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2020 Virtual Convention
Saturday, June 27, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us as we make history at our first
CSO Convention on ZOOM.
We will honor our members,
conduct important business
and participate in personal
and professional development
from the safety and comfort of our homes.
Don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity pass you by.

Agenda

8:30 — 9:00	Registration – Log on and Sign in
9:00 — 9:30	Celebration of Life Ceremony
9:30 — 10:30	Welcome, Chapter Attendance and Business Meeting
10:30 — 11:00	Outstanding Service Award: Deborah Caruso
11:00 — 11:15	Honoring Our Members: Longevity Pins
11:15 — 12:00	Keynote Speaker: Sheena Graham, 2019 CT Teacher of the Year
12:00 — 12:30	Fine Arts Presentation: Kevin Kiley & Allison Fay
12:30	Closing Remarks



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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



From the Middle—

Modern technology has provided advancements in all aspects of education, including the human resource department. Recently, the Senior Talent Officer for Hartford Public Schools sent a mass email to all of us who hold a current administrative certificate (CT 092). Perhaps you saw it. When I first started to receive these communications, I was flattered to think I was selected as a good candidate for the referenced position...well, I and thousands of other certified administrators were selected as good candidates.

But this "Leadership Opportunity" fascinated me. It was the most well-written, motivating solicitation I had ever received. I wanted to apply just so I could meet the writer. While I am certainly not qualified to serve as the Chief of Staff to the Superintendent of the Hartford Public Schools, I am eager to see who is. It really could be any of you!

The ideal candidate is a serial optimist...results driven...systems creator...bridge builder. While I like to think of myself as all of those things, they lost me on "details maven." Evidentially, a Details Maven never drops the ball, misses a deadline or fails to respond to an inquiry. While I like to think I can keep all of my plates in the air, as full as they are right now, I am dropping all kinds of things...everywhere. It can be quite messy around here.

My life in the middle continues to be in a constant state of flux. I am sure the word of the year is going to be "uncertainty" for most, but I am holding true to my word...hope. Yes, I had hopes in my personal, professional and DKG life that I needed to let go. But we are nothing if not flexible right now. Our priorities must continue to shift away from what we once thought significant to what is genuinely important. I have learned to survive with Facetime stories and virtual kisses instead of weekly visits and hugs from the grandbabies. I have learned to get by without Morning Meeting handshakes and kickball at recess. I am learning new technologies and ways to connect with my students from a distance that I never knew existed. And DKG will survive, perhaps stronger than ever with well-attended Zoom business meetings and on-line Happy Hours. We are, after all, life-long learners.

As we move through this middle time, distant from one another, yet not alone; apart yet not isolated. Sequestered and safe, we hold on to the hope that we will meet again soon, maybe virtually, but soon. Thank you for being patient with one another and with me. Thank you for friendly reminders when someone loses track of the details. Thank you for your words of encouragement when a sister's optimism fades. Thank you for forging ahead on unknown paths.

Please know, we will conduct our state business and honor our members and grow personally and professionally. Delta Kappa Gamma Connecticut State Organization is composed of women who are forever hopeful, forever helpful and forever united in spiritual fellowship. We are in this together, even in the middle of these uncertain times.

*Be well,
Kathleen*

DKG Connecticut 'member spotlight' Jeanne Morascini, Theta Chapter



You are not alone

Here we are living at Colebrook Village, senior assisted living facility, where we have been locked in since March 17....no one comes in except our wonderful care givers, no one goes out for any reason! If you have a medical appointment and go to it, you are quarantined to your apartment for 14 days when you return. We wear masks, social distance, sanitize hands often, eat in apartments and self-isolate much of the day. We have zero cases of coronavirus, yet residents are very tense.

So, at age 91 unable to do anything else, I offered a workshop here on simple strategies for dealing with stress "STRESSED? WHO ME?" I reminded attendees that we each decide how to react to situations we have no control over and CAN CONSCIOUSLY CONTROL CHOICES. It is beginning to have an impact.



2019 CONNECTICUT TEACHER OF THE YEAR, SHEENA GRAHAM, VIRTUAL CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER



In her 38th year of teaching, currently in the Bridgeport Public Schools, Connecticut Pre K-12 Music Educator, Sheena Graham, has demonstrated a broad range of excellence and talent in using music to reach young people both within and beyond the school day.

Ms. Graham’s innovative instructional approaches exemplify the use of music to teach a broad range of content areas including original musicals that connect with school-wide themes, raps in Latin to assist students in learning vocabulary words and a series of books, *Children Learn Through Rhythm and Rhyme*, to name a few.

In addition to academic content, Ms. Graham uses music to address critical issues facing children today, such as bullying, (*Maybes Won’t Save Me*), child abuse/teen suicide (*Somebody Might Be You*) and *It’s Time for a Change*, a call to action for America in response to the senseless shootings involving police and of police.

