

## Connecticut State Organization The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



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### WHAT DOES DKG DO FOR ME ?

We often heard during the Revitalization discussions: “What does DKG do for me?” On page 15, you will find a chart, “Opportunities Through DKG” that lists all that DKG International offers its members. There is also the question, “How are the \$40 dues I send to DKG International each year spent?”

There are now many opportunities for leadership and members to communicate with DKG staff in Austin. On the **DKG.ORG** website, there is a *Chat* feature during all business hours, and any questions will be graciously answered. *Zoom* has also enabled leadership in Austin to interact with members throughout the world on a regular basis!

*Inside International* is a Zoom meeting (Zoom link on DKG website) on the first Tuesday of the month with DKG Leadership. Start time is alternated to better accommodate all time zones. Check the DKG website for the next meeting date.

*The Presidents' Page*, a bimonthly newsletter designed for chapter presidents, but interesting to all, is now in an electronic discussion format (Dec/Jan - <https://youtu.be/vegSVmvXa1A>). Also included is a printable list of the items discussed. Chapter presidents may share the link, which arrives by e-mail, with their chapter members.

There is a *New Member Zoom* on the last Tuesday of each month from 7-8 CST, which is 8-9 EST. When new members are registered with International, they are invited to attend the Zoom meeting the next month with **International President Debbie LaBlanc** and **Trish Woodley, Membership and Expansion Committee**. After six months, they will be asked to complete a survey. **Kim King**, a new member of Theta Chapter, reported that it is very informative and fun.

Members are invited to nominate a member or chapter for the DKG website *Spotlight*. They also have a spotlight to feature projects. Our own **Jeanne Morascini** was featured for her work with the *Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World!*

Attention all Creative Artists! The *Arts and Humanities Jury* will be considering submissions of

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### Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee



#### Giving Kids Hope About Climate Change

The Curriculum of Hope project, *Giving Kids Hope About Climate Change*, is underway across Connecticut. Fourteen packets of books and resources have been distributed by Connecticut chapters. As of mid-November, all of the 42 free books had been passed out to teachers in elementary schools.

Initial response has been very positive. Teachers have appreciated the supplemental books. The Curriculum of Hope has received feedback from some about the value and current relevance of the materials. Teachers have been able to share the materials with others at their grade level and in their buildings.

All teachers who have used the books will receive a brief survey after the first of the year. **The Curriculum of Hope Committee for a Peaceful World** is grateful to the members who helped get these books and resources disseminated. In a time when there are so many demands on teachers and schools, the Curriculum of Hope Committee is glad that we can give some support and provide some relevant information to teachers.

Pat O'Connell Buckley, Theta Chapter



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# MAXIMIZE, MAINTAIN, MOTIVATE AND MENTOR OUR MEMBERS



Dear CTSO Sisters,

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends! As the days got shorter and darker, the light and love of the holidays brightened our spirits and brought us through the winter doldrums! Hopefully, you also enjoyed some chapter events, too! Now, it is time to reflect and look forward into the new year and all it has to offer!

We had a wonderful fall conference in November! It was great to gather together and enjoy and learn from the personal growth and professional development workshops. You can read all about it in this issue, as well as the students who received our annual high school and university grants. Thanks to our **First Vice-President Lenore Martinelli**, who organized the conference; **Sue Carpenter** and her Professional Affairs Committee, who chose the grant recipients and all of the workshop presenters! A good time was had by all!

We met on October 15, 2022 with **Carolyn Pittman** from DKG International and a group of fourteen members representing eight chapters, to develop a plan to increase our membership numbers, engagement and leadership. We shared what our state organization is doing well and then listed our challenges. Finally, we listed our goals for the future. Two more groups then added to the lists at the Fall Conference. On a Zoom call on November 29<sup>th</sup>, the CTSO Executive Board began to identify ways our state organization can change to better meet the needs of our members – for active, retired and collegiate members alike! Thanks to **Membership Chair Pam Aubin**, who will coordinate the consolidation of all of the ideas and develop a Revitalization Plan including a menu of action steps that chapters may choose to use to increase membership, engagement, recruitment and retention. This document will be shared at our Spring Convention.

Looking forward into 2023, DKG and the CTSO have some exciting opportunities for our members! We will hold our Spring CTSO Convention at the Cascade in Hamden on May 6, 2023! **Carolyn Pittman** will return as our international speaker and will introduce our Revitalization Plan! **Kim King**, the 2022 CT State Teacher of the Year, will be our keynote speaker; and we will have a fine arts presentation! We will award our CTSO Achievement Award and will install our new officers for the 2023-25 biennium. It promises to be a great day!

DKG International will be holding conferences in Detroit (July 11-16), Phoenix (July 18-22) and Tampere, Finland (July 26-29). You can also sign up on the website as a vendor or to volunteer. Registration for the conferences and hotels will be forthcoming on the DKG website. Our new CTSO officers for the 2023-2025 biennium will have the opportunity to attend State Leadership Training in Dallas/Fort Worth from June 23-25, with International covering most of the costs.

I wish you each health and happiness in this New Year! Thank you for all you do for your chapter and our state organization. It takes members from all over our great state collaborating to provide public service in our communities, grants to aspiring educators, scholarships for our members to advance in their careers, assistance and encouragement for our beginning teachers and most of all - enjoying our fellowship and work together!

With much appreciation,

*Ann*

**Ann Grosjean**  
**DKG CTSO President**

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



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artwork, poetry, photography, quilts and needlecrafts etc. submitted between January 15 and February 15, 2023 for inclusion in the *Spring DKG Fine Arts Gallery* on **DKG.ORG**. We also proudly feature our artists in our Keynote and in our chapters!

The *Emergency Fund* is another amazing fund. Members may donate each year at international events or online (Form 34). Members who experience a natural disaster loss may apply for \$500. Forms to donate or request the \$500 from the fund (Form 84) can be found on the DKG website under Forms/General. The turnaround time is very fast. Members in our state have used it following damage or loss from hurricanes.

