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Thank You for Successful 2017 Fall Conference

As Educational Excellence Chair I wish to send out a giant DKG thank you. Thank you to all for your great work helping our "Revised-format Fall Conference" run so smoothly.

I send a special thank you to **AKS President Pat O'Connell Buckley** for the idea to differentiate the sessions to meet the variety of interests of our current membership. Thanks for organizing the catering, shopping for supplemental items, soliciting presenters, serving as contact for the school and a million other things.

Thanks to our chapter leadership teams for taking responsibility for varying conference-related assignments. Thanks to Alpha Chapter, under the leadership of **Linnea Sternberg** for the beautiful roses; Beta Chapter, under **Nan Stern** for the well-planned and moving Founders' Ceremony; **Linda Shea** from Gamma for 'Introductions'; **Mary Ellen Ulatowski** and Lambda Chapter for their work printing the program booklet.

Thank you to **Deb Soresino** (Iota Chapter) for her dedicated service in reformatting and creating the program booklet, and also to her team of proofreaders, **Jeanne Morascini** (Theta Chapter) and **Terry Azoti** (Zeta Chapter). Thanks also go to **Sue Carpenter** (Tau Upsilon Chapter) for reaching out to the recipients. Their presence at the conference was inspiring. Thanks to **AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney** for collecting and distributing conference funds.

A BIG thank you to all of our member/presenters!! All evaluation forms were very positive in regard to topics shared and the expertise of the presenters. Your time and effort in both planning and presenting are greatly appreciated.

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Planning Begins for 2019 Northeast Regional Conference

Connecticut has been chosen by DKG International to host the 2019 Northeast Regional Conference in July of 2019. Regional conferences are held every other year in odd numbered years. The conference will be attended by 22 state organizations: 16 from the Northeastern United States, four Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. We can expect between 600 and 800 members to attend.

Foxwoods Resort Casino has been selected as the venue; and the dates of July 29th – Aug. 1st, 2019 have been reserved. There will be two days of training prior to the conference on July 29th and 30th. Connecticut State Night will be held Tuesday, July 30th and will be a chance for us to highlight our state.

There will be many parts of the conference that we will need to oversee as the hosting state. We will be setting up a steering committee to proceed through the planning and implementation of the conference. We will meet as a steering committee this winter to begin some of the initial projects. Many of the decisions about the conference are determined by International and the Regional Director. There will be many subcommittees that will not need to do anything until the year of the conference, and others that will begin working right away.

Our state's primary responsibilities are to host Connecticut Night and provide members to work at the conference (with help from other states). Hosting a regional conference is a great way to involve many members who do not feel very involved. However, no member will be asked to do more than she feels she can. It will be a great opportunity for us to work with our

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Fellowship, Generosity and Advancement of Women Educators



Dear Members of Alpha Kappa State,

Every member belongs to all three levels of the Society: chapter, state organization and international. It is at the chapter level that the community altruistic activity of Delta Kappa Gamma takes place. Every member is involved in some sort of project that positively impacts the community. I see chapters that donate time and money to soup kitchens and homeless shelters. I know of many chapters that donate books to babies and children, and provide diapers and clothing to those in need. Many chapters provide support to women and girls when they need it most in their lives. There are many chapters that give generously to international projects such as supporting beginning teachers and educational programs in Africa. Some of our Connecticut chapters, as well as the state and international levels, give scholarships and grants to women and men advancing their education.

It is at the chapter level that we fulfill many of the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. As individuals we receive support and friendship from our fellow sisters. We benefit from the opportunities to network with other teaching professionals. I have had the opportunity to visit some of our chapters and will be able to visit more this year and next. I think the aspect that I am most impressed with is the community involvement and work of chapters, and it is that aspect of which we can be most proud. Keep moving forward in the spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma.

*Yours in DKG,
Pat*

Photographic Works of Connecticut Members Selected!