Ms. Graham promises to uplift and energize your enthusiasm and pride in our female educators. Be sure to sign into the Connecticut State Organization Spring Convention on June 27th to listen to her inspirational message.



The Connecticut State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

A Call to Serve

There is no restriction on the number of terms a Nominations or Finance Committee member can choose to serve. Current members of the Nominations and Finance Committees whose terms end in 2021 may choose to serve again. Our Bylaws only restrict term of office to two terms in succession to the president, first vice president, second vice president and recording secretary. Exception to this restriction for officers would be if there is no candidate for the position, then the present officer can continue to serve.

The Nominations Committee is accepting names of candidates to fill the slate for the 2021 – 2023 biennium for officers and 2021 -2025 terms for nominations and finance committee members. The Nominations Committee would like names of candidates to be submitted by December 1, 2020.

The committee is looking for members to serve as first vice president, second vice president and recording secretary. The first vice-president would move up to the presidency. Nominations are also open for three members, one from each region for the Finance Committee and three members, one from each region for the Nominations Committee.

The responsibility of each position can be found online in the Connecticut State Organization website (dkgct.weebly.com) in the Bylaws and Standing Rules documents. The nominations form is also on line on the state website under Forms.

Nominations Committee Chair Marilyn Arvoy

Committee Members: Joanne Brogis, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Jacqueline Farrell, Patricia Piatek and Judy Weiner

Visit the DKG and Connecticut State
Organization websites!

www.dkg.org
<http://dkgct.weebly.com>



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Barbara Campbell, Rho Chapter March 7, 2020



Barbara was inducted into Rho Chapter on Nov. 23, 2009. She served on several committees and was an active member.

Barbara graduated from Springfield College with a bachelor of science degree and received her master's from the University of Connecticut. She was an elementary school teacher in South Windsor for 39 years, beginning her career at Philip R. Smith School and later continuing at Wapping Elementary. Barbara retired in 2009. She enjoyed her retirement traveling, doing crafts and spending time with her granddaughters, Scarlett, Madison and Delilah. She also enjoyed lunches with friends and family.

Barbara was an active member in the UCONN League Day Trippers. She is survived by her husband, Duncan, their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Justin Colman. Barbara's smile, kindness and generous spirit will be missed by her family and Rho members.



Report from the ad hoc “Fine Arts Retreat Committee”

A *Fine Arts Retreat* investigatory meeting was held on Saturday, February 8th, at the home of **Mary Ellen Ulatowski**. Attendees included: **Theresa Azoti, Roz Etra, Kathleen Lozinak, Linda Paslov, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone and Marnee Straiton**. This report is a summary of the meeting.

Marnee Straiton discussed the following collated responses to the fine arts survey:

- ◆ 1/3 of the respondents were not interested and 2/3 of the respondents expressed an interest
- ◆ As for the format of the retreat, responses included 5 for weekend days, 7 for one-day, 2 for summer, 4 for fall conference, 1 for either fall conference or spring convention
- ◆ Types of presentations: 12 for hands-on, 2 for displays, 7 for speakers, 1 for demonstrations, 2 for exhibits
- ◆ Suggestions for breakout sessions: music, drama/theater, dance, knitting, photography, pottery, painting, student performers, singing, readers' theater, state of the arts in CT, personal narrative, fiction writing, poetry, jewelry making, improvisational theater, workshop incorporating United Nations Sustainable Development Goals lesson ideas, speaker/art appreciation, exhibits, etc.

The ad hoc committee's discussion focused on the number of days, the budget and the location of a possible fine arts retreat. Research revealed that retreats in Michigan and Texas were held at retreat centers, included fine arts galleries, capped the attendance and had a waiting list. In particular, the state of Maryland sponsored a four-state retreat and one day conference to promote entering the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

The possibility of having a keynote speaker was discussed. The speaker (i.e. artist, musician, writer, dancer) would give a presentation to all participants before the breakout sessions. Another idea was to showcase student performers from the area. This would provide an opportunity to highlight their talents and encourage their participation and leadership in the arts.

Recommendations by the committee based on survey results, discussion and research are as follows:

- To hold a one-day retreat in 2020 in lieu of the Fall Conference.
- To include an extended day format.
- To make session lengths 45 minutes to an hour with the possibility of double sessions.
- To use a venue that has room to accommodate all participants as well as rooms for breakout sessions.
- To present the survey results and ideas generated at the meeting to members of the DKG Connecticut State Organization executive board meeting at the March 22nd meeting.

