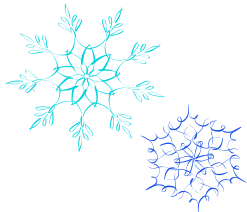


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# KEYNOTE



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## SAVE THE DATES AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

Connecticut State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has two big events coming up . . .

Our Spring Convention will be held Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at Casa Mia at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT. We are planning a celebration of ourselves for our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Yes, Connecticut State was founded in 1939 and we will be 80 years old this spring. The Convention will include a Celebration of Life to remember our deceased members, a meeting to keep up the business of our organization, a training session to help us start our new dues process, recognition of members and a buffet luncheon. We will have a celebration of DKG with a guest speaker, memorabilia on display and highlights of all the activities that have defined us over the years. We will pledge to continue to support the mission and goals of DKG and look forward to our bright future. Our new officers will be installed to guide us into that future. See you at the Spring Convention!

This summer we will be hosting an International Conference at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT. The conference, held July 30 through August 1, 2019, will focus on the theme of "Global Awareness". It is an opportunity to showcase Connecticut, as well as learn more about our International Organization. There will be learning opportunities with seminars, workshops, takeaways, panels and speakers. Foxwoods has a state of the art convention center, as well as shopping, a museum, casinos, a BINGO hall, restaurants, a spa and beautiful hotels. There will be time for making new friends and renewing long-time friendships. There will be serious topics to contemplate and fun activities to enjoy. I appreciate that many of you have already volunteered to help out with this large project. This is a chance for state members to attend an International Conference right in our own backyard. See you there!

Connecticut State Organization President Pat O'Connell Buckley

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



DKG and members of the Connecticut State Organization will sponsor a Bingo on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in conjunction with the 2019 International Global Awareness Conference, hosted by the Connecticut State Organization.

This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. (Hall opens at 4:00 p.m.) and is open to the public. Admission is \$15 per ticket. It is a DKG Emergency Fund Benefit. The Emergency Fund was established following a flood in 1948 which destroyed Vanport, Oregon. A plea for help in the *DKG News* resulted in more than \$3,000 that became the Emergency Fund. The fund continues as natural disasters affect members. Contributions demonstrate the Society's genuine spiritual fellowship. \$104,000 was distributed during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

We hope that our Connecticut State Organization members and others will support this event. If more than 300 tickets are sold, \$10 from every ticket will be donated to the DKG Emergency Fund. Theta Chapter is coordinating this activity. For more information, please contact **Marie Desautels** at 860-928-0796 or phototeach@snet.net. A ticket ordering form will be available from all chapter presidents, as well as on the AKS website (dkgct.weebly.com).

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# Fellowship, Generosity and Advancement of Women Educators



Dear Connecticut State Organization Sisters,

As the winter months move along I continue to be impressed by the work of DKG in Connecticut. At each executive board meeting, chapter presidents report about the projects in which their chapters are involved. They are bringing the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma to life. Chapters are sending donations to and volunteering at hospitals, youth programs, schools, soup kitchens and shelters. They are giving book grants, high school/college grants and grants to attend clubs/camps. Chapters are sponsoring programs educating members about special needs efforts, homelessness, legislation, support of families, current new trends in schools and many other important topics. I am proud and thankful for the philanthropic work being done by the women of the Connecticut State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Our organization will be making changes this spring that will move us into the future. We will be voting on some of the changes at our Spring Convention in May. Most of the changes will bring our Standing Rules and By-laws in line with the recently revised International governing documents.

One of the biggest changes will be the method of dues collection. The time that we pay dues will change. We will pay our annual dues and fees no later than June 30, 2019. Chapter treasurers will start collecting in the spring. This new time line will bring dues payment in line with the fiscal year of Delta Kappa Gamma. The Society has been operating for months each year without incoming dues. This change will give the Society a true vision of its operating budget. It will make for a shorter year of benefits for this year, then the following and every subsequent year will be one full fiscal year. Our State Treasurer Donna Chaney and a representative from International will be giving chapter treasurers more of the details of the new dues process this spring.