The Arts and Humanities Jury has selected photos submitted by two Connecticut members for the online International Fall Fine Arts Gallery. These works were selected to be suitable for the concept of The Butterfly Effect, which **International President Carolyn Pittman** chose to support her theme. **Judy Baxter**, Theta Chapter, had her three entries accepted as a first-time entrant. Her lovely photos are entitled, *Honeybee*, *Sunflower* and *Butterfly at Rest*. **Theresa Azoti**, Zeta Chapter, also had her three photos included, *Gossip*, *Rumors* and *Pollen Galore*. Members can view the entire gallery on a link on the AKS website or on the International website.

Connecticut has had four members' works exhibited in art and photography since the inception of the Gallery. All Connecticut members are encouraged to enter during the next submission period from **January 5th to February 5th** for the Spring Gallery in the fields of Crafts, Literary Efforts, Photography, and Two and Three Dimensional Art. Guidelines may be found online. Feel free to seek assistance of Connecticut members, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, International Arts and Humanities Committee member, and Terry Azoti, CT Liaison to Arts and Humanities Committee.

Terry Azoti, CT Liaison to International Arts and Humanities Jury



Pollen Galore—Theresa Azoti



Butterfly at Rest - Judith Baxter



Fall Conference

TRAVEL WITH DKG



Sights and sounds of Alaska beckoned 15 members to attend the workshop at the Fall Conference presented by **Karen Crumley**, a member of Pi State New York, and **Nicole**

Giuliani, Tour Consultant for the Partnership team at EF Go Ahead Tours. Those in attendance were informed of the cost, dates and details of the trip. They were also told that non-members may also attend; and flights to and from the departure point in Seattle, WA, can be arranged by Go-Ahead Tours. Most importantly, the sense of camaraderie was stressed. The group size will be 18—35 people.

EF Go Ahead Tours offers 200 various itineraries, and the tour guides are adept at providing tours which are especially appealing to teachers and life-long learners. Arrangements for monthly payments can be arranged to make the cost less daunting. As this is a Non-Dues Revenue project for International, some of the monies from the cost of the trip are returned to DKG.

Attendees at the workshop learned the perks of taking a trip with other DKG members and the experience of touring with Go-Ahead Tours. The focus was on the upcoming Alaska Glacier Cruise from August 29th—September 8th, 2018.

Patty Faulkner, Mu Chapter

Karen Crumley is a 32 year member of DKG. She has served as chapter president, secretary, parliamentarian and standing rules chair for Tau Chapter. At the state level, she has held the offices of NY State president, first vice president, second vice president and secretary of Pi State. Presently, she is the executive secretary of Pi State. Karen was the 2012 steering chair of the New York City International Convention. She is a member of the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund (2012-2018) and is currently serving as committee chair. She recently received the Friend of the Year award by her local library Board of Trustees for serving the Friends group as their longtime treasurer. She serves as the lay pastor of the First Church of Monticello, Presbyterian. Karen is retired after 45 years of teaching first grade in the Monticello Central School District.

Nicole Giuliani is the Tour Consultant for the Partnerships team at EF Go Ahead Tours. She was born in Ponce, PR and moved to Massachusetts to attend Assumption College from which she graduated in 2014. Nicole has been with Go Ahead since 2017, where she continues to pursue her passion of helping make travel dreams come true and providing travelers with an experiential learning experience in each one of the tours.

Google Classroom

Attendees learned how to create classes, distribute assignments, send feedback and see everything in one place. They learned some of the important features, such as setting up a class, getting students to join, posting and creating/grading assignments.

Emily Lozinak is a four-year member of DKG/AKS/Omicron Chapter. She is involved at the chapter, state and international levels and has presented workshops at regional and international conferences/conventions. She was recruited by **Past International President Lyn Bab Schmid** to serve in the inaugural class of DKGNext.