Mary Ellen Ulatowski, Lambda Chapter



REFLECTIONS OF PAST ALPHA KAPPA STATE/CT STATE ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT

New Member Inductions



After an educational orientation, new members are inducted into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the Connecticut State Organization and the respective chapters in a dignified ceremony at the beginning of active or honorary membership. The ceremony was originally termed "initiation", but the *Constitution* was amended to change the term to "induction" at the 2018 International Convention in Houston, Texas. The new term was voted in by convention members as being a more professional term to support the Society's continuing move toward branding itself as a professional organization as opposed to a sorority.

Sponsors and new members together attend a candlelight ceremony in the presence of chapter members. At this induction, members are reminded of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma and welcomed into the International, State and Chapter branches of the organization. Attending chapter members meet the candidates for the first time and then new friendships and congeniality ensue. From twenty-five years ago I proudly remember my initiation and sponsor, Jeri Giaimo. I remember also being in a meeting room with my favorite and most respected elementary school teachers and college professors. What a delight to be in their presence again! The induction is the meaningful start of all members' Delta Kappa Gamma journey.

Terry Azoti
Alpha Kappa State President 2013 - 2015

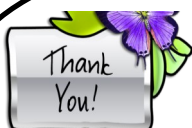
DKG Dues Information Update from International



The DKG *Constitution* establishes June 30th as the deadline for submission of dues payments by members to chapter treasurers (Article IV. C. 1.). However, it also states that "The international portion of the dues shall be sent between July 1 and September 30." (Article IV.C.4.) No one should consider dropping a member for not paying dues until after September 30, 2020. Of course, that holds true in any year; but it is even more important this year in light of COVID-19 issues. We need to be flexible, creative and empathetic. Each chapter president needs to work closely with the chapter treasurer and elected officers to formulate a dues collection plan. If you suspect a member has a need, approach her with the idea of paying via installments or bestow an anonymous "Dues Paid!" gifted by a member. Many members want to help and have the means to do so. Seek them out. No one wants to lose a valued member either physically or fiscally to this pandemic.

Chapter leaders also need to consider the "how" of paying dues with most meetings cancelled. Ask members to mail their checks to the chapter treasurer. Some chapters use PayPal and other electronic means which facilitate the process. Others might chose to bring their payment to the treasurer's home or rendezvous with her in the parking lot of a grocery store/drugstore on a set day and time...remembering to maintain social distancing and wearing a mask. Whatever you do, address dues collection NOW. We've all learned that waiting a month or two can totally change our world.

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



Terry Azoti
Judy Cody
Ann Grosjean
Kathleen Lozinak

Jeanne Morascini
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone
Nancy Roy



AROUND THE

BETA

Beta Chapter held its third meeting of the school year on March 2nd at Plumb Memorial Library in Shelton. **Chapter President Linda Paslov** introduced Kathleen Wallace, a prospective member.

Linda announced that a student from Central High School in Bridgeport will be the recipient of this year's \$500 scholarship. Linda gave a short presentation regarding the submission process for various DKG publications. She also provided members with an overview of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International journal for Professional Educators* and *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*.

Member **Jess Gregory** had a journal article accepted for publication in the *Collegial Exchange: Using Shared Digital Documents to Increase Collaboration and Engagement*. Jess gave a short presentation about the content of her article. She also provided information about the submission process.

The final meeting of the year was postponed. Members voted to confirm Kathleen Wallace's membership into Beta Chapter. She will be inducted at the next meeting, along with several other women:

Monisha Gibson (Founder and Director of Maritime Odyssey Preschool in Norwalk), Le'Tanya Lawrence (Education Consultant at SERC: State Education Resource Center), Allison Fay (Voice Teacher and Coach, in addition to being an opera singer/soloist), Melissa Manzione (Business teacher in New Haven) and Kathleen Walker (Adjunct Professor at Norwalk Community College and University of Bridgeport; former principal).



Beta Chapter member Jess Gregory and President Linda Paslov— Jess authored and published *School Leadership for Learning Theory to Improve Professional Practice*. Linda wrote chapter eight in the book.

ZETA

While Zeta Chapter's meetings and events were canceled this spring due to the COVID-19 Virus, some noteworthy chapter activity did occur. Thanks to a motion made by member **Nicki Dakis**, Zeta voted online to donate \$100 to a fund that supports purchasing lunches for front line workers at Yale New Haven Hospital. Other online votes passed were to accept the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 biennium: **Presidents Lynn Pastore and Carole**

Franceschet, First Vice President Rosina Hurley, Second Vice Presidents Kathleen Szczepanski and Nancy Tingley, Corresponding Secretaries Kathleen Peters Durrigan and Lorna Mangles and Recording Secretaries Tina Cororo and Margaret Hrabchak, Claudia Grantham will continue her position as chapter treasurer, assisted by **Mary Janeczek**. Installation of newly elected officers will take place in the fall. Zeta Chapter Standing Rules, as revised in 2019, were also accepted with an online vote.