Are you working on your Masters or another advanced degree? DKG offers a \$10,000 scholarship for a PhD program and \$6,000 for other advanced degree programs. The CTSO also offers members three scholarships, for \$700 each as well as funding for special educational training, publications or projects through the Margaret Croft Honorary Fund with the applications on our CTSO website ([dkgct.weebly.com](http://dkgct.weebly.com)). Overall DKG at the International, state and chapter levels gives approximately \$3,000,000 a year for scholarships, grants and project support.

Publishing opportunities abound in both the academic DKG Journal and the Collegial Exchange magazine. We also welcome submissions to our CTSO Keynote!

**Ann Grosjean, Theta Chapter  
CTSO President**

## FALL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### First Steps to State & Chapter Revitalization

**Pam Aubin & Ann Grosjean**

Our current **CTSO Membership Chair Pam Aubin** and current **CTSO President Ann Grosjean** are women who are willing to meet a challenge. Membership numbers are down across the nation, and this has an impact on our vitality and our ability to fund grants and educational activities. Pam and Ann presented ideas and led a discussion on how we can attract new members and retain our current members.

Communication is key at the chapter level and the state level in order to know what our members need and to know their interests. We need feedback and opinions of our younger members so that we can offer them what they most need. State and chapters need to promote our organization to nonmembers.

Most important is the fact that we are all part of the membership team. We each need to contribute some measure of time and ideas.

**Lenore Martinelli, Zeta Chapter  
CTSO First Vice President**



### 2022 Fall Conference Review

- ◆ Beautiful weather; a yummy breakfast in a room with a view; a new venue (huge, but lovely); and best of all, members meeting in person.
- ◆ Thank you to all of the members who helped to put this together, volunteered to speak, volunteered to evaluate and/or report, and attended.
- ◆ Interestingly, we had the same number of in-person attendees as we had virtually last year and while it seems easier to present in person, we had more presenters last year. It may be that by alternating in-person and virtual conferences, we can accommodate different groups of members.

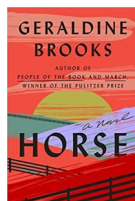
We continue to try to serve our members needs, so suggestions are always welcome.

**CTSO First Vice President Lenore Martinelli  
Zeta Chapter**



### Book Discussion

**Jackie Abbott and  
Pat O'Connell Buckley**



Pat and Jackie chose the novel *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks for their book discussion.

The title alludes to the actual late nineteenth-century Kentucky bay stallion *Lexington*. Participants agreed that the book was not only about the contest Lexington won, but more about the relations between Black and White people over the course of two centuries.

An enslaved groom in 1850, a discarded painting, an Australian scientist, an art historian and a cast of slaves and slave holders show us how race relations have and have not evolved.

Pat and Jackie did a wonderful job initiating the questions and bringing out thoughts and ideas from all the participants.

**Pat O'Connell Buckley, Theta Chapter**



## Fall Conference

### “Everybody Claps!”

Lillie Feierabend

Our DKG sister, Lillie Feierabend, is a well-known, accomplished and award-winning music educator, clinician and conductor. Her conference workshop, “Everybody Claps,” provided a snap shot of the importance of clapping across social, cultural and educational spheres. Clapping games deepen and enrich the intelligences and are a significant benefit to the development of mind, body and spirit. The brain is required to coordinate and visually track movements, orient the body, maintain beat and rhythm, sequence motor movements and develop social skills through cooperation with others.

Participants in this workshop were immersed in the world of clapping games through Lillie’s excellent introduction, expert guidance and the eventual playing of actual clapping games from around the world. The games included: *Head Shoulders Knees and Toes* (English, Latin, Japanese, African American and Filipino versions), *Four White Horses* (Virgin Islands/West Indies), *Tortillitas* (Spanish and Nicaraguan), *Double Double* (multicultural), *Chocolate* (Nicaraguan and Mexican) and *A Sailor Went to Sea* (traditional).

Learning through watching, listening and doing was quite valuable to all participants. It provided a hands-on example of the struggles and triumphs of many present-day students. In addition, the games brought the sisters closer together through cooperation and the striving for a collective goal. Lillie’s gracious sharing of her time and expertise was greatly appreciated by all!

**Mary Ellen Ulatowski, Lambda Chapter**



### Tai Chi

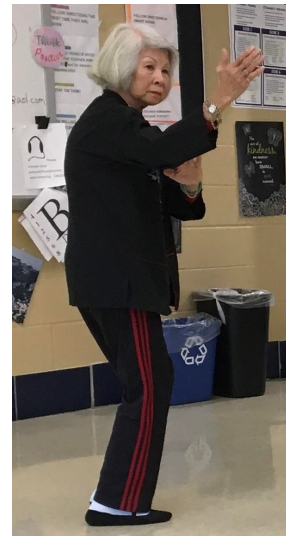
Lelap Le

One of the offerings at the Fall Conference was Tai Chi. The presenter, Lelap Le, taught the group a series of movements and stretches that are designed to help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. Participants practiced breathing techniques that complement the movements and help improve blood circulation and restore energy. These low impact exercises help the practitioners reduce stress and are said to help with a variety of health conditions.

The movements and exercises are ones that can easily be done at home. They are designed to accommodate people with a wide range of physical abilities. Many can be done sitting down.

Lelap was a pharmacist in Viet Nam, as well as at three hospitals in Connecticut. She has been teaching Tai Chi since 2000. She presently teaches senior citizens at the Farmington Senior Center.

**Karen Nagy, Alpha Chapter**





## Fall Conference

### WORKFORCE INITIATIVES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Ann Benowitz**

Workforce Initiatives for High School Students Workshop was presented at the CTSO Fall Conference by Ann Benowitz, Vice President of Economic Development and Workforce Initiative at the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. This project is a partnership with local manufacturing companies and school districts. This collaboration will provide interested students with information and opportunities to explore manufacturing. Other local opportunities can also be explored by students in areas of interest.