Emily teaches ninth grade Algebra at Platt Technical High School in Milford, where she was honored as a 2017-2018 State Vocational Federation of Teachers' Teacher of the Year for her school. Google Classroom, as well as other forms of technology, are incorporated into her classroom on a daily basis to increase student learning and teacher effectiveness. Emily currently serves as the union treasurer for the State Vocational Federation of Teachers and is the AKS Communications Chair.



Emily Lozinak and Claudia Grantham (Zeta Chapter)

Pieces for Peace Project

Pieces for Peace Project workshop shared the origin and benefits of this artwork project, which involved children from around the world. Children were asked to share through art their interpretation of "What does peace look like to me?"

Susan Moon, Theta Chapter, has been a member of AKS since 1994. She has served as chapter president, first vice president, second vice president and chair of initiations and installations. Susan served on the AKS Finance Committee and is currently the chair for The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee. She is a retired elementary teacher in Putnam, a peer counselor in the Re-Evaluation Counseling Community and a Volunteer Coordinator for Heifer International. Most recently, she has begun to volunteer with Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement.



Fall Conference

Meditation and Yoga for Teachers

I had the distinct pleasure of attending Lani Rosen-Gallagher's workshop on *Mindful Yoga Breaks in the Classroom* for one of my workshop choices. I am so glad that I did! Lani, who is a former teacher, holds tremendous support and compassion for those who work with children. She is a master yoga teacher herself who conducts classes for children in her studio and in various classrooms all over the country.

On this day, Lani guided those in attendance in various ways to include yoga in the classroom. We used yoga mats, pillows and even a yoga ball to toss around. All of the yoga poses that she taught us are very doable to accomplish with your students in a classroom or even a home setting. Lani's goal that she shared is that teaching children various yoga strategies helps to create the joy that lives within each child.

If you would like to learn more about Lani or her products that she has created to help children, go to her website at www.fullofjoyyoga.com. You will learn a lot and you won't be disappointed!

AKS Second Vice President Lisa Hudkins Tau Upsilon Chapter

Lani Rosen-Gallagher is a former first-grade teacher, teaching at-risk students. Lani found herself disciplining more than teaching. Bringing her own practice of yoga, mindfulness and meditation into the classroom help Lani to bring her full joyful self to her students, as well as other areas of her life. She began incorporating yoga into her daily teaching schedule in 1997, while teaching in Brooklyn, NY. She founded *Full of Joy Yoga* in 2004 in San Francisco. In 2008, she moved to CT and began teaching yoga to children in preschools, public schools, yoga studios, libraries and after-school programs in the greater New Haven area. Currently, she is teaching *Mindful Yoga Breaks* curriculum to teachers and students in the New Haven and Hamden public schools.

Mindful Yoga Breaks in the Classroom

Attendees in this workshop learned how to bring focus, self-regulation and fun to the classroom while fostering social emotional learning. Tools, such as breathing exercises, mindfulness, yoga poses, yoga and mindfulness games and relaxation were presented. Participants left with dozens of ideas that can be used in short breaks in the classroom throughout the day.



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sisters around the state and the Northeast Region. Connecticut has a great deal to offer and it will be terrific to "show off" our state to members of the Northeast Region.

Chapter presidents can start talking to their members about how involved each member would like to be. Any member wishing to be part of the steering committee, please give your name to your chapter president. Presidents can give names of members wishing to volunteer to the steering committee. More information will be distributed at the Executive Board meeting on February 3rd.

Alpha Kappa State, Connecticut, is approaching this challenge with enthusiasm and dedication. It is an exciting project for all of us.

