

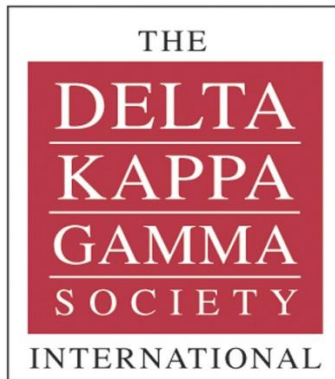
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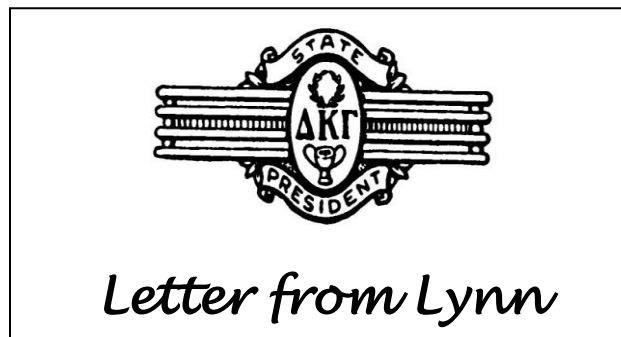
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CONVENTION:
MAY 1-3,
PLYMOUTH
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION:
JULY 7-11,
PHILADELPHIA

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone had a fabulous fall, a magical holiday season and a peaceful start to the new year. I can't believe it's 2020 already, the days just keep flying by so quickly! The first week of December was a busy one as I attended four DKG holiday meetings that week! My first event was the Alpha Lambda Holiday dinner meeting. We had a delicious meal and then had many laughs as they raised money for their scholarship fund selling donated items at their amazing live auction. A few days later I had a fabulous time on the North Shore with members from Alpha Eta and Epsilon chapters. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at Sea Glass restaurant in Salisbury and then we explored the Festival of Trees. There were some very creatively decorated trees. The next evening, I traveled to Ludlow where I dined with the sisters of Alpha Chapter. I was amazed to see the table filled with gifts they donated to the Boys and Girls Club. My last event was at my own chapter's holiday luncheon. I had a wonderful afternoon catching up with my DKG sisters, meeting our Grant-in-Aid recipient, and raising money at our Boutique for next year's grant. I'm looking forward to getting to some of the other chapters this Spring!

At our Executive Board Meeting on February 1st we voted on amendments to our State By-Laws. They are published in this issue for your review and then they will be presented and voted at our General Membership Annual meeting on May 2nd. So please review them and come to the meeting to vote on them. Also, after some research that was presented at the meeting by Christine Bonci and Carol LaPolice, we voted to add the option to use PayPal for our meeting registrations. In addition, I announced that Dorothea Maynard, our Executive Secretary, has decided not to do another

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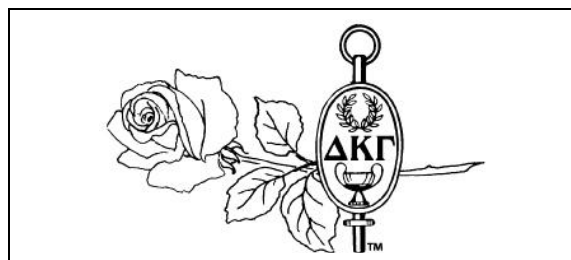
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Epsilon	Irene Frangos Falite

Lynn's Letter Continued~

term, so we are looking for a new Executive Secretary. If you are interested, please email me a letter of interest and resume by March 31st.

Claire LaBonte has been working hard on the plans for our Spring State Convention that will be held May 1-3 at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth. Our International Guest is Jane Tanner, 2019-2021 Northeast Regional Director. More information about the Convention can be found in this issue of the Baystater and on our website online at <https://alupsma.weebly.com/> The registration form will be sent out soon.

Get Inspired-Make Invaluable Connections-Explore Philadelphia at the DKG International Convention **July 7-11th in Philadelphia.** The Hotel and Event Registration are now open. For more information about the schedule and to register for the Convention go to the DKG website <https://www.dkg.org/> The Convention will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown at 1201 Market Street. Book your room by June 15th to receive the group rate. Register for the Convention by March 6th to receive the discounted Early Bird pricing. Keynote Speakers are Jane Golden, American artist and Director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, and Olympia LePoint, Award-winning Rocket Scientist, Science Entertainer and Educator.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that the theme of my biennium is Honoring the Achievement of Women, so I hope you're reaching out to women that you know who should be honored by asking them to join DKG. Dues for International are ½ price if they are inducted between January 1st-March 31st. Then after they are inducted make sure you welcome them and bring them along with you to our meetings!

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of our upcoming events. Please feel free to contact me at lynnphoward@gmail.com or 781-901-9120 if you have any questions or ideas. I love to hear from you!