An executive board Zoom meeting was held May 13th with 14 members attending. Much discussion ensued in regard to where and when Zeta will be able to schedule future meetings, an issue that all state chapters will need to consider in the next few weeks and months. It is hoped that Zeta will be able to schedule a chapter activity during the summer keeping all social distancing rules in place.

Congratulations were offered to **Terry Azoti** for having two of her photographs accepted to DKG International's Fine Arts Gallery. New recommendations for membership may still be accepted with plans for orientation and induction to be discussed at a later meeting. Updates and clarifications for nominating new members are to be forwarded to full Zeta membership.

Enjoy the summer months keeping safety a priority.

THETA

At the close of her second biennium as Theta Chapter president, **Marie Desautels** presided over her first ZOOM meeting on June 4th. Marie received a rousing round of applause from the 18 members who took part in a productive business meeting. Members witnessed the installation of Theta's slate of officers for 2020-2022 by **Sue Moon**, including the red candle in her Zoom photo frame.

During the meeting, members shared efforts to continue the work of Theta Chapter. **Linda Tracy** contacted area guidance counselors with information about the Theta Chapter's grant. **Norma Fisher-Doiron** had reviewed the Theta scholarship applications and selected the recipient. **Jane Moynihan** has been busy creating and distributing masks at Windham Hospital. Theta Chapter donated a large quantity of needed items for victims of human trafficking by connecting with the Salvation Army Bloom Initiative. In addition, members followed up with donations to assist a victim who recently moved from a shelter situation to an apartment by donating furniture, lamps, rugs, kitchen equipment, a toaster, SMART TV, vacuum cleaner, linens, lawn chairs, cleaning supplies and needed paper goods. **Marie Desautels** and **Pam Aubin** worked on the Theta Chapter Standing Rules revisions to present them for a vote. Theta Chapter's next project will be notes of encouragement to chapter members who are currently teaching and those that are in assisted living or nursing home facilities or faced with health challenges at home.

Several members have been assisting with childcare and home instruction as their young grandchildren transition from classroom-based learning to on-line



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learning. Of particular note, **Ann Grosjean** relayed her story about working with her six-year old grandson. Ann finds it particularly challenging to get Kaden to sit at the computer, get started and work. One day, he was on a Zoom meeting with his kindergarten class; and Ann left the room for a few minutes. Upon her return, he was not in his seat or in his box on the Zoom screen. Ann found him in the back yard riding his bike! At school, he would have never gotten up from the rug and left the classroom!

Theta sisters wish everyone good health and faith that better times are around the corner.

MU

Mu Chapter's year started with camaraderie and good food as everyone was welcomed back with the annual Pot-Luck supper. **Member Nora Hillman**, art teacher at Avon Middle School, gently led members as they tried to find their inner artist. She brought paint, canvas, newspaper, paper plates (for mixing, not eating), brushes, easels, buckets and containers for water, even hair dryers to encourage drying so participants could be free to focus on their "art". Everyone had a wonderful time and is reminded of her generosity and our fellowship every time they see their creation.

The second meeting featured Matthew Carbray, a financial planner from Ridgeline Financial Partners in Avon. He generously shared his expertise, focusing on financial independence for women, both before and after retirement.

For the third meeting, the chapter was to host Laurie Fay, representing *empowerHER*, an organization dedicated to connecting, encouraging and supporting young women who have experienced an early loss of their mothers. Members were very disappointed not being able to welcome Laurie but will reschedule this important topic when it is safe for all to gather again.

Mu Chapter members met as friends in October, as students in November and would have met as mentors in March. We strive to nurture all aspects of our growth and development as we continue to contribute. **Mu Recording Secretary Jan Schley** shares this lovely snapshot from what she has been doing these past few months. It is eloquently spoken for all, that regardless of what is going on in the world, we know how to dig in and dig deep, stay focused and get the job done, with dedication, humor and warmth.

For me personally, I'm distance-teaching my second-grade granddaughter and kindergarten grandson, three days a week via Zoom. My son and his wife work at home outside Boston. I download the lesson plans for each subject area online from their elementary school. I'm especially impressed with the challenging curriculum. It takes a bit of prep to get ready for the "class time". My granddaughter thrives with remotely learning with grandma. The kindergartener is not so impressed. He misses his friends and would prefer to be outside playing ball! His teacher has come to visit him and meets with the class on Zoom. She says the youngest ones are having

the hardest time with the school closures. Fortunately, my grandson continues to meet with me and is making progress! What has made this a very positive outcome for me is the strengthening and developing closer relationships with my grandkids. I'm sure they, and I, will long remember this time in their lives!