AKS President Pat O'Connell Buckley Theta Chapter

National Legislative Seminar March 18-21, 2018 Hosted by DKG's US Forum

Join other Key Women Educators who are interested in advocating for women, children and education. Spend four days participating in a seminar that features:

Knowledgeable speakers

A day on the Hill meeting with your individual Congressional representatives

Tours in the Washington, D.C. area

Further information may be obtained from the link below:

<http://www.usforumdkg.org/nls-2018.html>

Additional Note: AKS Communications Chair **Emily Lozinak** will be attending. Please contact her if you are interested. elozinak@yahoo.com

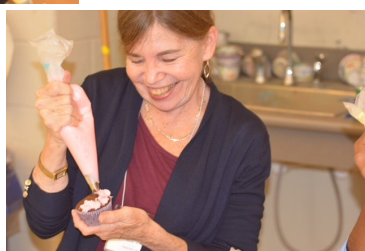


Fall Conference

Cupcake Decorating

Participants learned the basics of how to make “professional-looking” cupcakes using three different decorating tips. After practicing different techniques, each attendee left with a few cupcakes to take home and to show off to friends and family.

Terry Pearce is first and foremost a teacher, specifically science. She has taught for 34 years at the high school and middle school levels. Her enjoyment of teaching is enhanced by a need to be creative! Terry loves arts and crafts and has found her true passion in cake decorating. When she was in high school, she took an adult education class on cake decorating with her mother and has been teaching herself all the new techniques that have surfaced over the years. She has made cakes of varying sizes for all occasions. Terry enjoys spreading her excitement for baking with others and showing people how easy it is to create cupcakes that look like they came from a high-end bakery.



Fiction Book Talk

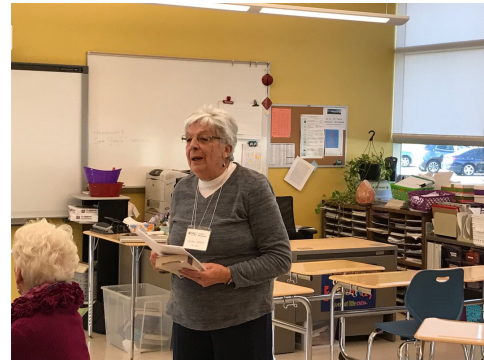
Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly follows the lives of three young girls in Europe and America, and how they changed history during World War II. *Lilac Girls* is a New York Times Bestseller.

The interest in this session was so large that two separate groups were formed for discussion. **Jackie Abbott** provided a list of questions designed to help in the discussion. The book is based on true events and people. In the story, two of the characters live in Europe and the other in New York/Connecticut.

The literary device used in telling this story, alternating characters’ stories, is called “braiding”. The group found it easy and fascinating reading, watching each character develop and how they changed history in World War II. These women had very strong characters, an inner strength that allowed them to survive, and to carry out their missions, often balancing being helpful and at the same time following the rules.

Jackie provided further insight into one of the main characters, Caroline Farriday, by visiting her home, the Delany Farriday House, in Bethlehem, CT, and showing a video of her visit there. Everyone in the group was moved in a variety of ways, but it was a unanimous feeling that this is a “read again book”.

Anita Satriano, Theta Chapter



Dr. Jacqueline Abbott is Emeritus Faculty at Eastern Connecticut State University. Jackie taught children’s literature for many years and kept reading books for children and youth. Since retiring, she has been catching up on reading books for grownups. To encourage her reading, she has started several book discussion groups. Sharing books with others is a great way to enjoy a book twice!

Jackie was initiated into DKG in 1973 and is a member of Rho Chapter. She was president of AKS from 1981-1983.



Fall Conference

Teaching the Resettled Child

This workshop featured a classroom teacher, an ESL teacher and the community liaison from Mansfield. The panel discussed the unique challenges of working with a Syrian refugee family in a rural community. They shared the unique challenges of teaching a third and fourth grader and helping to integrate the family into the community.

Susan Kamienski is an elementary school teacher in Mansfield with more than 18 years experience working with children. She has worked closely with ELL students in collaboration with Mansfield's ESL teacher. Susan is a member of the CT Reading Association and National Council of Teachers of Math. She has recently taken a translanguaging course at UConn and has collaborated with elementary teachers in Mansfield regarding teaching ELL, transient and refugee students. Susan has a Masters in Education from the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford with a focus on curriculum and instruction.