This partnership between local industry and school districts was formed by the Governor's Workforce Council for Connecticut and the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Ann, along with two other members are the lead for the manufacturing and health care groups. Ann shared with attendees that Connecticut is the center of manufacturing in the USA and that there are 100,000 manufacturing jobs open throughout the country.

The Talent Pipeline Management, a Supply Chain Approach for Building and Sourcing Talent, created by the lead group first identified critical issues identified by manufacturers, regulation, inflation, supply chain shortages and lack of employees. Strategies were created to address these issues. The need to determine the structure of the employer collaborative group and engage the group was paramount. A survey was designed to identify quality manufacturing positions, locations of the job openings and the timeframe for when these employees are needed. Competencies, credentials and other important hiring requirements were then determined. These hiring requirements were then to be shared with partners in a created shared language. The next strategy was to identify present and future sources of talent and target talent sources to use as natural supports /mentors for qualified candidates. Preferred providers were then identified. A TPM Value Stream Map was designed outlining the suppliers and the employers' roles and responsibilities in both the external talent pipeline (new hires) and internal talent pipeline (upskilling existing workers). Most roles shared in some capacity by both the school districts and employers, career awareness and guidance, career exploration, career preparation and pre-employment training, onboarding, career coaching, upskilling and retention.

Much interest was shown by the attendees and "many hands were raised with real questions". There was great discussion within the group regarding actual competency skills needed for jobs, not only hands-on but soft skills as well. There were concerns as to what courses in school meet these needs, the lack of high school math and science teachers to address these competencies. It was determined that there are overwhelming needs by so many of the key players that cannot be met by just this one group.

In summary, the goal of this collaborative is to identify the gap between student learning and manufacturing needs. The end result is to design programs to meet the needs of high school and post-secondary age students and workers in order for them to acquire the necessary skills to become gainfully employed and advance in manufacturing.

**Nancy Tingley, Zeta Chapter**





## IN MEMORIAM

### White Roses

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

#### **DelAnne Carey, Theta Chapter**

**Died: March 21, 2022**



DelAnne Carey was initiated into Theta Chapter on May 3, 1974. She was an active, engaged member of Theta Chapter. Annually, she hosted our Theta Orientation meeting through 2017. The Orientation to DKG and Theta Chapter was attended by Theta Executive Board members at her home in South Windham and provided a warm, informative welcome to new and prospective members. She prepared delicious refreshments and teas. Members and new members viewed 'Pride in the Big Picture' and learned about the organizational structure of DKG and the special projects, opportunities and benefits of membership at the Chapter, State and International levels.

DelAnne received a B.S. in Education and was on the Dean's List 1964 and 1965). In 1970, she received a M.A. in Reading from the Univ. of CT, as well as a 6<sup>th</sup> Year Reading Consultant Certificate in 1973. DelAnne also earned a Ph.D. from Sarasota University. She was recognized during her educational preparation with the E.C.S.C. Alumni Citation, Outstanding Young Women of America 1972-1973 University of Connecticut Chapter, Pi Lambda Theta, Elected 1973 (Outstanding Professional Women in Education).

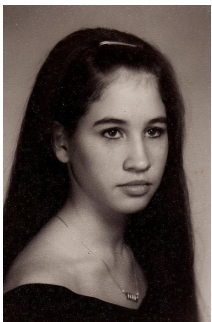
DelAnne taught elementary school in Vernon and Lebanon Public Schools. She served as a supervising teacher at the F.R. Noble, Eastern Connecticut State College laboratory school, while also working as a College Course Instructor and Reading Concentration at the Undergraduate level. Later, she was employed by Lebanon, CT, as a reading consultant for Grades 1-4.

Dr. Carey was a leader in teacher training throughout the early 1970's and was a member of the Innovative Curriculum Committee at Eastern CT State College. She served as the Director of "Early Prevention of School Failure" teams that trained many school systems in Connecticut.

DelAnn was an active leader in the Connecticut Education Association and served as Treasurer 1971-1973. She served as the AAUW Vice President from 1973-1974 and Publicity Chairman from 1971-1973. In addition, DelAnne was a member of a broad range of civic organizations in the Windham area, such as the Historical Society in 1971 and the Women's Guild in 1970-1973. She was also a member of the Women's Fire Auxiliary in 1973.

#### **Ronni Spiegel Zoback, Theta Chapter**

**Died: March 30, 2022**



Ronni became a member of Theta five years ago. She quickly volunteered her time and supported the chapter's causes.

She was the Outpatient Coordinator for Windham's Special Service Department for many years. She was known to bring back endless delicacies from delis and bakeries as she visited outplace students throughout the state. She was a shopper who never missed a chance to find a deal or a food delight. More importantly, she never missed a chance to support the students she supervised.

Ronni ended her teaching career at Barrows School as a speech pathologist and felt it was an opportunity to get back to her students on a daily basis.

Words from her son, Scott, and daughter, Emily, truly capture the essence of Ronni . . . .

*There will never be another Ronni Spiegel Zoback: A mom to all, she was quick with a snack or advice for anyone who stopped by the house; able to make friends at gas stations and toll booths and a passionate advocate for students who couldn't speak for themselves. She was the best. The sparkle in her eyes was the prism I*

*always want to see the world through. Her heart was beautiful, big and wide, insightful and incisive; equal parts deeply caring and tough as a stone wall. Despite being shattered after dad died, she continued to pour every ounce of love into others, until she had no more to give.....Scott*

*I'm not sure it's possible for a mother to be as close to her children as she was to us. She was the first person I'd go to for an opinion, advice or to share news with. It would take me pages and pages to write about our relationship, but for now I will just say that she was the best friend I will ever have. I miss her with every ounce of my being. I am sorry to all of you—that you won't have her around. She was also your compassionate, caretaking, selfless loved one who was also the glue that held many of your groups together. She was a bonus mom to our friends. She was an advocate for those who couldn't speak for themselves. She was everyone's sounding board, the voice of reason. Please take solace in the*



## IN MEMORIAM

### *White Roses*

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

### **Joan Fredenburg Cariglia, Theta Chapter Died: June 16, 2022**



Joan Cariglia was initiated into Theta Chapter on March 22, 1975, and resigned in 1978. Joan was then reinstated on January 15, 1986, and was a member until her passing. Joan was a vibrant, friendly, warm person who radiated confidence. Her values were humanitarian-she saw good in everyone and found injustice intolerable. She was involved in many of Theta's initiatives and was fair, generous and understanding of all in Theta Chapter.

