*
Nancy Maynard, *Lambda*
Patricia Cosma, *Rho*
Cheryl Purnell, *Rho*
Irene Raiche, *Rho*

25 Years

Maura O'Connor, *Alpha*
Colleen Spieler, *Delta*
Pamela Abel, *Theta*
Carol Kraus, *Theta*
Carolyn Balmer, *Iota*
Patricia Block, *Omicron*

Past AKS Achievement Award Recipients

- 1989: Camella R. Maiewski (Epsilon)
Rheta Lange (Zeta)
Ella Rice (Kappa)
Dr. Jacqueline Abbott (Rho)
Elizabeth Sonier (Upsilon)
- 1991: Marguerite McKay (Zeta)
Charlotte Sharpe (Mu)
Helen Sheldrick (Upsilon)
- 1993: Hannah Griswold (Epsilon)
Isobel Broadhurst (Kappa)
Linda Shea (Sigma)
- 1995: Anne Modugno (Alpha)
Elizabeth Coppeler (Epsilon)
Jeanne Morascini (Theta)
Posthumous Award
In honor of Joan C. Lee (Rho)
- 1997: Gloria Dowaliby (Epsilon)
Nancy Scofield (Tau)
- 1999: Joan E. Haffey (Theta)
Judy C. Villa (Lambda)
- 2001: Phyllis Hickey (Theta)
Barbara-Ann Cavanaugh (Kappa)
Dr. Virginia James (Lambda)
Marcella Miller (Upsilon)
- 2003: Mary Connelly (Gamma)
Rita Ward (Gamma)
Pamela Solnik (Epsilon)
Eleanor Decker (Theta)
- 2005: Margaret Nielsen (Alpha)
Judith Cody (Zeta)
Patricia Lovelace (Xi)
- 2007: Carylrae Clinge (Epsilon)
Susan G. Salesses (Theta)
- 2009: Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta)
Carol H. Beam (Delta)
Donna Chaney (Zeta)
Patricia O'Connell-Buckley (Theta)
- 2011: Judy E. Pflum (Gamma)
Nancy M. Roy (Delta)
Theresa A. Azoti (Zeta)
- 2013: Carol Kraus (Theta)
Marnee Straiton (Iota)
- 2015: Anita Satriano (Theta)
- 2017: Dr. Ann Grosjean
Joan Konaeski
Susan Moon
- 2019: Dr. Kathleen Lozinak
Deborah Soresino
- 2023: Lenore Martinelli



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

"A moment to remember. . . A lifetime to honor."



Julia Marie Velleca Nicefaro, Pi and Zeta Chapters **Died: August 2, 2022**



As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Julia initially belonged to Pi Chapter, where she served as president. She was actively involved in fostering membership and mentoring new members. Julia worked on fundraising, as well as community service projects. As a member of Zeta Chapter, Julia held office as treasurer and continued community service through her DKS membership. What members remember most about Julia is her enthusiasm and willingness to step forth whenever there was need, she would cover a CTSO Executive Board meeting, take minutes at a moment's notice and work with chapter members to facilitate meetings and special events.

Julia was a graduate of Hillhouse High School and New Haven Teachers College before receiving her master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She spent her career as an educator in the New Haven School System teaching at several schools before becoming the librarian at Hillhouse High School and at Southern Connecticut State University.

Julia had a passion for volunteering; and after retirement, she was the longtime president of the St. Trofimena Society and a past president of the Hospital of St. Raphael Women's Auxiliary, volunteering alongside her husband Ralph for many years at the St. Raphael's thrift shop.

Therese Grillo, Zeta Chapter **Died: December 30, 2022**

Therese Grillo, DKG and Zeta Chapter Life Time Member, passed away, after a brief illness at the age of 96, in Fernandina Beach, FL, where she had lived for the past 5 years. Therese was inducted in 1967 and was a member for 55 years. She served as Zeta Chapter treasurer from 1968-1970 and president from 1970-1972.

She was awarded Life-Time Membership in 2014. Therese was spotlighted for service at a Zeta Chapter meeting on October 30, 2003, after 36 years of service.

Gloria A. Brown, Delta Chapter **Died: March 18, 2023**



Gloria was initiated into Delta Chapter on December 1, 1986 and served as legislative chair. She dedicated her life to teaching and the broader goal of improving education for everyone. She taught in the Wolcott school system for 37 years, serving as Wolcott Education Association president and as a Connecticut Education Association board of directors' member. Following her retirement, Gloria became a member of CEA-Retired where she served as secretary for six years, vice president for three years and president for six years. While helping kids learn was her life's work, everyone who got to know Gloria will remember her for her warmth and openness. Every person she met was an opportunity to not only make a new friend but to express kindness and empathy without hesitation.