There will also be a change in the language related to payments for members joining during the year. For membership or reinstatement between July 1 and December 31, the member will pay an induction fee (new members only), dues and fees for the current year. For membership on or after January 1, the member shall pay one-half the international membership dues. This was an area that needed clarification. We will also need to look at the state and chapter dues to see if they can be pro-rated as well. As with any big change, it will take time and some understanding to implement but will be good for the organization.

I hope this winter and the recent holidays have been good to you and your families. I look forward to the spring with renewed growth and warmer weather.

*Yours in DKG,  
Pat*

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



# Fall Conference

## Workshops

### **What is Close Reading? Presented by Lenore Martinelli**

Lenore Martinelli (Zeta Chapter) facilitated a session on the reading strategy called *Close Reading*. This strategy helps to improve students' comprehension by guiding them through a process of using context, vocabulary and prior knowledge. Lenore used both familiar and new texts to help participants use this new reading strategy. By learning and practicing from the students' perspectives, participants were able to see how this strategy can be applied across grade levels.

**Margaret Hrabchak  
Zeta Chapter**



**What is Close Reading? Workshop**

### **Strategies to Deal with Stress Presented by Jeanne Morascini**

"Please take a few minutes now to identify what there is in your life that bothers you or creates stress." This is a question that was presented on paper to each participant in the Breakout Session, *Strategies to Deal with Stress* presented by **Jeanne Morascini** (Theta Chapter). Jeanne's work with peace and happiness for over forty years certainly qualified her to address this topic.

Jeanne listened carefully as some participants volunteered to share instances of what created stress in their lives. After commenting briefly on some of the individual responses, Jeanne proceeded to relax us with her calm and peaceful voice, introduced us to some deep breathing exercises and then began to discuss various aspects dealing with stress in one's life.

What is it in your life that makes you unhappy and that stresses you out? Could it be that your expectations are too high? If so, change them. Stress occurs when the demands one faces supersede the actions taken. It's important to relax and prioritize in your life, as oftentimes we cause our own stress by how we deal with it. Always remind yourself to apply the three Cs because you Can, Control your Choices, and the earlier you do so the better it will be for you.

Change occurs in everyone's life and often results in stressful situations. The earlier you accept the change the better it is for you. Worry accompanies stress, but statistics reveal that only 8% of what we worry about actually happens. So, if you feel stressed you must get rid of it.

The question then becomes, how do we rid ourselves of the stress we feel? One way is to find humor and laugh more frequently. The physical act of laughing triggers an increase in endorphins in the brain chemicals known for their feel-good effect. A good idea is to collect funny jokes and share them with others. Paste them on your kitchen cabinets as you work around the kitchen and have yourself a good laugh!

Turn negative thoughts into positive ones. Throw the negative ones out the window! Acquire a peaceful mindset. Be grateful for what you have, as so many have so much less than you. Remember that grateful people are happy people. Listen to peaceful music, light a scented candle, choose a take-out dinner once or twice a week when you are busiest, compliment someone, hold someone's hand, listen to someone else's concerns and make time for yourself as it's important to your whole family. Strive to live in peace and ultimately peace will live in you.

**Helen Scully  
Omicron Chapter**



**Lighten up! Dealing with Stress with 4 Daily Strategies**



## Fall Conference

### Cupcake Decorating—Again a Hit! Presented by Terry Pearce

Participants were greeted by Terry Pearce, a science teacher with thirty-five years experience at middle and high school levels. The tables were set with individual boxes of six cupcakes and three icing-filled bags with different tips. Terry guided members through each step of the process of decorating cupcakes to look like they came from a commercial bakery. She explained that in lieu of whole cakes, fancy cupcakes are the rage today. Terry graciously shared her recipe for buttercream frosting and her tip for baking flat (instead of domed) cupcakes to accommodate piled frosting - using any boxed mix, fill cupcake pans three-quarters full and bake at 325 degrees instead of 350 degrees as recommended on the package. Everyone left with masterpieces to show off and the icing bags to practice at home.

Terry started decorating cakes when she took an adult education course with her mother many years ago. From then on, she is mostly self-taught, learning new techniques on her own. She showed a portfolio of photos of her lovely creations over the years. Terry is foremost a teacher who enjoys sharing her enthusiasm, creativity and expertise. She made this session a fun and relaxing learning experience!