Joan attended Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, MA, earning a BA in 1953. She then earned her MA in Education in 1972 from the University of Connecticut. Joan presented at workshops at the Connecticut Reading Council Conferences in 1970 and 1972 and at the Northeast Social Studies Conference in 1973. Joan was vice president of the Mansfield Education Association from 1973-1974. She was honored in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Joan was known as an innovator in the open classroom and individualized instruction. She was a gifted educator who possessed the confidence and demeanor to bring the best out of each child fortunate to have her as a teacher.

Joan held several teaching positions prior to her career in Storrs, Connecticut. She was a fifth-grade teacher in Springfield MA from 1954-55. Then moved on to Tiverton, MA, and taught 7th and 8th grade from 1959-60, followed by fifth grade from 1962-64 in West Acton, MA. In 1966, Joan began teaching in Mansfield, CT. She retired from Mansfield in 1987.

In the community, Joan was the Youth Co-Chairperson at Willimantic Country Club. She organized junior golf tournaments. She was an amazing artist throughout her life. Joan gifted her beautiful art work to her friends.

### **Gloria Matthews, Rho Chapter July 6, 2022**

Gloria was initiated into Rho Chapter on October 26, 1982. She was an active member of DKG and served as chapter treasurer and state treasurer. She also served as membership chair for Rho. Gloria hosted teas for new chapter members at her home in Tolland.

Gloria attended Keene State Teachers College and the University of Hartford. She taught for the Tolland Public Schools. She was an elementary classroom teacher and a reading teacher. She retired in 1992 as a reading coordinator. She was well regarded by her colleagues in Tolland.

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, Gloria was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa (Gamma Chapter.) Gloria also volunteered for the Tolland Historical Society. She was a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of Connecticut. Gloria's faith was very important to her, she was a founding member of the Rockville-Tolland Seventh Day Adventist Church in Tolland. She served many roles in the church including head deaconess, treasurer and clerk.

Gloria had a quiet strength and a gentle nature. She will be missed by many, including her husband,



## IN MEMORIAM



### White Roses

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

**Nancy Zorena, Beta Chapter**  
**Died: August 27, 2022**



Nancy Zorena was inducted into Beta Chapter on November 1, 1981 and served as chapter president from 1995-1997. A 40-year member, she left us on August 27, 2022 at the age of 76.

Nancy earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and teaching at Southern Connecticut State University and later went on to earn a master's degree from Sacred Heart University. She and her husband, Brian, moved to Monroe from Hamden in 1974, and lived in a historical house built in 1790 on Monroe Turnpike.

She was an elementary school teacher who devoted her time and talents to the first, third and fifth grade students in Monroe for 26 years in several schools, retiring in 2003. During that time, she was honored as a Teacher of the Year. After retirement, she served as a head teacher for the Before and After Care Programs at the Lakewood Trumbull YMCA, as well as a Fitness Substitute there.

Nancy was a longtime president of the Monroe Historical Society (she served from 1986 to 1990, and again from 2004 to 2011); and she was recognized for her many contributions to the community by being named Monroe's Outstanding Citizen in 2016. She loved to dress in colonial costume and conduct tours of several historic sites in town. In the Historical Society's Hands-On-History program, which she founded, she scheduled activities to teach children about colonial times: shearing sheep and spinning wool, dying yarn from pigments in flowers and onion skin, candle making, baking Snickerdoodles and Apple Jacks, punching tin can lanterns and more. She mentored several young men embarking on their Eagle Scout projects, as well as a few Girl Scouts working on achieving their Gold Awards.

She leaves behind her husband, Brian, her daughter Katie, and sister Rose Buckens. Nancy is missed by her Beta sisters.

An article about Nancy may be accessed at: <https://themonroesun.com/nancy-zorena-she-epitomized-everything-that-is-good-about-monroe/> and on the following page.



## Building the Next DKG Slate of Nominees Begins With YOU

Your invitation to DKG membership highlighted your leadership. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so?

Applications will be accepted by the International Nominating Committee (INC) in summer 2023. The time to plan and recruit is now! You, as a DKG member, may self-nominate or nominate another DKG member. Leadership in our organization is key to our future, so please give careful consideration to this important task.

All qualifications and recommendations for applicants for each position are listed in the International Standing Rules (ISR) 8.82.f. These are the **only** qualifications considered when the INC evaluates the applications.

Please ignore commonly assumed rumors. Applicants need not have. . .

- ◆ Earned a doctorate
- ◆ Attended Leadership Management Seminar (Ignite)
- ◆ Participated in a prescribed number of international conferences/conventions
- ◆ Held a certain number of specific state positions
- ◆ Been a member for a minimum number of years

The duties and responsibilities of the elected INC members are outlined in the Constitution Article VIII Section B.8.b. INC members MAY NOT...

- ◆ Recruit applicants
- ◆ Assist applicants in any way with the application process
- ◆ Discuss any application with anyone other than another INC member
- ◆ Support or advocate for any nominee in any way

Act now! Evaluate your interests and skills with the qualifications listed in SR 8.82.f noted above.

Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2023.

**Joanne Gregory, West Virginia State Organization President 2021–2023**  
**DKG International Nominating Committee 2022-2026**





# Fall Conference

## 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.

The following grants were announced at the 2022 Fall Conference by **CTSO Chair of Professional Affairs Susan Carpenter**.