Diane Hutton teaches elementary Spanish and English as a Second Language in Grades K-5 in Mansfield. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Hartford. She is a member of the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) and the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT). She has been teaching for 21 years and was named Mansfield Teacher of the Year in 2017.

Julie Menard is a volunteer with Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement. She has worked as the community liaison for two refugee families in northeast CT. She also works part-time for Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM), a local non-profit, as a coordinator of the Partners in Independence Program—a community mentoring program for adults. Julie has a master's degree from Eastern CT State University and worked as a case manager/social worker with the State of Connecticut for over 38 years.

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Thanks also to the volunteers from Omicron (**Gina Boxlietner, Linda Phillie and Laurie Mihalcik**) who helped with registration, set up and clean-up. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Emily Lozinak** (Omicron Chapter) who patiently, helped with everything from spreadsheets and name tags to decorations and reserved signs.

I look forward to working with all of you throughout this biennium. Please be assured we will respond positively to any and all suggestions on how to improve for the next time.

Kathleen Lozinak
AKS First Vice President

Reminder from Membership

Please send any changes of members' information to Pauline Auclair at paulinaauclair@gmail.com so that members continue to receive mailings from AKS and DKG International.



Scholarship

DKG International to Award 30 Scholarships to Members

Are you planning to pursue an advanced or doctoral degree? You are eligible to apply for a \$6,000 advanced degree scholarship or for a \$10,000 doctoral degree scholarship. The application and information can be found on the DKG website under the Forms link on the top of the homepage of the Society. On the website, click on Forms and then click on Applications.

The deadline for applying is February 1, 2018.

www.dkg.org



Left to Right: Diane Hutton, Susan Kamienski, Julie Menard and AKS President Pat O'Connell Buckley



Alpha Kappa State Awards Recruitment Grants and High School Grants

Since 1951, grants have been awarded by Alpha Kappa State to female and male college/university students and high school seniors majoring in education. Each grant bears the name of a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa State and is assigned to the college or university with which the honored member had a close association. The following grants were announced at the 2017 Fall Conference:

**\$500 Vera Butler Recruitment Grant to Ashley Ciario
Central Connecticut State University
Elementary Education**

**\$500 Rheta A. Lange Recruitment Grant to Jorge Haddock
Southern Connecticut State University
Elementary Education**

**\$500 Flora Lister Recruitment Grant to Emily J. Drewry
Western Connecticut State University
Secondary English**

**\$500 Mary Mahoney Recruitment Grant to Anne Denerville
University of Connecticut
Elementary Education**

**\$500 Helen Moroney Recruitment Grant to Rachel Shea
Southern Connecticut State University
Special Education, Elementary K-6**

**\$500 Ida Seidel Recruitment Grant to Nicole Green
Eastern Connecticut State University
Elementary Education, English**

High School Grants

**\$750 Adelina "Lee" P. Formica Grant — Kiersten Bjork, Branford High School, Branford
Fairfield University**

**\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant— Aaron Vaughan, West Haven High School, West Haven
University of Connecticut**

**\$750 Margaret Rose Nielsen Recruitment Grant—Shelby Luminati, Housatonic Valley Regional High School
University of Maine**

**\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant — Tyler Wallace, Housatonic Valley Regional High School
American University**





AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter hosted its annual author book talk in October. This event was also open to the community. The speaker was Rabbi Daniel Cohen, who shared an inspiring talk on the topic of creating and living your legacy. He shared strategies for living our best lives filled with purpose, passion and caring. There was great interest in Rabbi Cohen's book, from which he read and shared anecdotes. The book was available for purchase. Nu Chapter members were invited and three of them attended – **Ann Novotnik**, **Laura Straiton** and **Carleen Wood**.

The November meeting included members sharing their favorite travel adventures. **Mary Ruth Allen** also shared her Alpha Portrait. **Past President Lucy Galasso** initiated this project in which members share highlights of their professional and personal lives.