**Terry Azoti**  
Zeta Chapter



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## Workshops

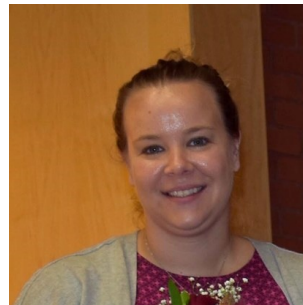
### Tips for Finding a Fulfilling Balance of Retirement Activities Presented by Dr. Linnea Stenberg



**Dr. Linnea Stenberg** (Alpha Chapter), presenter of this breakout session, guided us in evaluating our priorities and activities during retirement. Attendees ranked their priorities and then looked at how often they participated in them. It showed there are many areas one can explore – from family, social and volunteer activities to learning and spiritual pursuits. Look at what you are passionate about, and the possibilities could be endless! Linnea pointed out it is also important to put unscheduled time on the calendar and to review your priorities periodically. She shared nine characteristics of those having a positive retirement – from being sociable and active to being forward-looking, independent, civic-minded and choosing to be continuing learners. Most valuable is the gift of time and freedom to pursue whatever our interests may be.

**Sandy Gammons**  
Iota Chapter

### Google App Basics Presented by Emily Lozinak



The doors to many of the Google apps available for use on the Google platform were introduced and demonstrated by **Emily Lozinak** (Omicron Chapter). Those of us lucky enough to be in her breakout session had a great time learning and doing. First, be aware that you need to have a Google account to access these different opportunities. That is easy to do and should be your first step in accessing these tools.

Using Google Drive and Google Docs, you can create, share and co-edit documents with friends and colleagues right in your browser. If you save your original document, you can edit the second copy with your co-workers. You will be able to download the copy in varied formats, see the changes that all have made and even go back to an earlier version. There are many add-ons that enable you to insert tables, images, drawings, etc.

Google forms is the place to go when you need to set up surveys. You can create forms (i.e. conference registrations), edit and update them in Google forms. This app will break down responses and even send them to a spreadsheet. There are templates and many options available for your use. You can filter [sort and exclude] data and use a special link to send out the survey to others. Recipients do not need to have Google Docs to return the surveys.

Other apps include Google Sheets that helps you to create spreadsheets, Google Slides that builds presentations and Google Drawings that creates charts and diagrams. Members now have the ability to explore and use these tools.

**Marnee Straiton**  
Omicron Chapter



# Fall Conference

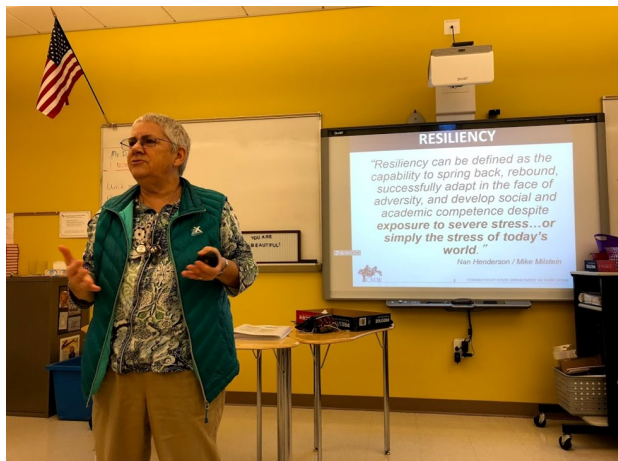
# Workshops

## **How Childhood Trauma and Toxic Stress Impact a Child's Present Life** Presented by Dr. Jo Ann Freiberg

Eighteen members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Connecticut State Organization participated in the presentation, *How Childhood Trauma and Toxic Stress Impact a Child's Present Life*, which was facilitated by CT State Department of Education consultant Jo Ann Freiberg. Through a series of slides, videos and activities, Dr. Freiberg demonstrated how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can lead to toxic stress, which negatively impacts a child's ability to learn and manage his/her behavior. After participants assessed their own ACEs score through completion of a brief survey tool, Westbrook Superintendent Pat Ciccone posted the results of these anonymously-scored surveys via pink Post-It notes on a chart.