### University Grants and Recipients

**\$500 Vera Butler Recruitment Grant to Bitzania Iriarte**  
Central Connecticut State University  
Physical Education Major

**\$500 Flora Lister Recruitment Grant to Benjamin Meleschnig**  
Western Connecticut State University  
Secondary Education English Major

**\$500 Mary Mahoney Recruitment Grant to Jasmine Jara**  
University of Connecticut  
Elementary Education Major

**\$500 Ida Seidel Recruitment Grant to Faith Parker**  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Secondary Education English Major

**\$500 Helen Moroney Recruitment Grant to Autumn Dempsey**  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Collaborative Program Elementary Education and Special Ed

**\$500 Rita A. Lange Recruitment Grant to Irma Cirikovic**  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Elementary Education Major

### High School Grants

**\$750 Adelina "Lee" P. Formica Grant to Rhianna O'Mera, South Windsor High School**  
University of Connecticut

**\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant to Marielis Rodriguez, Manchester High School**  
University of Connecticut

**\$750 Margaret Rose Nielsen Recruitment Grant to Emily Tarbox, Plainfield High School**  
Eastern Connecticut State University

**\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant to Abigail Levine, Edwin O. Smith High School in Storrs**  
University of Connecticut

(l. to r.)  
**Marielis Rodriguez,**  
**Hannah Griswold**  
**Grant recipient, and**  
**Susan Carpenter,**  
**CTSO Professional**  
**Affairs Chair**



(l. to r.)  
**Autumn Dempsey,**  
**Helen Moroney**  
**Recruitment Grant, and**  
**Susan Carpenter, CTSO**  
**Professional Affairs**  
**Chair**



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## ALPHA

In early October, Alpha met with the children's author/illustrator Joseph Belisle. Because the meeting was held in one of the town libraries, the program was open to the public. About 15 members, three visitors and five children attended. Joe discussed his writing process and the very unique illustrations in *What if Wilhelmina*. He worked with the children on their own illustrations.

Members visited the Greenwich Historical Society in November to view the paintings of John Henry Twachtman, a late nineteenth century impressionist painter. He lived in Greenwich from 1890-1899 and was part of the Hudson River School of painters based in what is now the Historical Society. Those in attendance were able to view a variety of paintings that are on loan from private collectors as well as museums.

Alpha Chapter members were also able to visit the newly restored town archives. The curator conducted a tour of the facility and showed many of the documents and artifacts stored in the Historical Society.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Alpha Chapter held what many members consider the highlight of its meetings for the year. Members meet with **Diane Garrett**, an honorary member of Alpha Chapter, and choose books for the 'Angel Tree', browse, and hear about Diane's 'delicious' books. The Angel Tree allows members, and the community, to purchase books for children that are distributed to the schools for students in need. Alpha keeps track of the books she recommends and sends them out to members who are unable to attend.

## BETA

It has been a busy time for Beta Chapter with meetings on Zoom, during which members have shared news, socialized and finalized projects for the 2022-2023 school year. The first meeting was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. During the business portion of that meeting, members voted to support Blackham School in Bridgeport for this academic year. After the meeting, **Allison Fay** conducted an in-depth demonstration for navigating the DKG website for members who wish to submit entries to the *Collegial Exchange* or Fine Arts Gallery.

At the November 18<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting, **Dr. Linda Paslov** presented her slide show titled, *Girls' Interest and Achievement in Math: Action Research and Possible Solutions. Data shows that more effort must be made to encourage* (and keep) young girls interested in science and technology.

**Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** announced that her photograph *Golden Glory* was accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

**Dr. Linda Paslov** reported that her poem *The First Day of School* was accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

**Dr. Jess Gregory** shared that her multinational collaboration has resulted in a published article in the journal *Trends in Psychology*. It is titled, "Teachers' Attitudes Towards Inclusive Education: A Cross-National

Exploration." She also painted a buoy for the Milford Arts Council Buoy tree event. The tree is on display at Lisman Landing in Milford.

Beta Chapter was responsible for registration for the CTSO 83rd annual Fall Conference. The CTSO Spring Convention will take place May 6, 2023.

**Dr. LeTanya Lawrence** was recently honored at the Fall NERA (Northeastern Educational Research Association) Conference in Trumbull. The Graduate Student Issues Committee awarded her research "Understanding Induction and K-12 Black Women Educators" Best Student Paper 2021.



**Dr. LeTanya Lawrence giving her acceptance speech as a commitment to equity and short presentation of her research at the award ceremony at the NERA Presidential address dinner.**



**Buoy painted by Dr. Jess Gregory for the Milford Arts Council tree event.**

## DELTA

Members of Delta Chapter gathered on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fairview Farm in Harwinton for their annual Holiday Meeting. During the business meeting, a discussion was held regarding CTSO's revitalization plan. Members shared their ideas as to how Delta could attract more members, as well as programs and projects which might continue their community service involvement. Prayers were offered for **Gloria Brown**, who suffered a brain event on November 1<sup>st</sup> and is making slow, but steady progress; as well as for long-time member **Mildred Reed**.



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**Delta Chapter members at 2022 Holiday meeting**

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter held two memorable and exciting events this past October and November. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, the annual dinner and induction ceremony was held at Biagettis Restaurant in West Haven. Two new members were inducted and welcomed into DKG and Zeta Chapter: **Lisa Omark**, now retired, taught in New Haven many years and later became a math coach, and **Paula Ranciato**, a Social Studies teacher at North Haven High. Unable to attend the event was a new transfer member, **Toni Bercha**, who moved from Colorado and was inducted in Tennessee. Zeta members look forward to welcoming her in the near future. A delicious meal and business meeting followed the always impressive and moving induction ceremony, which was made more special being a live, in-person event.