She was a humble warrior in so many ways. Through her two heroic battles with cancer, she remained positive and never complained. Unfortunately, Gloria suffered a stroke on November 1st and fought along with her family and friends for five months.

Sympathies are extended to Gloria's husband, Bob Brown, her three children and six grandchildren.



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Mildred Reed, Delta Chapter Died: March 25, 2023



Mildred, 98, was a 60-year member of Delta Chapter. She was inducted into DKG on March 9, 1963 and was honored by her chapter with the DKG Life Member Award.

She served the chapter in a variety of positions, including corresponding secretary, publicity chair, research chair, historian, personal growth and services, enrichment, etc., as well as serving on the CTSO research committee. Mildred attended the International Seminar on Purposeful Living in Montreal, Canada, and the Northeast Regional Conference in Wilmington, Delaware.

She received a BS degree from Teachers' College of CT (now CCSU) and a Master's degree from Hillyer Collee (now the University of Hartford). She taught in the Bristol School System for 49 years in various elementary schools, as well as being a 'helping teacher' guiding new teachers in their classrooms, retiring in June, 1994.

Mildred was a member of many civic organizations and was honored as a Woman of Achievement in 1963 by the Quota Club of CT. She was actively involved in many activities of the Hartford County 4-H. During World War II Mildred was a lookout to watch for enemy aircraft on Chippens Hill in Bristol. Along with her mother and sister, she was an early member of the Edgewood Women's Club, the local Camera Club and the Bristol Historical Society. Mildred and her sister were enthusiastic members of the Friendly Westerners Square Dance Club; and during her early years, she was an avid downhill skier. Mildred's primary passion was gardening, as exemplified by the beautiful gardens surrounding her home.

Mildred's niece, Priscilla, is planning a memorial celebration of Mildred's life at her home and gardens on Maple Avenue in Bristol, on Saturday, June 17th.... time to be decided. Members of Delta Chapter extend their sympathies to Priscilla and her husband, Bob.

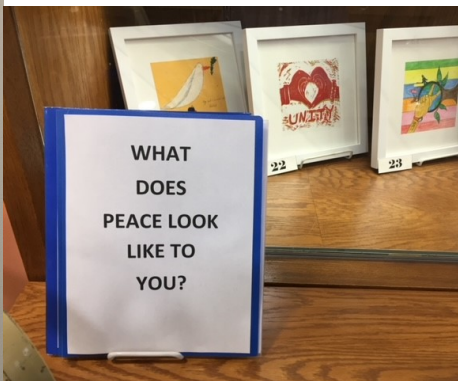
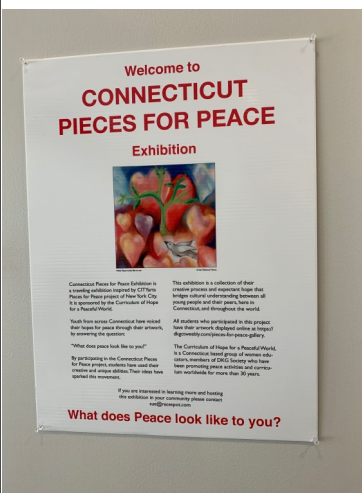


Help Share the Pieces for Peace! The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World

The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World has thirty beautifully framed pieces of artwork of children's depictions of "What Peace Means to Me" modeled after the Pieces for Peace program of CityArts in New York City. They have been displayed around Connecticut in libraries, churches, schools, assisted living facilities and in the CT State

Legislative Office Building. We would like to continue to display them throughout the state. Please consider having your chapter showcase this display in your community.

We also have a lesson plan to guide students (children and adults) to create their own works illustrating what peace means to them. This opportunity will be available for the next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Sue Moon, Chair of the Curriculum of Hope** at sue@racespot.com or 860-974-1398.





CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION 2023 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT Lenore Martinelli, Zeta Chapter



Lenore Martinelli, Zeta Chapter, has been an active member of DKG at the chapter, state and International level since her induction on October 23, 2000. At the chapter level, she served as president from 2016- 2018 and helped to facilitate a Zeta Chapter/I.R.I.S sponsored meeting, open to the public, *Powerful Stories: Living Under Siege in Iraq*, at Hamden Hall in Hamden, CT. She also served as World Fellowship chair, recording secretary, treasurer, and co-president from 2018-2020. Lenore also presented a workshop, *Gardening*, with her husband, Ralph, on Zoom for her chapter.