Participants then completed a second tool, the CYW Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire, "on a specific child we know" who has displayed concerning behaviors or academic failures. These scores were also put on yellow Post-Its which were then juxtaposed next to the pink ones for comparisons and discussion. One take-away was that the presence of a caring adult at school was paramount in school connectedness, which ultimately lowers teen pregnancy rates, drug use and violent/deviant behavior. On a positive note, various treatments can be successful in assisting these children in overcoming childhood trauma and fostering resiliency. In closing, Dr. Freiberg advocated for universal screening of children for ACEs. She also reiterated her mantra: *No bears in school.*

**Dr. Linda Paslov**  
Beta Chapter



## **Fiction Book Talk: A Piece of the World** Presented by Dr. Jacqueline Abbott

Attendees at the Fiction Book Talk workshop participated in an active discussion of *A Piece of the World*, facilitated by **Dr. Jacqueline Abbott** (Rho Chapter). The story by Christina Baker Kline focuses on *Christina's World*, a painting by Andrew Wyeth in 1948. The story takes place in rural Maine and moves back and between timelines and brings to life a little-known corner of history.

Young Wyeth first visited the coastal Maine farmhouse of Christina Olson and was intrigued by its history. The Wyeth family spent every summer in Maine and was given permission by the family to come every day to sketch the property. Christina and "Andy" develop an unusual, casual friendship. The story moves back in time to Christina's childhood and her family's move to the weather-beaten farmhouse.

As most participants were familiar with the painting, they were able to now put it into perspective. Many thoughts and ideas about Christina and "Andy" were shared. Jackie was able to add more reality to the discussion by sharing pictures she had taken on the Olson's property and views of this Maine coastal landscape.

**Carol H. Beam**  
Delta Chapter



Olson farmhouse in South Cushing, Maine





# Fall Conference



**Connecticut State Organization President  
Pat O'Connell Buckley**



**CT State Organization First  
Vice President Dr. Kathleen  
Lozinak**



**CT State Organization Immediate  
Past President Joan Konareski**



**2019 Fall Conference Workshop Member Presenters**



**Closing with DKG Song**

**Photographs by  
Carolyn Downs  
CT State Organization  
Photographer**



## Connecticut State Organization Awards Recruitment Grants and High School Grants

Since 1951, grants have been awarded by the Connecticut State Organization to female and male college/university students and high school seniors majoring in education. Each grant bears the name of a distinguished member of the Connecticut State Organization to the college or university with which the honored member had a close association. The following grants were announced at the 2018 Fall Conference:

**\$500 Vera Butler Recruitment Grant to Courtney Leblanc**  
*Central Connecticut State University*  
*Elementary Education*

**\$500 Flora Lister Recruitment Grant to Serbesina Thaci**  
*Western Connecticut State University*  
*Early Childhood Education*

**\$500 Mary Mahoney Recruitment Grant to Kimberly B. Duhart**  
*University of Connecticut*  
*Elementary Education*

**\$500 Ida Seidel Recruitment Grant to Jenna Marie Mazza**  
*Eastern Connecticut State University*  
*Psychology and Early Childhood Education*



### High School Grants

**\$750 Adelina "Lee" P. Formica Grant — Theresa Ann Guadagnino, North Branford High School, North Branford Quinipiac University**

**\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant— Cindy Fan, Fitch High School, Groton University of Connecticut**

**\$750 Margaret Rose Nielsen Recruitment Grant—Dezrene S. Thompson, Francis Maloney High School, Meriden Central Connecticut State University**

**\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant — Thomas Jay Jensen, Newtown High School, Newtown University of Connecticut**

### **Reminder from Membership**

Please send any changes of members' information to Pauline Auclair at [paulinauclair@gmail.com](mailto:paulinauclair@gmail.com) so that members continue to receive mailings from State and DKG International.



### **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, 2019.**



# AROUND THE

## BETA

The first meeting of the new year took place at El Toro Authentic Mexican Restaurant and Tequila Bar in Stratford. **Beta Chapter President Dr. Linda Paslov** presented two goals: 1) to nurture and grow the chapter by reaching out to the excellent educators outside of the typical membership ranks, i.e. college professors, vocational teachers and leaders at the 9-12 and post high school levels and 2) to encourage members to share their talents with their fellow DKG members around the world through submissions to the DKG Fine Arts Gallery; *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin International Journal for Professional Educators* and/or *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange*.