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, members finally got to attend another long awaited in-person annual holiday brunch and auction fundraiser, which is usually the highlight and concluding event of the fall season!

Over 50 members and their guests gathered at a holiday decorated Lorenzo's Restaurant in West Haven. Jovial and congenial greetings and a viewing of all the many items donated for sale were followed by an abundant delicious brunch that was enjoyed by all. Member **Nancy Tingley**, designer of table decorations and event chairperson, also took on her first-time role as auctioneer. She enthusiastically kicked off the bidding and attendees followed with added enthusiasm until every last item had been sold. Proceeds from this highly successful event allowed 40% to go to Zeta's annual Worthy Project, 25% each to the two Zeta grants and the final 10% going into the chapter's general fund. The Worthy Project charity fund selected by vote of members

this year was *Mary and Joseph's Place* in North Haven, where donations of clothing, diapers, strollers etc., along with a wide variety of services, support expecting mothers in need. Zeta's two grants are the Marguerite McKay Memorial Grant and the Zeta Memorial Grant. There was also a drawing benefitting World Fellowship for a handmade quilt made by member **Lenore Martinelli**. Following another annual tradition, a collection was taken for the CT Food Share organization. Thanks to those members and friends who could not join us, for their generous donations.

Zeta was pleased to have **CTSO President Ann Grosjean** join us for this popular and financially rewarding event.

Zeta wishes all CTSO chapters and members a happy and successful 2023 year. May you be successful in gaining new members, reinstating some former ones and enjoying each other's company as you conduct your meetings throughout the year.



**Zeta Chapter induction: (l to r) Zeta V.P. Nancy Tingley, inductee Paula Ranciato, Zeta President Evelyn Barese, inductee Lisa Omark and Immediate Past President Lynn Pastore**



**Zeta member Rosina Hurley with one of the several hand-knit items she made for the auction**



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## THETA

Theta Chapter met on September 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the chapter's Annual Fall Fest at **Jane Moynihan's** home. There members were treated to refreshments, including apple cider, apple cider donuts and other snacks. Theta's newest member, **Kim King**, was introduced. Members donated Books for Siblings and items for Journey House at the event.

At the Fall Fest, a presentation was given by Theta member, **Carole Norrish**, a retired home economics teacher, on "Days for Girls". Started in 2008, "Days for Girls" is an international non-profit organization that prepares and distributes menstrual health kits for girls who do not have access to disposable sanitary napkins/tampons and would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Theta members were invited to visit Carole's workshop where kits are produced with the help of local volunteers and assembled following very specific instructions. At the conclusion, several Theta members volunteered to contribute their time and talents by assisting in cutting material, sewing the components and assembling the kits.

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Theta Sisters prepared twenty casseroles, donated pantry items and prepared home-baked desserts for Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, members volunteered to prepare food, serve and clean up at the conclusion of the lunch.

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, **Sharon Bartlett** and **Carole Norrish**, along with other volunteers, gathered at Journey House to make tortillas and quesadillas along with several kinds of salsa for lunch. After lunch, the girls received Fall Fling items that were donated by Theta members. Holiday boxes were distributed to the girls at Christmas.



**Curriculum of Hope Committee: (l. to r.) Linda Shea, Sue Moon, Jackie Abbott and Lisa Young.**



**Carol Kraus and Ann Chuk**



**CTSO President Ann Grosjean and Curriculum of Hope Committee Founder Jeanne Morascini**

## IOTA

Iota Chapter is pleased to welcome transfer member, member, **Joanne Maples**, who has moved to Danbury from Georgia. She has held many positions in her former chapter and is already an enthusiastic participant in Iota's activities. Welcome, Joanne!

The chapter's fall meeting was held at Hopkins Inn overlooking Lake Waramaug in Warren, and guests, **DKG CTSO President Ann Grosjean** and **First Vice-President Lenore Martinelli** were welcomed. They brought us greetings from State, as well as gifts and books for our service project.

As part of one of Iota's service projects, **Co-President Sandra Gammons** and her husband, Jeff, drove to Whitesburg, Kentucky to deliver over three hundred gently used children's books. They will be distributed by Whitesburg's school board to area school libraries that were damaged by heavy rains and flooding in July. Administrators were most appreciative, and Iota's members hope to send more books in the future.

In December, Iota members enjoyed a Victorian Tea held at the home of retired Brookfield teacher, **Peggy King**. As Peggy is learned and passionate about all things Victorian, she displayed Christmas decorations in her "parlor" and shared historical information. Iota members brought various sandwiches and breads made from recipes found in a Victorian Tea book. Chapter members were delighted to be able to meet together once again in person.



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Iota Co-President Sandy Gammons, Jeff Gammons and receptionist at Whitesburg, KY, Board of Education with boxes of book donations



Lambda Chapter's new member, Pat Doerr, portraying Frida Kahlo famous for her unique personality and multifaceted life, as well as her suffering from severe, chronic illness.

## LAMBDA

The first general meeting of Lambda Chapter was held at the home of **President Mary Ellen Ulatowski**. **Pat Doerr** was inducted as a new member. A native of Wallingford, Pat taught Spanish at Laurelton Hall prior to her retirement. Following the business meeting, members were treated to a presentation by mystery guest, Frida Kahlo, portrayed by Pat Doerr. Attired in customary Mexican dress, Frida told of her tragic life and her work as a renown artist. She shared books with beautiful photos of some of her famous works.

The second general meeting of Lambda Chapter was held at the home of **Vice President Joan Roczynski**. Kimberly Moliterno, owner of KAP Design, was the featured speaker. Kimberly discussed her business which includes Graphic Design, Custom Cakes & Treats, and Custom Art, Jewelry and Gifts. She surprised members with beautiful handmade cookies decorated with DKG and the red rose.

**Susan Daniels** donated several hand knitted items which were raffled off to benefit Lambda's high school grant fund. In addition, members contributed to "School the World," an initiative founded by CEO Kate Curran, a graduate of Laurelton Hall. Pat Doerr was an integral part of planning the first high school project and chaperoned three trips to underprivileged countries.