OMICRON

Omicron Chapter held its annual Holiday Brunch Fundraiser on December 8th at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby. Chapter members generously donated 19 beautiful prize baskets for the raffle. A 50-50 raffle was also held this year. All proceeds from this event go toward funding Omicron's High School Grant program. This year, in addition to our members, 56 guests were in attendance. Due to the huge turnout, Omicron will be able to offer two grants this year to Valley girls pursuing a degree in education. In addition to the brunch, members and their guests also enjoyed a tour of the Osborne Homestead Museum and marveled at the beautiful decorations showcasing this year's theme *Nature's Friends*. Many thanks to those members who worked on the committee to organize and arrange this event.



Omicron Chapter Prize Baskets

Omicron Chapter members and guests





AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (continued)

Prior to the pandemic, Omicron Chapter held a special meeting to begin planning for the chapter's 50th anniversary. Committees were formed and are currently trying to meet via social distancing. The 50th anniversary event will be held on October 16, 2020, at Brookside Inn in Oxford. Another ZOOM meeting is scheduled in June to discuss progress from the committees.

In March, a ZOOM business meeting was held which included electing a slate of officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. Newly elected officers are **President Patricia Block, First Vice President Debbie Ruderman, Treasurer Emily DelPiano, Recording Secretary Marie Meresko and Corresponding Secretary Laurie Mihalcik**. Omicron hosted a guest speaker for Women's History Month, Eileen Scully, daughter of **Omicron Chapter President Helen Scully**, who spoke about her recently published book titled: *In the Company of Men: How Women Can Succeed in a World Built without Them*. Eileen also shared anecdotes about her travels around the world in support of women in the workplace. The May ZOOM meeting dealt with many of the cancelled chapter and international events. The annual induction of three new members will take place in the fall. Updates were presented from the committees working on the 50th anniversary celebration. Two area high school seniors were awarded Omicron's annual \$500 scholarships. The recipients are Elizabeth Casinelli from Shelton High School, who will attend Springfield College majoring in Speech and Language, and Jamie Santiago from Derby High School, who will be attending Pace University and will major in Childhood Education.

RHO

Rho Chapter hosted a special author presentation on March 5th at the South Windsor Public Library. Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, children's author for middle grade readers, shared her journey as a writer through photos

and memorabilia. A resident of Ellington, Jeanne is the author of *Ruby in the Sky* and *A Galaxy of Sea Stars*. Both books deal with children discovering their inner bravery. *Ruby in the Sky* was a Washington Post Kids Post Summer Book Club selection. Jeanne is a volunteer with Integrated Immigrant and Refugee Services in New Haven. Several young women from this program shared first-hand information on life in Afghanistan for *A Galaxy of Sea Stars*. Jeanne's presentation was captivating and enjoyed by all. A representative from RJ Julia Books assisted Jeanne with book signing and sales. Rho was pleased to have **Connecticut State Organization President Kathleen Lozinak** and many Theta members as guests.

Due to 'social distancing' the chapter's May meeting was postponed. Rho officers for 2020-2022 are **Co-Presidents Karen Newcomb and Margaret Festi, Vice President Sue Nadeau, Secretary Pat Piatek, Treasurer Ellen Festi and Parliamentarian Dottie Shackway. Jackie Abbott** has volunteered to be Program Chair.



**Rho Chapter's 'Author Night' (l. to r.)
Guest author Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, Rho
member Jackie Abbott, Connecticut State
Organization President Kathleen Lozinak and
Rho Chapter President Margaret Festi**



Connecting to the Connecticut State 2020 Virtual Spring Convention

Members will receive an e-mail Invitation which will have the link to join the meeting. The Zoom link can be used on your computer, Smart phone or tablet (Ipad). Before the Convention, be sure to check your computer to be sure that it has a camera. There is also a telephone link you can use to join by phone. Check-in time will be from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. when **Emily DelPiano (Lozinak)**, our communications chair and Zoom Master will admit each member. After you are admitted, please enter your chapter name into the Poll and sign in on CHAT (bottom of screen) with your name and chapter. This will serve as our record of attendance. Please check with your chapter president or communications chair if you have any questions



CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION 2020 Longevity Award Pin Recipients

Congratulations to the following Connecticut State Organization members

60 Years

Nancy Lenihan, *Nu*

50 years

Ann Newbury, *Mu*

40 years

Doris Molinari, *Alpha*
Barbara-Ann Cavanaugh, *Beta*
Ora Massaro, *Delta*
Nancy Roy, *Delta*
Ann Cappetta, *Zeta*
Virginia Francois, *Theta*
Linda Shea, *Theta*
Rose Marie Karl, *Iota*
Joanne Lillis, *Iota*
Mary Ann Muccino, *Mu*
Linda Coppola, *Omicron*
Judith Hall Maier, *Tau Upsilon*
Leona Mangione, *Tau Upsilon*
Marcella Miller, *Tau Upsilon*
Julia Sullivan, *Tau Upsilon*