Lenore served on the CTSO Executive Board as a chapter president, necrology chair, membership committee chair and first vice president, as well as chair of the Educational Excellence Committee. During her term as membership chair, she conducted a survey and held several Zoom meetings to learn and share how we can best recruit new members and make them feel welcome and engaged in our chapters. She also led a committee to evaluate and update our Red Folder Chapter Conference and Convention responsibilities. Lenore did an excellent job planning and implementing Zoom and In-person CTSO state conferences and conventions during the 2021-2023 biennium. She developed programs that are designed to

address critical issues for today's educators. She is very organized and has a wonderful way of delegating and motivating our members.

At the International level, Lenore attended the July 2017 International Northeast Regional Conference in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She attended the DKG International Legislative Conference in Washington, DC with assistance of the CTSO Margaret H. Croft Award. In July 2019, she served on the Steering Committee and attended and assisted with the International Regional Conference, *Global Awareness* in Mashantucket, CT.

Lenore retired from the North Haven School District as a language arts consultant. She has taught English to all age levels of second language learners. She was also an adjunct professor in the University of New Haven's graduate program for 13 years. **Kathleen Peters-Durrigan**, her former principal and now Zeta sister, worked with Lenore over a ten year period. As Senior Language Arts Specialist, Lenore expertly guided the reading instruction of their large elementary school. Kathleen was always impressed with Lenore for her professionalism and her high level of expertise. Her husband Ralph is a retired teacher. They have three children including a daughter and daughter-in-law who are both teachers.

She is a dedicated volunteer. Her volunteer work involves children—teaching religious education in her church and working with Girl Scouts. Lenore has been involved with the Girl Scout Organization for almost four decades as a leader, service unit manager and Gold Award Committee volunteer. Another Zeta sister, **Kimberly Carew**, shares that Lenore embodies all seven purposes of the Society. She is a very knowledgeable and humble colleague; but even more importantly, Lenore is a kind and generous friend. We are so fortunate to call Lenore our CTSO sister and congratulate her for this well-deserved honor!

The Golden Gift DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program

The DKG Golden Gift Fund offers our members who are interested in serving as state organization and/or International leaders a wonderful leadership management training seminar in the even years during the summer in Austin, Texas, in coordination with the McComb School of Business at the University of Texas. Up until 2019, it was called *the Leadership Management Seminar*. Today it is called the ***DKG: Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders Program***. Several of our CTSO leaders have attended and would be happy to tell you all about it and the exciting opportunities they have had within the CTSO and DKG organizations as a result: **Dr. Jackie Abbott, Pat O'Connell Buckley, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Carol Kraus, Dr. Kathleen Lozinak** and me! It will be offered probably in July of 2024. The application process will open in September of 2023 and will be due in Austin at the end of 2023.

The Golden Gift committee completely redesigned the application process and uses blind scoring to review the two-part application. During the summer of 2022, a diverse group of twenty women from five of our member countries, who represented all regions of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were selected to attend. They participated in an intensive week of leadership/management development with McCombs School of Business. The committee has worked very closely with program directors from University of Texas at Austin to transform the program and ensure that modern and relevant training is being provided for these leaders.

Not only do you have excellent leadership training, but you form life-long friendships and professional relationships with your "Golden Gift Sisters". If you think you might be interested in being a CTSO state leader someday, this is the opportunity for you! The application will be posted on the DKG website in September.

Dr. Ann Grosjean, CTSO President



Update from Revitalization Planning

Over the past few weeks, Ann Grosjean and I have been meeting to assemble the information gleaned from our initial Revitalization Planning Meeting and subsequent sessions with DKG members during the Fall Conference to organize the suggestions and insight from our members. The comments provided by our members during these meetings have been rich and innovative, reflecting the commitment and pride in being a member of DKG.

After reviewing the “Strategic Plan-The Connecticut State Organization DKG 2019-2029” there is a clear alignment with:

Goal 1: Support Members

- 1.A.1 Create New Membership Opportunities,
- 1.B. Enhance Existing membership opportunities.

Goal 3: Build on Resources

- 3.A. Create New Resources
- 3.B. Enhance Existing Resources.

During a recent Executive Board meeting, it was clear that membership is critical to the financial viability of our organization and the human capacity to develop leadership and resources for continuous improvement.

When reviewing the data and information gathered, three topics of focus have emerged to attract members to DKG:

Recruitment of new or former members, including strategies for initial outreach, communication and marketing to potential members about DKG and the benefits of membership at the International, State and Chapter levels. Many members are finding it difficult to reach out to current teachers since they are no longer working in schools.