**Jackie Abbott**, Theta Chapter, delivered three books donated by the Curriculum of Hope to Wallingford. A third grade teacher from Pond Hill Elementary School graciously accepted the following gifts: *Our Planet!* *There's No Place Like It* by Stacey McNulty, *Why Are The Ice Caps Melting?* by Anne Rockwell and *Climate Action: What Happened and What Can We Do About It?* by Seymour Simon. Education about climate change and the environment will be greatly enhanced by donation of these books.



Lambda's guest speaker, Kimberly Moliterno, with her handmade DKG cookie.

## MU

Mu Chapter had a wonderful turnout for its first Meet and Greet on a crisp cool October evening. After sharing finger foods, punch and lots of fellowship, a new board and a new member were welcomed. **Patty Faulkner** led the Installation of new officers as **President Ann Atwood**, **Vice President Laurie Burrill**, **Treasurer Ann Newbury**, **Recording Secretary Lillie Feierabend** and **Corresponding Secretary Shelley Lloyd** assumed their responsibilities. Patty also led the Induction of new member, **Dru McNeil**. Mu is delighted to welcome Dru to our fellowship.

Mu sisters met on December 7<sup>th</sup> for their annual Holiday Get Together. This year, in addition to wonderful goodies, members got creative and made holiday gnomes under the artful eye of member **Nora Hillman**.



# CTSO Revitalization Workshop with Carolyn Pittman, DKG International Past President

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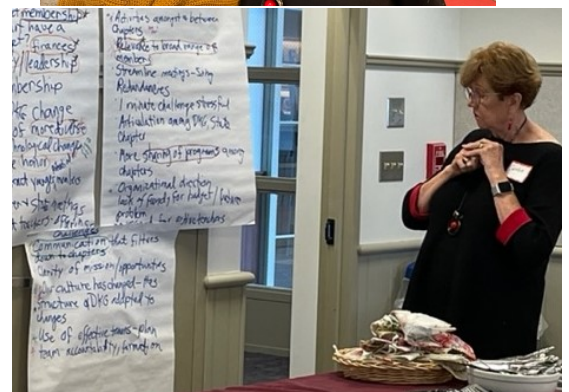
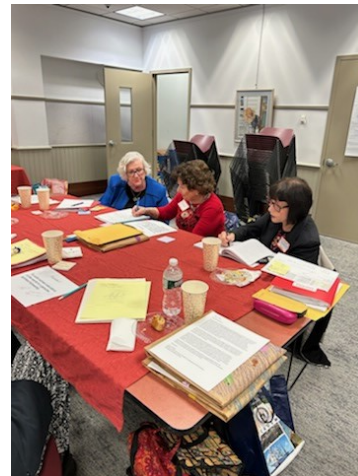
Mu wishes all its sisters a healthy, happy and joyous New Year.



**Mu Chapter: Treasurer Ann Newbury, President Ann Atwood, Recording Secretary Lillie Feierabend, CTSO Liaison Patty Faulkner, Vice President Laurie Burrill, Corresponding Secretary Shelley Lloyd and Inductee Dru McNeil**