Guest speaker was Deb Mongillo, Bullard-Havens Technical High School teacher, who gave a short presentation on building relationships with students. Deb had worked full time as a hairdresser. She went back to school to earn her professional teaching certificate (090) and began working at Emmett O'Brien CTHSS as a Trade Liaison through the Special Education Department in 1999.

Modeling her second goal, Linda published an article in *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Collegial Exchange* and two poems in the *DKG Fine Arts Gallery*. She has vowed to assist members in showcasing their work in the many venues DKG provides. During the chapter business meeting, members voted to support Barnum Elementary School in Bridgeport as this year's chapter project. The principal will provide a wish list. Beta Chapter members look forward to an exciting year of service and learning.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter met at Fairview Farm in Harwinton for the annual Holiday Brunch and basket fundraiser on December 1<sup>st</sup>. \$400 was raised from the basket raffle to support the chapter's Book Grant of \$1,000 given each year to an area high school student pursuing a career in education. *Happy Bucks* are collected by **Christine Comeau** at each meeting when members share their good news and make a donation. At the December meeting it was agreed to donate the money to *Are You Dense, Inc.*, an organization which advocates for women's healthcare.

The guest speaker was Peter Vermilyea, a local author (*Hidden History of Litchfield County* and *Wicked Litchfield County*) and history teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and at Western CT State University.



## EPSILON

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Epsilon held its fall meeting at Elizabeth's in Bloomfield, CT. Special thanks went out to **Shannon Karlowicz, Dr. Katie Dougherty, Connecticut State Organization President Pat O'Connell-Buckley** and all the Connecticut members who supported and attended the Leadership Conference held at the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts in Hartford, Connecticut.

With support from UCONN and **Dr. Yvonne Francis**, Epsilon will continue to *Empower Young Women to Become Math and Science Majors*. A \$500 scholarship was given to a Bloomfield High School student attending Eastern Connecticut State University. During this meeting chapter members focused on the up-coming holidays and donated turkeys and canned goods to the local Knights organization in Hartford for the Thanksgiving holiday. Epsilon also donated \$100 to a local food pantry.

Epsilon Chapter members are looking forward to participating in the DKG International Conference in July. Best wishes to you and your families for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

## THETA

Theta members were busy since their last meeting shopping for items to fill the many Holiday boxes given to the girls they mentor at Journey House. In early December, **Sharon Bartlett** and **Lynda Stein** helped the girls make small loaves of bread. The girls wrapped these breads and wrote cards, which were distributed to clients at the Soup Kitchen for the holidays.

**Ann Grosjean** and **Margaret Daly** are beginning the sign up for Theta's Soup Kitchen meal. The chapter is scheduled to serve at the soup kitchen on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Many Theta members are also working behind the scene chairing various committees in preparation for the 2019 International Conference (July 30<sup>th</sup> -August 1<sup>st</sup>) at Foxwoods Resort and Casino. **Theta President Marie Desautels** and **Phyllis Hickey** from International met at the casino in December. They finalized plans for the Benefit Bingo Night to help the Delta Kappa Gamma Emergency Fund. This event will be held Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> at the casino. It is not too soon to be asking family and friends to think about joining you at the casino for a fun bingo night, which will benefit such a great cause.

## ZETA

As Zeta Chapter completed a busy fall season, three new members were inducted at the October 18<sup>th</sup> annual banquet/induction ceremony meeting held at Bellini's Restaurant in North Haven. New members include **Donna Bates**, health teacher at Dodd Middle School in the Cheshire School system and adjunct psychology teacher at Gateway Community College; **Sandi Pavlov**, recently retired Independent Day teacher from North Haven Schools; and **Page Pelphrey**, Spanish teacher at Daniel Hand High School in Madison. Page now has the distinction of being a third generation member of Delta Kappa Gamma!





# NUTMEG STATE

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Zeta's Annual Brunch and Auction meeting was held once again at the Whitney Center in Hamden. This is the event at which the chapter auctions off a wide variety of member-donated items such as handmade sweaters and scarves, wreaths, greeting cards and other crafts along with theme baskets, wine, candy and other favorites from past years. Proceeds from the event earnings, which this year topped \$3000, the largest amount ever, are divided into shares for the two Zeta grants (Zeta Memorial Grant and Marguerite McKay Grant), the annual Worthy Project donation and our chapter getting 10% of auction earnings for various expenses.