Retention of new and current members, through mentoring of new members, program planning that appeals to the shared interests of all members and ensuring that new members feel welcome and assimilate into the group.

Relevance of how DKG can attract a range of members who move through various career stages and how the organization is responding to active teachers, retired teachers, collegiate/novice teachers and homebound members. Strategies include meeting formats (In-person and Zoom) for programs (at the state and chapter level) planned to address the range of needs of members. Also deliberate planning as a Chapter to vary the days and times of meetings that take into consideration school district calendars, school staff meetings and religious observances. As the Next-Gen committee provides insight into the demands on current teachers with an emphasis on care to not overbook members in any month or expect in-person attendance for all meetings. The Action Plan can continue to be a plan that is transformational in nature.

The format of the Revitalization Plan to be provided includes an action plan for each SMART Goal (Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant and Timebound) with specific strategies that provide a menu of options for chapters to use in accomplishing the goals for membership.

We hope this plan will guide your chapter to increase membership and engagement. Please feel free to contact pamaubin@gmail.com, if you have any questions. We hope to distribute the Revitalization Plan at the May 6, 2023, CTSO Spring Convention.



CTSO Bylaws Amendments

The Connecticut State Organization Bylaws Committee will present two motions for amendments to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws (April 24, 2021) at the CTSO Spring Convention (May 6, 2023).

Amendments in bold.

MOTION 1: The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the February 11, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Organization Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII, MEETINGS

Current: Section A. Convention

1. Business of the Connecticut State Organization shall be conducted annually, either in person or electronically, at a convention held at a time and place approved by the Executive Board, for the purpose of taking action on reports, adopting policy, adopting the budget, and amending bylaws. Business shall be conducted electronically so long as all members can hear each other simultaneously and actively participate in the meeting. In the odd-numbered years officers shall be elected and the amount of dues established.

To:

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- a. **The decision made by the Executive Board for holding a meeting in person or electronically should consider budgetary constraints, health concerns, natural disasters, and other relevant topics.**
- b. **If an unforeseen circumstance arises the CTSO president and CTSO first vice president have the authority to make changes to the meeting including date, location, meeting virtually or in person.**

Current: Section B. Other Meetings

1. An annual Professional Conference shall be held for the general membership, preferably in the fall.

To:

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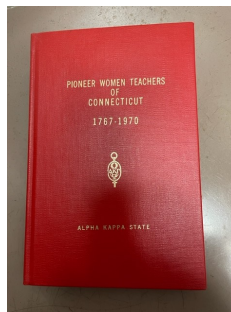
Rationale: *The additional language states considerations to hold a meeting virtually and the circumstances when the president and vice president, not the Executive Board, would make this decision. A virtual meeting provides members unable to attend an in person the opportunity to attend and is a cost saving to members and to the Connecticut State Organization.*



From the Archives:

**Pioneer Women
Dolls**

**Book:
Pioneer Women
Teachers of
Connecticut
1967-1970**





CTSO Bylaws Amendments (continued)

MOTION 2: The Bylaws Committee presents a motion to approve the following amendment to the Connecticut State Organization Bylaws. It has been approved by an affirmative vote at the February 11, 2023 meeting of the DKG Connecticut State Executive Board.

ARTICLE X: ACTIVITIES

Current: Section D. Publications

1. A state newsletter *The Keynote* shall be published (in print and/or electronic Form) four times a year. Print versions will be mailed to members.

To:

1. A state newsletter *The Keynote* shall be published in electronic form a **minimum of two** times a year; **published in the spring and in the fall.**
2. **If there are amendments to the Bylaws and/or Standing Rules, a spring edition must be published electronically, posted on the CTSO website, and distributed to members at least 30 days prior to the spring convention.**
 - a. **CTSO President or her designee will email a copy to all chapter presidents at least 30 days prior to the spring convention.**
 - b. **The chapter president or her designee will email a copy of *the Keynote* to all chapter members who can receive information electronically.**
 - c. **The chapter president or her designee will copy and mail *The Keynote* to all chapter members who cannot receive information electronically.**

Rationale: The decision by the CTSO Executive Board to publish The Keynote electronically eliminates the need to print and mail copies of The Keynote to all members. This will reduce CT State Organization expenses in a time of budget constraints. A requirement of only two issues of The Keynote does not eliminate the importance of ongoing communication. This change provides the time and flexibility to explore and consider alternative ways to effectively communicate with members. Additional language clarifies who is responsible for distribution of the Keynote.