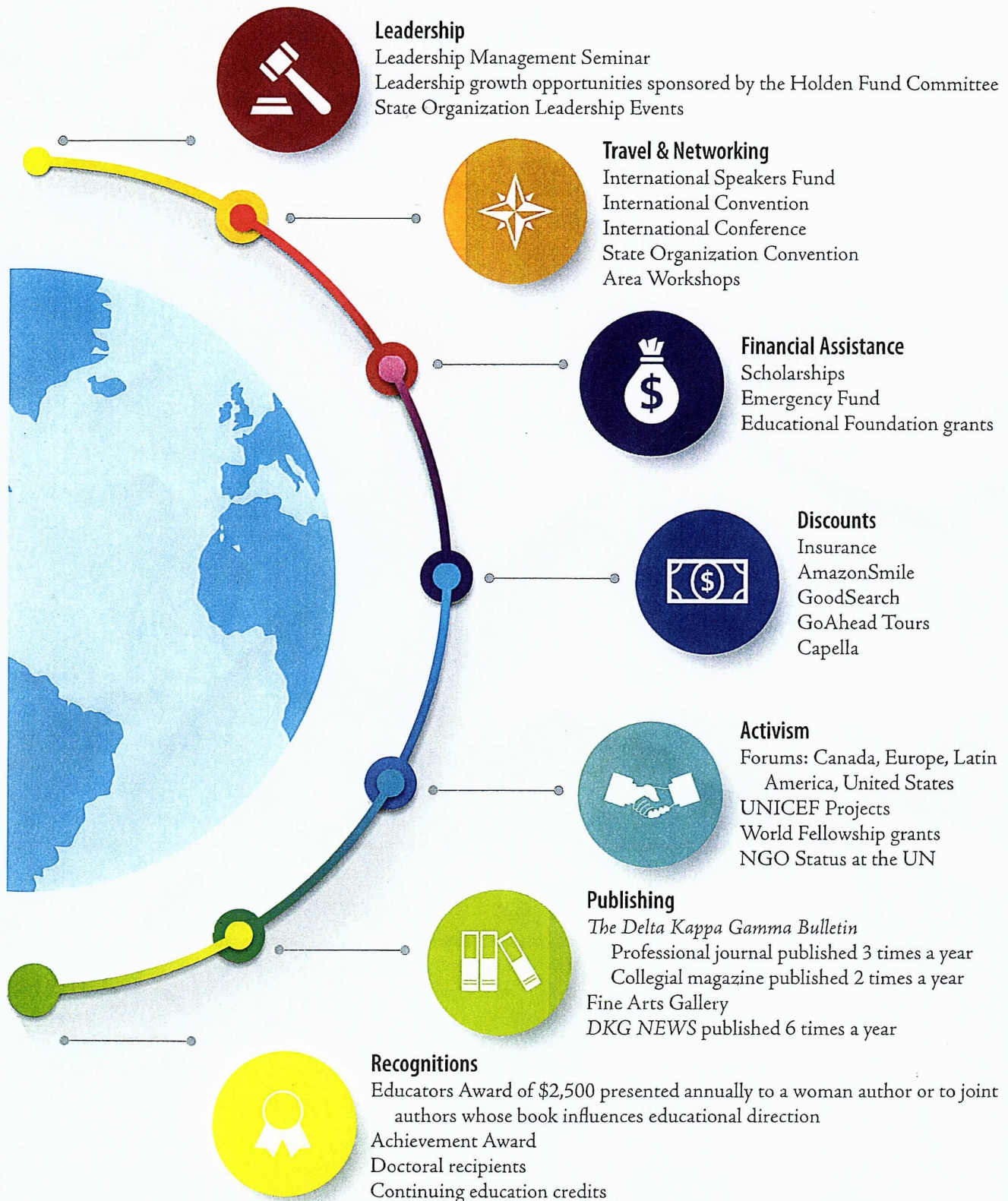
### RHO

Rho Chapter held two meetings during the fall of 2022. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, members enjoyed a pot luck dinner and final note card packaging program in the Friends Room of the South Windsor Public Library. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, a meeting was held in the Activities Room of The Ivy in Ellington. Ivy resident and **Rho member Irene Raiche** arranged for this meeting space. Funds were raised for Rho's treasury with the annual teacup raffle with items provided by **Rho member Sue Nadeau**. Thank you Sue. The evening craft project was making paper-covered poppers with small toy items inside for children three years and older. These poppers were sold as a grab bag along with the handmade note cards on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Somers Congregational UCC Christmas Bazaar. Funds earned from this sale will be used for summer camperships for children from towns in the Rho area.





# Opportunities through DKG



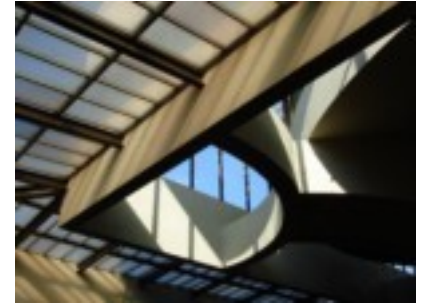


## CONNECTICUT STATE ORGANIZATION ACHIEVERS

### DKG Arts & Humanities Gallery

The DKG Arts & Humanities Gallery will be open for submissions to the Spring Gallery from January 15 to February 15, 2023. Many of our state members have been honored to have their entries accepted to this online gallery. Be sure to read the submission procedures, and good luck! Also, please visit the DKG Arts Gallery Blog at [http:// dkgsi.blogspot.com](http://dkgsi.blogspot.com) to read various Artists' Spotlights.

Linda S. Paslov, Ed.D., Beta Chapter  
CTSO Fine Arts Chair



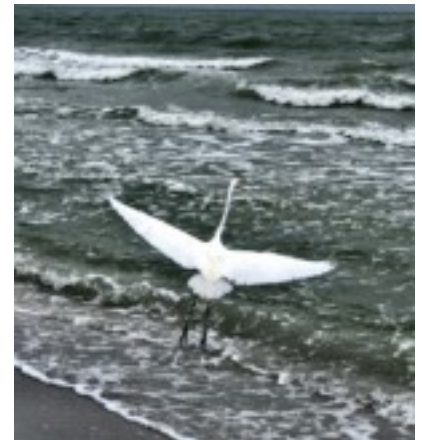
*Shapes and Shadows*  
Theresa Azoti

### Congratulations to Connecticut Members!

The 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), **Dr. Linda Paslov** (Beta), **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** (Beta), **Linda Tracy** (Theta)

**Terry Azoti** had one color and one black & white photograph accepted; **Judy Baxter** had one color photo accepted; **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** had one color photo accepted; **Linda Tracy** had two pastel paintings accepted; and **Linda Paslov** had a poem accepted.

Congratulations also to **Susan Salesses**, a former CTSO member and now a member in Florida, who had two color photos accepted.



*Spread Your Wings*  
Judy Baxter



*Slowly Fading*  
Theresa Azoti



*Golden Glory*  
Sandra Petrucelli Carbone





***Myrtle Beach Memory***  
**Linda Tracy**



***Peeking Through***  
**Linda Tracy**

### **The First Day of School**

Your body's full of jitters as you think about this day.  
Your heart does patter-pitters and your body starts to sway.  
Your colleagues say, "Just chill out!" since the trembling isn't cool.  
But you just cannot help it: it's the big first day of school!

You ooze anticipation as you've planned for this for days.  
You practiced on vacation so you'd know just what to say.  
You know that first impressions are the ones that tend to rule,  
So calm your scared expressions on this great first day of school.

It matters not, yes truly, if you teach Pre-K or grads;  
Your "kids" might be unruly—or could even be granddads!  
The vibes are universal, whether pupils drive or drool:  
This isn't a rehearsal: it's the grand first day of school!

The hours become seconds, and the time is here at last;  
The clock or bell does beckon and the moments dwindle fast.  
You meet your waiting students and they're charmers—truly jewels!  
They seem to practice prudence on their best first day of school.

Your worries were unfounded—well, at least for now, that is.  
As always, you're astounded by the unknowns in this biz.  
Your energy's expended, as you seek some tasty fuel.  
But yet you feel just splendid on this fine first day of school!

**Linda S. Paslov, Ed.D., Beta Chapter**



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### DKG Dates to Remember

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

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

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

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



### Connecticut State Organization Dates to Remember

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**February 11, 2023**  
9:00 a.m.

CTSO Executive Board Meeting – Zoom

**May 6, 2023**

CTSO Spring Convention - Cascade, Hamden

**June 3, 2023**

CTSO Executive Board Meeting – TBD