30 years

Janess Coffina, *Alpha*
Brenda Monroe-Fitzpatrick, *Epsilon*
Mary Janeczek, *Zeta*
Ruth Meinsen, *Zeta*
Marie Desautels, *Theta*
Susan Daniels, *Lambda*
Sharon Manley, *Lambda*
Joanne Pfluger, *Lambda*
Linda Rankin, *Lambda*
Christine O'Connor, *Mu*
Halina Marecki, *Mu*
Dorothy Shackway, *Rho*
Susan Carpenter, *Tau Upsilon*

25 years

Ellen Murtha, *Epsilon*
Helena McKee, *Zeta*
Joanne DeLucco, *Eta*
Norma Fisher-Doiron, *Theta*
Brenda Lunny, *Lambda*
Susan Mattingly, *Lambda*
Irene Moriarty, *Lambda*

State Honorary Member Christine Niedermeier - 30 years



Connecticut State Organization

Welcome to the New 2020 DKG CT State Organization Spring Convention!

The cancelled April 29th DKG Connecticut State Organization Spring Convention has been rescheduled for June 27th and will be held via Zoom! We initially hoped to meet in August in person but soon realized that the future is too unpredictable at this time, and we do not want to put anyone in harm's way. We also decided it would be prudent to hold the convention before the end of this biennium as we welcome new chapter officers on July 1, 2020.

The convention will be held on Saturday, June 27th from 9 am to 12:30 with registration from 8:30 until 9:00. There will be no cost, and there will be no preregistration. Thanks to **Deb Soresino** and Iota who were ready with the paper registration process. The Zoom Link Invitation will be sent to all members twice via their chapter president - two weeks before and a few days before the meeting. The necessary documents for the meeting, the Program and Celebration of Life booklets, the Business Meeting Agenda, the Treasurers' Report, the Finance Committee Report and Proposed Budget, the Minutes from the 2019 Convention and any motions will all be attached to the invitation. The Program and Celebration of Life booklets will not be printed for everyone this year. Each chapter will receive one printed copy of each, the state will receive two for the archives, and the family of each deceased member honored will receive a copy of the Celebration of Life booklet via her chapter. Thanks to **Ellen Festi (Rho)** and **Shannon Karłowicz (Epsilon)** who created the Celebration of Life and Program booklets.

Since the fundraiser will be monetary donations only, please keep the item your chapter had planned to donate until next year. Please send any chapter or individual donations to CSO's new **Treasurer Ellen Festi at 66 Harlan St., Manchester, CT 06042**. The Curriculum of Hope will receive 25% of your donations, and the remaining 75% will go to the fund to be voted on at the meeting, recommended by the Finance Committee as most in need this year. Thank you to **Helen Scully (Omicron)** and her chapter for being ready to fundraise in person!

The meeting will begin at 9:00 with the Celebration of Life. **Lenore Martinelli** and Zeta Chapter have worked hard with **Sandy Gammons (Iota)** and the Necrology & Membership Committee to prepare the names and tributes and then modify the presentation for Zoom. **DKG CT State Organization President Kathleen Lozinak** will begin the business meeting at 9:30, and all of the necessary votes will be conducted using the Poll. At 10:30, **CSO Outstanding Service Award Chair Anne Brandt** and **Lenore Martinelli** of Zeta Chapter will present Deborah Caruso with the Outstanding Service Award for her many years of volunteer service with the Girl Scouts. At 11:00, **Pat O'Connell-Buckley (Theta)** of the Membership Committee will present the Longevity Pins. **Educational Impact Chair Pam Aubin (Theta)** has arranged for the 2019 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Sheena Graham to speak from 11:15 until noon. The 2020 Teacher of the Year who was originally scheduled was unavailable on June 27th. The annual social luncheon will be missed this year but, hopefully, will continue next year. At noon, **Fine Arts Chair Linda Paslov (Beta)** has arranged for her daughter Allison Fay to accompany on piano her colleague, singer Kevin Kiley, for a half-hour concert! Kathleen will share closing remarks at 12:30.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we try this new format for the meeting. Unfortunately, this may be the only safe way to gather for who knows how long. DKG International will be holding virtual events in lieu of the cancelled 2020 International Convention, which was scheduled to be held in Philadelphia in July.

I want to thank all of the DKG CSO Committee members and chapters who worked hard to plan this convention, not once – but twice – in a restaurant with registration and paper and then on-line with attachments! You will see all of their names listed in the Convention Program.

I look forward to seeing you on-line on Saturday, June 27th, from 8:30 – 12:30! It may be significantly shorter, but we wanted to allow plenty of time. There is no scheduled break so feel free to get up, get a snack and use the restroom whenever you want! Be well!!