Deborah Soresino, CTSO Bylaws Committee Chair

Archiving Our CT State Organization History at the University of Connecticut Dodd Center

We have been negotiating with the University of Connecticut Dodd Center in Storrs to move our Connecticut State Organization – previously known as Alpha Kappa State – collections from a storage unit in Wethersfield to their Archives. They have agreed to house our historical documents. In addition to saving a significant amount of money annually, this is quite an honor. We will be housed among their 1100 other collections. When **Pat O’Connell Buckley** and I met with two Archivists at UConn they stated that they are especially interested in the changes within our organization over time. They were also interested in our human rights and global education priorities. They will store binders of our Keynotes for the last thirty years, which **Carol Beam**, our retiring Keynote Editor, has so lovingly organized with newsletters from previous years; two scrap books; programs from Conferences and Conventions as well as Celebration of Life and Achievement Award booklets; our Constitution and By Laws; Member Memory Books and chapter histories. Moving forward, they will also store our *Keynotes* virtually with a link. They are also interested in Finance Committee Reports and some end-of-year reports, which will be saved electronically. You will be able to visit the Archives at UConn and see and copy the materials, but they will not be able to leave the building. As they digitize the collection, it will be accessible online.

Please note: There were many other special paraphernalia in the storage unit. Items included candlesticks, bowls, a pitcher, some jewelry, gavels, *Heritage* - three volume series, DKG banners, etc. There are also group photographs of members present at Northeast Regional Conferences in Hartford. For the materials which will not be placed in the Archive, we plan to offer them to chapters who might need them and then have drawings for the other items at our Spring Convention. Whatever is not taken will be up for grabs. We hope to close the storage unit by May 6th. There is a book entitled, *Pioneer Women*, with dolls and a skit. We are considering donating them to a Connecticut museum. Please let us know if you have any ideas how we might use/donate other items to preserve our history. We have a rich 84-year history, and it is important to preserve our legacy! Thank you to **Pat O’Connell Buckley** and **Joan Konareski** who assisted in this project!

Ann Grosjean, CTSO President



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

BETA

Beta Chapter has continued with virtual meetings this year, in order to maintain strong member attendance. On December 5th, members reviewed the chapter calendar, and **Chapter President Allison Fay** announced that the March meeting would be a craft event held at the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library in Monroe. Members also participated in an interactive trivia game.

Beta Chapter also met virtually via Zoom on January 23rd. **Chapter President Allison Fay** introduced prospective member Dr. Sarah Poniros, professor of biology at Sacred Heart University, and the program presenter Dr. Kimberly Schulte, Director of Human Resources in the Torrington public schools. Kim gave a Powerpoint presentation titled, *The Retention and Recruitment of Teachers*. She shared the strategies Torrington is using to address these challenges.

Allison announced that **Dr. Linda Paslov** has been nominated as first vice president of CTSO and **Robyn Proto** as recording secretary of CTSO. Both members will be installed at the State Convention on May 6th. Allison encouraged chapter members to attend.

Finally, the February 24th meeting took place on Zoom, as well. **Beta Educational Excellence Chairperson Dr. Patricia DeCoster** gave a presentation titled, *Where Have All the Teachers Gone?*. Members suggested various ways to improve teacher recruitment strategies in order to attract more diverse candidates into the teacher pipeline. Pat intends to share these recommendations with the State Department of Education for potential funding.

ZETA

Zeta members are looking forward with enthusiasm to its two upcoming spring meetings on April 15th and May 17th. Once again, the Birthday luncheon meeting will be held in April at Giulio's Pizza Restaurant in North Haven. The guest speaker will be Mary Cornwall representing Mary and Joseph's Place in North Haven. This agency was the award winner of Zeta's fall auction Worthy Project Program. Mary and Joseph's Place provides clothing, strollers, diapers, food, family counseling and offers educational opportunities for pregnant women in need. This year's 40% contribution from the auction proceeds allowed Zeta to present them with \$1,227. An added feature of the event will be partaking of a birthday cake made by a local bakery, **Love Lera**, a bakery with a mission. Special needs adult workers work part-time making and serving delightful food items while learning life skills and developing a work ethic. It has been a pleasure for Zeta Chapter members to support this establishment since its opening in June 2021. If you are on Rte. 5, 344 Washington Avenue in North Haven near the North Haven Fairgrounds, do yourself a favor and stop by to enjoy some special treats made by these accomplished bakers.