Members looked forward to the annual December gathering at Diane's Books, a local independent bookstore. The owner, Diane Garrett, shared her favorite new books for adults and children. The group then went out for dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Thanks to **Alpha's Program Co-Chairs Ginny Rose** and **Karin Layton**, for planning such an interesting and enjoyable variety of meetings and programs. Also, thanks to **Marilyn Arvoy** for providing delicious refreshments and lovely table decorations.

DELTA

Delta Chapter met at Fairview Farm in Harwinton for the annual Holiday Brunch and basket raffle on December 2nd. All funds from the basket raffle support the chapter's Book Grant.

Happy Bucks are collected at each meeting when members share their good news and donate to the cause. **Christine Comeau** led the sharing by announcing that she and her husband would be leaving in a week for a cross-country trip! The funds were allocated to the DKG World Fellowship.

EPSILON

In October, Epsilon Chapter held its fall meeting at the Windsor Public Library. Members discussed the Interview Process, Volunteering at Food Share and an upcoming Raffle. A thank you note came from the freshman who received a \$500 grant from Epsilon to pay for her books at Western Connecticut State University.

On December 10th, Epsilon held its annual Holiday Luncheon at *The Olive Garden* in West Hartford. Toys and diapers were collected and donated to My Sisters' Place in Connecticut for the second year. **President Jane Pertillar** received a thank you note from My Sisters' Place, a shelter founded for women with infants.

With the support of Voya and Edward Jones, Epsilon members are about to jump start our Investment Club during the month of January, 2018. Have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

ZETA

Zeta Chapter is proud to announce the initiation of three new members at its annual October dinner and initiation meeting held at Bellini's Restaurant in North Haven. New members initiated were **Claudette Beamon**, recently retired Assistant Director of Programs and Services for ACES in Hamden; **Erika Forte**, recently retired Assistant Director for Schools and Programs for ACES in Hamden; and **Gale Tirrell**, who served in various capacities in several CT technical schools including serving as Assistant Superintendent of the CT Vocational Technical School System before her retirement. Zeta welcomes these outstanding women.



Zeta Chapter's New Members: (l to r) Gale Tirrell, Erika Forte and Claudette Beamon

Zeta's annual brunch and charity auction was held at the ACES SDA building in Hamden on November 18th, with some 65 members and guests attending. Nearly \$2000 was earned during the auction portion of the event to help support the two Zeta grants, as well as for the 2017 Worthy Project which this year went to the **Square Foot Theater** located in Wallingford. This is a small community theater allowing local CT talent, including students from around the state to perform in professional quality productions. Long-time Zeta member **Elayne Canter** served once again as the delightful auctioneer. Additionally, special gift item tickets sales brought in \$93 each for two International endeavors, World Fellowship and the Emergency Fund. Sales also allowed Zeta to sponsor a student for \$250 at the **Under the Same Moon** school/community organization from San Juan, Guatemala. Speakers at the June 2017 meeting had enlightened members about the good works of this organization so the chapter signed on to sponsor a student for a school year. And finally, \$172 was collected for the CT Food Bank. Zeta Chapter invites and encourages AKS members to an on-line search for the **Square Foot Theater** in Wallingford to view upcoming productions in this small unique community theater. You will be pleasantly pleased if able to attend one of their performances.



NUTMEG STATE

Several Zeta members attended and enjoyed the mini breakout session format of the AKS Fall Conference held at the Wilcox Technical High School in Meriden on November 4th. Easy access to the school and meeting rooms along with a wonderful buffet breakfast made the event well worth attending. Thanks to all the organizers of this event.

Zeta's next meeting will be its 69th birthday celebration to be held March 3, at Giulio's Pizza Restaurant in North Haven. Here's to a safe and healthy 2018 winter for all AKS members.

THETA

Theta members enjoyed a lovely fall afternoon with **Jane Moynihan** as the delightful host. **Karen Dibala** presented the Sandy Hook Promise program, "Start with Hello" which can prevent violence by reducing social isolation that also leads to bullying and depression. It builds connected and inclusive classrooms. Members celebrated **Jane Moynihan**, who is this year's Tolland Teacher of the Year!