The Worthy Project is voted on by members after all their suggestions have been submitted. The grants will each receive \$760, and the Worthy Project, St. Martin de Porres Academy in memory of our recently deceased member **Geraldine Giaimo**, receives \$1,215. Ticket sales for theme baskets/gifts took in \$512 for Collins Crew, a non-profit organization supporting needs and comfort to childhood cancer victims and their families! This was a close runner-up to selected 2018 Worthy Project. World Fellowship will receive \$225 and the Connecticut Food Bank \$230. Zeta Chapter members were pleased to greet **Connecticut State Organization President Patricia O'Connell Buckley**, as the invited guest. Thanks, Pat, for all the bidding!! She will have one happy grandchild to be sure! Thanks also to **Albina Cannavaciolo** for stepping up to be the auctioneer for the day in the absence of beloved member Elayne Canter who was too ill to serve as auctioneer this year. Sadly, Zeta's dear friend Elayne passed away one week later on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Zeta's next meeting will be the chapter's 70th Birthday celebration to be held March 9<sup>th</sup>. Members are also looking forward to the State Organization's 80th Birthday in May and the DKG International Conference to be held July 30 - Aug.1 at Foxwoods. Zeta looks forward to participation and involvement in all of these 2019 Delta Kappa Gamma events!



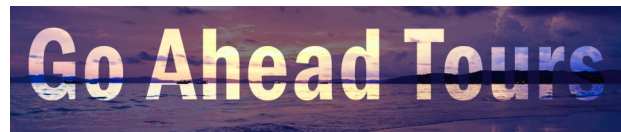
Zeta member auctioneer for the day, **Albina Cannavaciolo**, Zeta President **Margaret Hrabchak** and Connecticut Organization State President **Patricia O'Connell Buckley**

## OMICRON

Omicron Chapter started the year with the Fall Social held at Bad Sons Beer Co. in Derby. Several members were welcomed back to the chapter. They are **Fran Capasso, Harriet Calkins** and **Gail Gibbons**.

In October, members met at the Huntington Branch of Shelton Library and had a presentation from the Program Officer of the Valley Community Foundation, Valerie Knight-DiGangi. She spoke about the *Valley Gives Back* initiative. Information was also shared by Marianne Smythe, a financial planner who is also a member of their Board of Directors, about the many different options to give back.

The chapter held its Annual Holiday Brunch on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby. Omicron members and their guests enjoyed guided tours of the Osborne Homestead with each room decorated in a fairy tale theme. Area garden club members are responsible for decorating each room. The gift basket and 50/50 fundraisers were a huge success with all proceeds going to fund the chapter's annual scholarship.



6 Days: July 19<sup>th</sup>—July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6 Days: July 28<sup>th</sup>—August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019



October 9<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup>, 2020



**Albina Cannavaciolo** takes bids on handmade quilt, assisted by **Barbara Brozek** at Zeta event



## IN MEMORIAM

### White Roses

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



#### **Barbara Bolcer Torcellini, Zeta Chapter Died June 24, 2018**



Barbara was inducted into Zeta Chapter on October 1, 1987, and was a 31-year member. She served as First Vice President from 1992-1994, and she also served on various committees and attended most meetings while she was still in good health.

She had a Master's degree from Columbia University. Barbara taught reading at several elementary schools in North Haven for 35 years. She then retired to Pompano Beach, FL and spent her summers in CT. Barbara enjoyed travel, theater and most of all her family and friends. Barbara, a long-time member, will be missed by her Zeta Chapter sisters.

#### **Anne St. Clair Kelley, Zeta Chapter Died June 26 2018**



Anne was inducted into Zeta Chapter on April 1, 1970, and was a 48-year member of Zeta Chapter. Her involvement helped to support scholarships and worthy causes.

Anne served as chairman of the English Department at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven and then as Supervisor of English in the Milford School System. She retired as Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Milford. Anne co-authored a Composition Series for Grades 6-12 published by Jovanovich. Anne's contributions are greatly appreciated by her DKG sisters.

#### **Geraldine (Jeri) Giaimo, Zeta Chapter Died August 24, 2018**



Jeri was inducted in October, 1991, into Zeta Chapter. She was a 27-year member. She was always present at Zeta meetings, as well as at fundraisers and events. Jeri contributed to the chapter's scholarships and worthy causes.