On May 17th, Zeta will hold its annual Sundae Social in the recreation center at Mansfield Landing Condominium in East Haven, home of member **Lynn Pastore**. At

that time, the chapter hopes to vote in several new members to Zeta Chapter. Orientation for new members will take place in late summer to ready them for their induction at the annual October banquet and induction event.

New Zeta Membership Chair Page Pelphrey will be encouraging and assisting members in recruiting and nominating prospective candidates to DKG this spring. Page is a third generation DKG member with her grandmother and mother being members from North Carolina. Their interesting participation in their respective chapters are notable.

The highlight of the spring events will be attending the CTSO Spring Convention to honor **Lenore Martinelli** who will be receiving the 2023 Achievement Award and be installed as State president, along with **Kathleen Peters-Durrigan** as second vice president. In addition, Zeta members, **Rita Landino** and **Frances Pagliaro**, will be 40-year longevity pin recipients. We could not be more excited and proud of our well-deserved award recipients and leaders. Congratulations to all!

And finally, hats off to Beta's **Second Vice President Nancy Tingley** for organizing a *MOVIE MONDAY* excursion for Zeta members to view the movie *80 for Brady* at the Cinemark Theater in North Haven. About 15 Zeta members gathered together to enjoy this refreshing romp. Plans to attend another movie together, *Champions*, are in the making for the chapter. Zeta Chapter has many enjoyable events to look forward to during the spring of 2023!

THETA

Since the last Keynote, Theta has been zipping along with its normal schedule of events. The first meeting in January was a joint meeting with Rho Chapter on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. **Jeannette Picard** convened members to discuss the book, *The Three Mothers: "How the mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., James Baldwin and Malcolm X, Shaped a Nation"*. The book was written by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Prior to the book discussion, Theta and Rho members viewed the Ted Talk about the book by Anna Malaika Tubbs. Theta and Rho members participated in a book exchange, as well as time to meet for a small business meeting by chapter at the conclusion of the joint meeting.

Theta Chapter once again prepared 18 casseroles of *Lazy Lasagna* (enough to fulfill **two meals**) and desserts for the Covenant Soup Kitchen in time for the Saturday, February 11th, lunch where some members volunteered to serve lunch and clean up in the kitchen. Many members donated food to fulfill many of the needs of the Covenant Soup Kitchen Food Pantry. The pantry publishes a *Wish List* so that the scarcer and frequently needed items are listed to inform donors of items to buy.



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (CONTINUED)

On February 20th, it was pizza day at Journey House. **Carole Norrish** and **Karen Dibala** showed the girls how to make their own personal pizza. One girl even made a calzone. **Sharon Bartlett** made dessert pizza with the girls complete with kiwi, strawberry, banana, and mandarin orange toppings.

The focus on giving, as well as receiving, is an important life skill that is reinforced during these joint activities.



Theta Chapter: (l. to r.) **Marie Desautels, Karen Diballa, Sarah Smith, Sheila Clark, Ann Grosjean, Millie Ramsey, Sharon Bartlett, Pat O'Connell Buckley** and **Jane Moynihan**.

IOTA

In connection with the Curriculum of Hope project, *Giving Kids Hope About Climate Change*, Iota delivered three books on climate change to a second grade teacher, Jenna Giudice, a Teacher of the Year, who teaches at Northville Elementary School in New Milford. Jenna was delighted to receive the books on such a relevant topic, and she plans to share them with her coworkers.

Iota member Pat Kelly distributed information on the CTSO High School Grants to the seven towns of Iota located around Danbury. Also, Iota members **Ellie Coffey, Pat Kelly, Nina Shimer** and **Marnee Straiton** are responsible for choosing a recipient of Iota's Graduate Program Grant. It is awarded to a certified teacher enrolled in a graduate program directly related to education.

On March 24th, Iota members gathered at the Bethel Public Library to enjoy a PowerPoint presentation by Peter and Barbara Rzasa on *Stone Walls, Cellar Holes and Ancient Roads in Connecticut*. This was followed with a tea and refreshments provided by **Iota member Joanne Maples**. Iota members enjoyed joining together for this inspirational meeting.

MU

Mu Chapter's Executive Board met on Wednesday, January 18th to confirm the dates for upcoming meetings and presentations. Members met on Thursday, March 23rd at the Avon Town Hall where the guest was Michelle Begley speaking about the Great American Mural Project. A light supper was provided. Then on Tuesday, May 9th, Mu Chapter looks forward to its annual Grant Awards Supper and Presentation, where members will celebrate two deserving seniors.