*Ann Grosjean
DKG CSO First Vice-President*




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Update Blog from Cathy P. Dougherty, DKG International President

People generally fall into one of two categories when they receive an invitation. Some expend their excitement solely on the event itself, enjoying every minute of the party, the ceremony, or the outing. For others, receipt of an invitation ignites anticipation and builds to fever pitch by the time the event begins. For those in this group the reality of the experience doesn't always live up to the anticipation. However, as a confirmed, lifelong member of this latter group I'm finding myself strangely taking on a dual personality as July approaches – anticipating an event AND already wanting to throw myself totally into it. What's caused this change in attitude? It's the 2020 DKG Virtual Event being developed by members of the Information Technology (IT) Team at DKG Headquarters!

Dismantling a year's worth of planning for the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia has truthfully been disheartening. Technology, however, is allowing the "show to go on" in a different format that gives all members the opportunity to participate as much or as little as they wish. It is the classic "making lemonade out of lemons" syndrome that is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. So, with plans for our alternative programming being finalized, it's time to offer you an "invitation" to the event...

Who's invited? All virtual events are free of charge for all DKG members to access through the member side of the website. If you have never established access to the site, go to the CHAT feature on the website sign-in page (bottom right-hand corner) and ask for help NOW to be ready for events to come. Don't wait till July 7th!

When? Programming runs from July 7 – 10 with events planned throughout those days, both livestreamed and pre-recorded. A complete schedule will be posted on the website soon (Events page > Virtual Event) and will be included in the July-August issue of the DKG News. Events will be posted on the website for viewing later by those members not able to attend the initial showing.

How do I participate? Sign into the website (see info under "Who's invited?") and go the 2020 Virtual Events page to access the programming. You do not have to have Zoom, the platform we will be using, to view the events.

What's scheduled? Events that parallel typical convention events will be offered: two keynote speakers, 13 workshops, an interview with the author of *Our Heritage IV*, announcement of the 2020 Achievement Award winner, election results, installation of officers, a combined forum event on "Embracing Diversity," and much more. Alas, there will be no business sessions!

Additionally, there will be opportunities available that parallel other convention features. Chapter presidents will receive via mail (postal) copies of the *2020 Celebration of Life* booklet commemorating members who died during this biennium (1 copy per family of the member/1 for the chapter). Members who collect convention pins will be able to purchase the Philadelphia pin (shown above) with half the proceeds going to the Foundation. Shoppers will have the experience of buying from a virtual vendor, renowned Austin jeweler, Kendra Scott. She is donating 20% of the sales to our Emergency Fund, always a major convention fund-raiser. The 2020 DKG Virtual Event program will be posted on the website while our DKG 365 App will keep you informed on events all week.

The 2020 Virtual Event promises to be a memorable occasion. Make it even more special by having "after hours" Zoom parties and gatherings to mix and mingle with friends whom you would normally see at convention. This time I know the reality of the event will equal, if not surpass my anticipation leading up to it!

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

The Schedule and highlights for this free digital experience can be found on the DKG website: dkg.org



Congratulations to Our Connecticut Members!

The Arts and Humanities Jury has selected the artistic works of **four** Connecticut Members for the International Spring Fine Arts Gallery, an online exhibit of works of art and letters. Congratulations for their artistic endeavors go to **Terry Azoti (Zeta)** with two photo entries accepted: *Diversity* and *Hi There*; to **Judy Baxter (Theta)** with one photo entry accepted: *Western Tanager on Jackson Hole Fencepost* and to **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta)** with two photo entries accepted: *Blown Glass with Shadows #1* and *Blown Glass with Shadows #2*. Congratulations also to **Linda Tracy (Theta)** for her pastel paintings being accepted: *Keeping Watch at Night* and *There is a Quiet Place*.

Members are invited to view the entire gallery. Go to the Fine Arts Gallery on the bottom of the Home page on the International website www.dkg.org. All Connecticut members are encouraged to submit their creative work to the Fall Gallery during the next submission period from August 15 – September 15, 2020. The categories include photography, crafts, literary efforts, and two-and three-dimensional art. Guidelines can be found online in the ART Gallery. Congratulations again to our CT Members on their achievements!