This has been an active fall at Journey House. In September, members made salsa from fresh tomatoes with the girls, as well as making homemade tortillas. It was a big hit, and consensus was that "Hot" salsa was the best!! Then in November, the girls experimented with two types of chicken dishes....fried and oven baked. They served the chicken with salad and rice with Dirt Cake for dessert to all the residents. Thanks to **Sharon Bartlett, Carole Norrish, Millie Ramsey, Anne Soracchi, Lynda Stein** and **Karen DiBala** for their help with these projects.

On Monday, December 18th, Carole and Sharon had a gingerbread house contest for the girls. All Theta members were invited to join. Members also delivered holiday boxes with lots of goodies for each girl that they will open on Christmas morning. This is always a huge success. Thanks to all Theta members who contributed a box for the girls. All of these projects would not be possible without the help from our members!!!

Theta Chapter is looking forward to its January 15th joint meeting with Rho and Gamma at the Willington Library. Attendees will learn about the Curriculum for Hope for a Peaceful World Pieces for Peace Program and about the many different Delta Kappa Gamma International Projects and Funds.

Margaret Daly and her crew are planning the meal which will be served at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on February 10th. A new chicken casserole recipe this year suggested by **Anita Satriano** will be tried, in lieu of the pasta, beef and cheese recipe which has been served for years!

NU

Nu Chapter had a busy fall. Members came together, worked hard and saw a rebirth of robust participation! The chapter continues to build strength and support from each other, and it looks forward for opportunities to get together.

Several members enjoyed an early fall meeting in late September at the home of **Karen Curth**. What a great time everyone had catching up, making plans for the year and enjoying the sisterhood of Nu members all around the outdoor fireplace! During the evening, **Past Nu President Eileen Kinahan** oversaw the initiation of new member, **Laura Straiton...** (our New Nu!). Laura is the Program Director of Early Childhood Education for the Darien Public Schools, as well as the Early Learning Program. Nu chapter is so excited to have Laura join!

Nu also proudly celebrates a new Life member, **Marion Jewell**. Marion has been a DKG/AKS/Nu member for over 50 years.

In October, a few Nu members were able to join their sisters from Alpha to listen to a very inspirational speaker, Rabbi Daniel Cohen, who spoke about his book, *What Will They Say About You When You Are Gone? Creating a Life of Legacy*.

Four Nu members made the trip to Meriden for this year's Fall Conference. **Rita Ferri, Carleen Wood, Laura Straiton** and **Chapter President Ann Novotnik** all enjoyed a wonderful morning with their AKS sisters. Who knew yoga and cupcake decorating could be so much fun? Members look forward to sharing their decorating skills at an upcoming chapter meeting and even donating the creations to a local senior center/support group!

The fall also saw some of Nu members continuing their travels, both domestic and international! The chapter is looking forward to hearing all about **Debi Boccanfuso's** trip to Ireland, as well as **Karen Curth's** trips to Texas and Switzerland! Nu's holiday get together was enjoyed by all, as members celebrated each other and look forward to more fun in the coming months!

OMICRON

Omicron held a very well-attended fall social in September for current and prospective members. Ladies gathered at the Hops Company in Derby where they enjoyed socializing in a relaxing, informal setting. Omicron members also had the opportunity to meet **Alpha Kappa State President Pat O'Connell Buckley**, who graciously made the long trip down to introduce herself and get to know some of Omicron's longtime members. Pat also donated a themed basket to be raffled in support of Omicron's High School Grant.

Omicron held its first official meeting at the Plumb Memorial Library in October, where Shelton Library System Director Joan Stokes shared the history of the library, current programs and her thoughts on the future of the library system. Members met briefly after the presentation to plan the remaining meetings which will include the annual Holiday Tea in December at the



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (CONTINUED)

Kellogg Environmental Center and a spring meeting with a tour of the newly renovated Emmett O'Brien Technical High School.