The chapter is delighted that Mu member **Sally Swanson** has been recognized for her 40 years of committed DKG membership. Sally was Mu Grant Committee Chair for many years lending her expertise and considerable heart to this important job of nurturing future educators. Congratulations, Sally, your fellow Mu members are very proud of all of your contributions.

RHO

Rho Chapter is pleased that the Executive Board of CTSO approved the selling of Rho's handmade note cards at the CTSO Spring Convention. The chapter is also looking forward to four Rho members being recognized for membership longevity awards at this event. See you at the Cascades on May 6th.



Rho and Theta Chapters meeting: (l. to r.) **Rho members Pat Piatek, Sue Nadeau, Dottie Shackway, Margaret Festi** and **Millie Ramsey (Theta)**



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

**Terry Azoti
Judy Cody
Ann Grosjean**

**Kathleen Lozinak
Lenore Martinelli
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**



2023 CTSO Spring Convention Carolyn Pittman International Speaker and Revitalization Mentor

We are excited to have our friend, Carolyn Pittman, return to Connecticut to speak at our May 6th Spring Convention! She spent a weekend with us in October of 2022 facilitating our Revitalization Process. With her guidance, we were able to take a deep and honest look at our state organization and identify our strengths and challenges. Since then we have made several major changes and have a Revitalization Plan to present to our chapters at the Convention to assist them in recruiting new members; engaging current members and mentoring new leaders. Carolyn will speak about membership and share with us the news from DKG International.

DKG 2016-2018 International President Carolyn Pittman has been international first vice president, member-at-large, Southeast regional director, chair or member of several international committees and a former member of the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) Board of Directors. She was the 2015 recipient of the Society Achievement Award. Carolyn continues to represent the Society at state organization events and is a member of the international ad hoc committee to plan the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Society.

Carolyn was Arkansas state organization president, first vice president, editor and executive secretary. She is an Arkansas Achievement Award recipient. She led the collaboration on a project to create and publish an Arkansas literary map, chaired the rules committee that revised the state bylaws and participated in training state officers, committee chairs and other leaders. She was president of two chapters and a treasurer of one.

She enjoys performance arts, reading, spending time with family and friends and solving puzzles. Carolyn believes that DKG members **are** *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*. We look forward to welcoming Carolyn back to Connecticut!

Dr. Ann Grosjean, CTSO President

(Continued from page 1) President Lenore Martinelli

Lenore retired from the North Haven School district as a language arts consultant. She also taught English to second language learners and was an adjunct professor in the University of New Haven's graduate program for 13 years.

She has taught religious education at all levels in her parish church and has been an active Girl Scout volunteer for over 35 years. She currently mentors high school girls who are working toward earning their gold award.

Lenore has resided in North Haven with her husband Ralph for over 50 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, sewing, reading, playing mah jongg, biking, attending the opera, as well as hosting dinners for family and friends.

(Continued from page 1) Keynote Speaker Kim King

adventures representing the state as 2022 CT Teacher of the Year!

Kim King (she/her), is an art teacher in Mansfield. Over her thirteen-year career, she has taught students in grades pre-k to 12. Regardless of grade level, she carries with her themes of equity, empowerment and creativity. As a transracial intercountry adoptee and parent to an adopted daughter and a biracial transgender son, King has a profound understanding of intersectionality. She believes what our students see and what they are exposed to matters. Students need to see accurate representations of themselves to imagine a future where they are active contributors. King is working with Make Us Visible Connecticut to add her expertise to the Asian American Pacific Islander curriculum.

Recently, King joined forces with fellow AAPI 2022 State Teachers of the Year to form a collective to support current AAPI teachers, recruit new AAPI teachers and build resources. King received her Master of Art Education from New York University and Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University.



2023 CTSO Spring Convention Fine Arts Presentation



Irene Yezersky



Nicole Yezersky

Irene Yezersky is a junior at Trumbull High School who is very grateful to be performing alongside her sister at this year's Spring Convention. Irene's passion not only can be showcased on the swim team, but also through her participation in Trumbull High School musicals each year. Most recently, she has been seen in *Footloose* as Eleanor and *42nd Street* within the tap ensemble. This past summer, she was elected president of the Trumbull Youth Association, an organization that performs a musical each summer with the goal of bringing the community together. The group most recently performed *Beauty and the Beast*, in which Irene was one of the Silly Girls.

On top of the theater aspect of her life, she has sung the National Anthem at many events and is a part of the Trumbull High School chamber, concert and treble choirs. This winter, she auditioned and was accepted into CMEA's Western Region Choir and All State Choir. Irene thanks her Nana for supporting her through everything she puts her mind to. She thanks her voice teacher and vocal coach **Allison Fay** for guiding her through all of her vocal endeavors.