Jeri received her Bachelor's, Master's and Administrative degrees from Southern CT State University. She taught in the East Haven Public Schools for over 25 years, spearheaded the field of Special Education and retired as Coordinator of Special Education. After retiring, she became principal of Sacred Heart & St. Peter School (now St. Martin de Porres Academy) in New Haven.

She was the recipient of the Knights of Honor Award from Notre Dame High School in West Haven. While working full-time, she continued to raise her four children and supported her late husbands' political career. Jeri will be missed by her many friends in DKG.

#### **Elayne Schwartzman Canter, Zeta Chapter Died November 25, 2018**



Elayne was inducted into Zeta Chapter on October 1, 1985 and was a 33-year member of the chapter. She served as chapter president (1988-1990) and co-president (1998-2000). While she served on various committees, she was best known (and loved) as the auctioneer at Zeta's annual fundraising event. Her droll sense of humor and perfect timing helped raise money for scholarships and worthy causes.

She had a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Rhode Island School of Design, as well as a Master's degree and a 6<sup>th</sup> year Certification from SCSU. She retired from the North Haven Middle School.

Elayne was a voracious reader and loved to travel—she was always looking for the next adventure. She had a true gift of friendship and will be sadly missed and always remembered by her many devoted friends.



## CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION ACHIEVERS

### Congratulations to Five Connecticut Members!

The DKG Arts and Humanities Jury has selected the artistic works of **five** Connecticut Members for the International Fall Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters. Congratulations for their artistic endeavors go to **Terry Azoti** (Zeta), **Judy Baxter** (Theta), **Carolyn Downs** (Zeta), **Dr. Linda Paslov** (Beta) and **Linda Tracy** (Theta). **Terry Azoti** had two photo entries accepted: *Inspired by Venus* and *Station Time*. **Judy Baxter** had her photo entry accepted. It is entitled *Home of the Free*. **Carolyn Downs'** two photos *Looking for Godot* and *Up to No Good* were accepted. The poetry entries of **Dr. Linda Paslov** *To Higher Ed!* and *My Family's Tradition* will be included in the Gallery, as will **Linda Tracy's** pastel painting *Wild Flowers by Lake*.

Members are invited to view the entire gallery. Go to the Art Gallery on the bottom of the Home page on the International website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

All Connecticut members are encouraged to submit their creative work to the Spring Gallery during the next submission period from January 15 - February 15, 2019. The categories include photography, crafts, literary efforts and two-and three-dimensional art. Guidelines can be found online in the ART Gallery.

**Judith Baxter, Theta Chapter  
CT State Liaison DKG Fine Arts Gallery**



*Station Time*—Terry Azoti



*Looking for Godot*—Carolyn Downs



*Home of the Free*—Judy Baxter



*Wild Flowers by Lake*  
Linda Tracy

#### *My Family's Tradition* By Dr. Linda S. Paslov (Beta Chapter)

The paper was discolored, the penmanship sublime.  
The sentiment was scripted, to last for all of time.  
The words were writ in stanzas – I stopped to take it in:  
My grandma was a poet! This finding made me grin.

The storyline was common; the subject was her beau.  
It told of love and yearning, in days so long ago.  
Her suitor was my Grandpa, and Blondie he was called.  
She'd promised to revere him, assuredly enthralled.

A tear slid down my cheekbone - inherited from her –  
My misty-eyed remembrance just rendered all a blur.  
I pulled myself together, and felt a sudden calm,  
As I recalled this passion for rhyming in my Mom.

Magnolia was her nickname, bestowed on her by Dad;  
The tales she scrawled in meter so clearly made her glad.  
She tucked her handmade treasures, into her top-most drawer  
Resolved to pull them out 'non to read aloud once more.

Can rhyming be genetic? A gift from God above?  
(Traditions bloom from talents we cultivate with love.)  
I pose this for a reason, as I reflect on it:  
I long to craft my musings in cadence rich with wit.

My daughters flaunt this genius: this aptitude for verse,  
Agreed that its attraction, quite borders on perverse.  
Requiring little effort, for us to think in rhyme,  
It makes us smile to share it, which we do all the time.

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