Many members are already making plans to attend the International Convention in Austin this summer and discussing the roles they will play in the 2019 Northeast Regional Conference at Foxwoods.

RHO

Dr. Jennifer Piatek, a science professor at CCSU was initiated into Rho Chapter on Sept. 26th. She was welcomed into the chapter and joins her mother **Pat Piatek**, past Rho President and her sister **Shannon** who proudly looked on. The initiation ceremony was part of a dinner meeting at Angellino's Restaurant in Vernon.

At the South Windsor Public Library on Nov. 1st, members enjoyed a delightful evening of creating handmade note cards and beaded jewelry. Dorian Jones of Somers led the workshop on note card making. Midge Makuch of Dragonfly Studio in Willington provided beads and instruction for unique earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Both of these ladies donated their talents for this fundraiser for Rho Chapter. Members are appreciative of their generous gifts that increased the treasury and provided members with some lovely handmade items.

**ALPHA KAPPA STATE
ACHIEVERS**

Dr. Kathleen Lozinak, President of Omicron Chapter, has been notified by DKG International that her article *Teaching Side by Side: An Intergenerational Case Study* was selected for inclusion in the 2017, Volume 84-1 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Journal*.

Congratulations to Kathleen from your AKS sisters!

Jackie Norcel, Beta Chapter, was recently elected to the Trumbull Board of Education. Congratulations to Jackie!

Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Theta Chapter, has been re-elected to the Willington Board of Education. Congratulations to Ann!



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses
"A moment to
remember. . ."



Aurilie Thiverge, Delta Chapter
Died: November 24, 2017

Aurilie was initiated into Delta Chapter on December 14, 1968. She was chapter treasurer from 1972-74 and served as a member of the program and finance committees.

Aurilie was a business teacher at Torrington High School from 1944-1979 and also taught shorthand and typing at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted from 1979-1992. Aurilie was a member of the Teachers Association and Altar Guild at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. She enjoyed knitting, traveling and was an avid Boston Red Sox fan.

She is survived by many cousins, dear friends and her church family. Aurilie was predeceased by her sister, Dolores Thiverge. A memorial service was held on December 2nd at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Avon. Delta Chapter members mourn the loss of their sister, Aurilie.

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Alaskan Glacier Cruise
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**DKG
International Convention
July 16-20, 2018
Austin, TX**

Start making your plans now to attend the 2018 International Convention in Austin, TX—the headquarters of DKG!

Benjamin Zander, co-author with Rosamunde Zander of *The Art of Possibility*, will be a 2018 international convention speaker. Known worldwide as a teacher of thousands of musicians and as a celebrated speaker on leadership, Zander will combine the possibilities found in leadership, optimism and the arts.

Nadia Lopez, principal/educational leader/author, will be the keynote speaker. She is founder and principal of Mott Hall Bridges Academy in Brownsville, Brooklyn, a school she founded in 2010 to address the downward trend in a neighborhood that had given up on its students. Lopez will inspire and motivate as she tells how lives have changed and how she helps her students, all of whom live below the poverty level, connect to the world. Mott Hall Bridges Academy broke the school-to-prison pipeline with a stunning 98% graduation rate among its first three graduating classes.

Visit the DKG website to get the latest information on the Convention—reservations, program, schedule, trips, etc.

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**Hope to see
you there!**

**Alpha Kappa State
Dates to Remember
Fellowship, Generosity and Advancement
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Saturday, February 3, 2018
Snow Date: February 10, 2018
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

March 18-21, 2018
National Legislative Seminar
Hosted by DKG's US Forum
Arlington, VA/Washington, DC

Friday, April 6, 2018
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(CTAUN)
United Nations Headquarters, New York City

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Alpha Kappa 79th State Spring Convention
Baci Grill (Cromwell)

Saturday, May 19, 2018
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