Unlike her sister, Nicole Yezersky's career is just taking off, as she is a freshman at Trumbull High School. Her sister has inspired her to participate in Trumbull High School and Trumbull Youth Association musicals. Her most significant appearances have been in *Mary Poppins Junior*, in which she played The Bird Lady, and *Frozen Junior*, in which she was cast as the lead, Anna. Nicole's most recent appearance was in Trumbull High School's *42nd Street* within the tap ensemble. While she is already a part of the treble singers at Trumbull High, she recently auditioned and was accepted as a new member of the THS Chamber Choir.

She has sung the National Anthem at multiple events. Nicole also auditioned and was selected for CMEA's Western Regional and All State Choirs as a freshman! She thanks her family, especially Nana, and her voice teacher and vocal coach, **Allison Fay**, for continuously supporting her singing journey.



Maximize, Maintain, Motivate and Mentor our Members Connecticut State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 84th SPRING CONVENTION

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Cascade Fine Catering, 480 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514

- 9:00-9:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, State Fundraiser Sales
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. Introduction, Thought for the Day, Celebration of Life, Flag Ceremony
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. Business Meeting – Bylaws & Budget
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break and State Fundraiser
- 10:30-11:15 a.m. Carolyn Pittman, DKG Past International President, International Speaker
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. Longevity Awards, Achievement Award
- 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Kim King, CT 2022 Teacher of the Year
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and State Fundraiser
- 12:45-1:15 p.m. Fine Arts Presentation
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. Installation of Officers, Fundraiser Drawings,
Closing Remarks, Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Directions: From Hartford—91 south to exit 10 (Hamden); *exit right at end of expressway onto Whitney Ave./CT 10; left onto Sherman Ave. Cascades is on the left. From Southeast or southwest—take 95 north to 91 north; Exit 10 (Hamden); *to Cascade.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION

Please send form below with check made out to:
Delta Kappa Gamma, Connecticut State Organization

Mail to: Karen Nagy, 18 Barholm Avenue, Stamford, CT 06907-1301
(203) 968-0585; kjnjc@optium.net

Mail Registration Form by April 24, 2023

Registration Form

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Continental breakfast served 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Breakfast includes: fruit, mini muffins, croissants, coffee, tea

Buffet lunch: House salad, vegetable medley, chicken, penne vodka, bread, mini-pastries, coffee, tea

If you have any FOOD ALLERGIES, please indicate: _____

Convention Costs:	Registration fee <u>per person</u>	\$5.00
	Food Costs	+ \$55.00

Guest name/s: _____ Total _____

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



Congratulations!

A letter was received from International that the following CSTO members have had their works accepted in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts for the Jan. 15—Feb. 15, 2023 submission period. Their works will be displayed in the Spring Gallery for six months beginning in mid-April and then archived for two years.

- ◆ **Terry Azoti** (Zeta Chapter) for her two photographs 'Chick Tests The Water', and 'A Hole In My Boot'
- ◆ **Judith Baxter** (Theta Chapter) for her photograph, 'Yellow-Rumped Warbler in Teton National Park'
- ◆ **Dr. Linda Paslov** (Beta Chapter) for her poem, 'My Yearbook'
- ◆ **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** (Beta Chapter) for her photographs, 'Luminous Lily' and 'Pistil Perfect'
- ◆ **Linda Tracy** (Theta Chapter) for her pastels, 'Horsebarn Hill Mighty Oak' and 'At The End of the Day'

DKG members are encouraged to submit works during the submission period from August 15 – September 15, 2023.

Connecticut State Organization

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MOTIVATE AND MENTOR
OUR MEMBERS**

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 17, 2023
CTSO Executive Board Meeting – Zoom

Saturday, May 6, 2023
CTSO Spring Convention - Cascade, Hamden

Monday, June 5, 2023
CTSO Executive Board Meeting – Zoom

DKG Dates to Remember

2023 International Conference
July 11-16, 2023
Detroit, Michigan

2023 International Conference
July 18-22, 2023
Phoenix, Arizona

2023 International Conference
July 26-29, 2023
Tampere, Finland

2024 International Convention
July 9-13, 2024
National Harbor Maryland
(Gaylord National, D.C. Area)



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Reminder to Chapter Presidents

**Please bring your Red Folder
Chapter Conference and Convention
Responsibilities
to the Spring Convention**

Reminder to Committee Chairs

**Please bring your Committee Folders
to the Spring Convention**