Diversity
Photo by Terry Azoti, Zeta



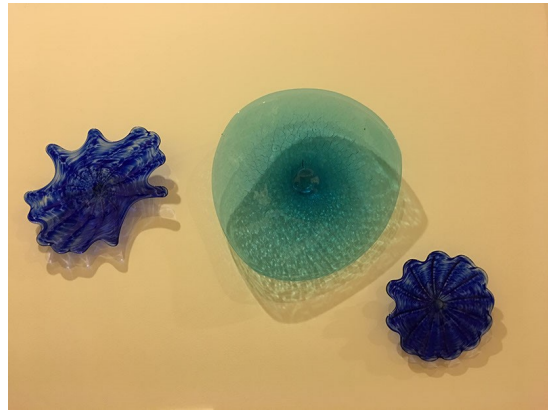
Hi There!
Photo by Terry Azoti, Zeta



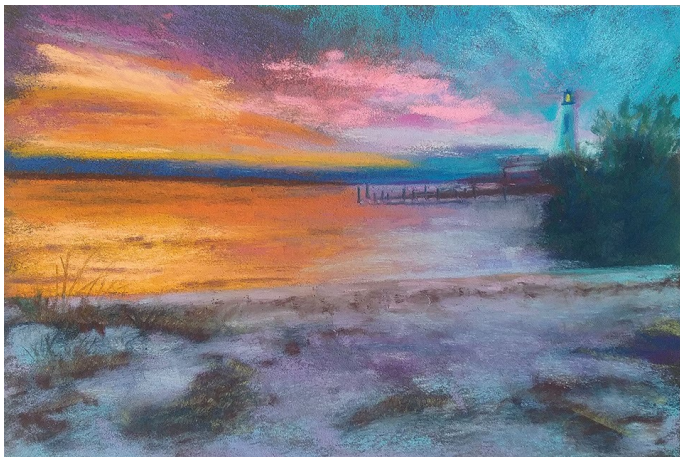
Western Tanager on Jackson Hole Fencepost
Photo by Judy Baxter, Theta



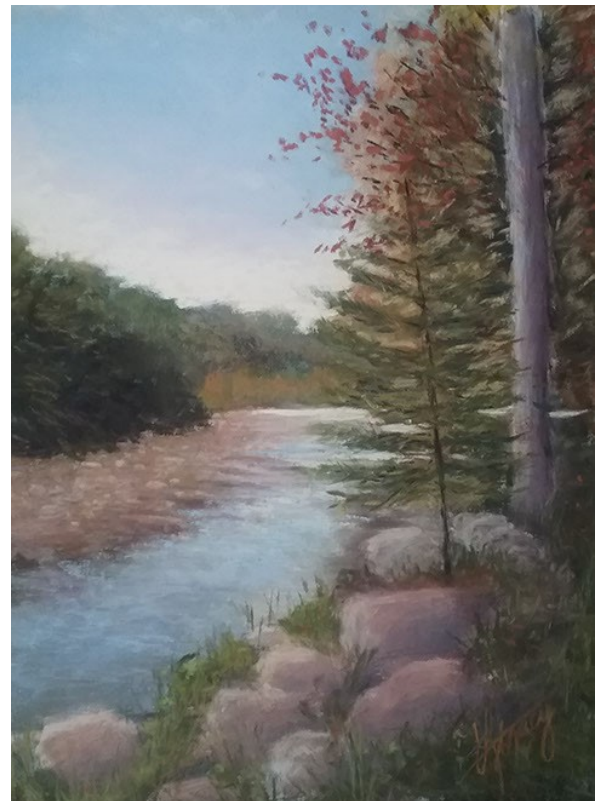
Blown Glass with Shadows #1
Photo by Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Beta



Blown Glass with Shadows #2
Photo by Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Beta



Keeping Watch at Night
Pastel Painting by Linda Tracy, Theta



There is a Quiet Place
Pastel Painting by Linda Tracy, Theta



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June 27, 2020
 Connecticut State Organization
 Virtual Spring Convention
 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

July 7—10, 2020
 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
 2020 Virtual Convention

**Donna Chaney, Zeta Chapter,
 Connecticut State Organization
 Treasurer 2003—2020**

Best wishes to Donna Chaney, past Connecticut State Organization treasurer, on her retirement from this position. Donna was initiated in 1978. She has served as Zeta chapter president, assistant treasurer, parliamentarian, as well as serving as assistant to finance chair. On the state level, Donna has been a member of several ad hoc committees from 1984-2002. She was assistant state treasurer from 1997-2003 and has been state treasurer since 2003. She was also a workshop presenter at state conferences from 2002-2008. On the International level, Donna has been attending conventions and regional conferences since 1985. In 2005, she was selected to participate in an International parliamentary training workshop in Chicago. In 2009, Donna was the recipient of the Connecticut State Organization Achievement Award.

Donna received recognition with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Red Cross in 2004 for her ground-breaking work for school bloodmobiles. Donna was the library media specialist at Joseph A. Foran High School in Milford where she taught for 35 years. She also taught at Southern Connecticut State University in the School of Library Science, as an adjunct faculty, for four years.

NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINES:
 September 1, 2020
 December 1, 2020


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Sending Get Well wishes to:

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Jeanne fell on June 11th and broke her leg.

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