Best wishes,

Lynn

WANTED: 2020-2025 ALPHA UPSILON STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DUTIES:

The primary duty of the Executive Secretary is to assist the State President and the State Executive Board in implementing the policies of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She is a member of the International Executive Board and is expected to attend not only all State and Regional Meetings but all International Conventions as well.

Assisted by the State President, she chooses the location of State Fall Workshops, Winter Board Meetings, State Spring Conventions and any State Planning Meetings needed. She accepts reservations for registrations, meals and other activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Leadership experience at the chapter and state level and demonstrated leadership/management skills.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Member in good standing in the state
- Served as chapter president/officer and is active on the state level
- Attends state, regional, and international meetings
- Possesses management/administrative skills

TERM OF OFFICE:

- Five years (July 1, 2020-June 20, 2025).
- State President recommends the appointment and the State Executive Board must approve the selection.
(As of 2009, the Honorarium is \$1700 annually)

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to the State President, Lynn Howard (lynnphoward4@gmail.com) by March 31, 2020.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER - Carol LaPolice

DUES NEWS

It's almost dues collection time again! Please help out your chapter treasurer by submitting your dues to her beginning April 1st and to her by the deadline in May. It is difficult to collect dues when people are leaving for vacations. Treasurers also close out the books for the year, file tax information, and write reports so the earlier you get them to her, the smoother the process will be. Please support your chapter treasurer!!

REMINDER TO CHAPTER TREASURERS: Necrology Form #6 needs to be sent to International (mem@dkg.org), the State Treasurer and state necrology chair (Natalie Januskiewicz) as soon as possible after the member passes.

MA STATE WEBSITE - Christine Bonci

All members are urged to email Christine Bonci at bonci228@comcast.net to receive a unique code to set up a log in for the "members only section" of our state website.

Also, COMING SOON - PayPal option for State meeting registrations!! More information to follow!

U.S. FORUM - CAROL LaPOLICE

The U S Forum team is getting ready to attend the National Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC, March 15-18. Appointments have been set up in our legislative offices and we are excited to go. The team includes Diana Grady, Gwen Miller, Linda Stewart and me. We will learn from great speakers on the five issues we will bring to our Congressional offices on the hill. We will be presenting a workshop on activities to promote education, women, and children at the May conference in Plymouth.

Angela Badenbaugh has retired from her position as the US Forum Newsletter Editor. There will no longer be a listserv mailing. You may access the newsletter on the US Forum Facebook page, the US Forum website www.usforumdkg.org, or on our DKG website www.dkg.org by clicking the related events tab. If you have any questions just send me an email at carol.lapolicy@comcast.net. Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, our Regional US Form Representative is the interim editor. Don't forget to plan to go to the US Forum in Philadelphia on Friday, July 10th! We will be holding elections for the Steering Committee that day.

DAY ON THE HILL

Our state chapter is reviving a traditional annual visit to Beacon Hill for informative sessions with legislators.

On May 13th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, we will participate in the Advocacy Day in the Great Hall of the State House. The day is sponsored by the MA Commission on the Status of Women. We will meet with members of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. Insights into current legislation concerning women's issues and education will be discussed. We are grateful to Nina Kimball of the MA Commission, Nicole Stephens of the MA Caucus of Women's Legislators, and Attleboro area Representative Jim Hawkins for continuing assistance with our up-coming Day on the Hill. Further details concerning upcoming legislation, transportation, and lunch will be sent to all MA state DKG members.

In the meantime, **please contact me if you are interested in attending.** Having an approximate number will help with planning. Annette Shaw, Legislative Chair 508-339-8262 seventymill@yahoo.com



**MA State DKG Spring Convention
May 1-3, 2020
Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor**

Friday (May 1)

5:00-8 Registration> Dinner on your own
Mini Mart (5:00-7:00)
7:00-8 Crudités/Jeopardy Game / Meet and Greet International Guest (Jane Tanner)
8-9:30 Author Steven Manchester
9:30-10:00 New and Returning Presidents meet

Saturday (May 2)

7:30-11:00 Registration
7:30 Breakfast
8:00-9:30 Executive Board Meeting
9:30-9:40 Break
9:40 -10:15 Annual Meeting/Convocation (All Attend)
Voting on By Law and Standing Rule changes
10:15-11:00 International Guest: Jane Tanner, NE Regional Director (All Attend)
11:00-11:15 Break
11:15-12:00 US Forum: Carol LaPolice
Literacy Workshop: Diana Grady
Let Writing Lead the Way: A salon to write and share writing
12:00 Lunch (on your own)
12:00-1:30 Chapter Presidents Luncheon/Training (Part I) Boxed Lunch provided
1:45-3:45 Chapter Presidents Meeting (Part 2) for Incoming (New) Presidents
2:00 Walking Tour of Plymouth: TURN RIGHT AT THE ROCK!
5:30-6:30 Rejuvenation/Kentucky Derby Events
6:45-10:00 **Red Rose Banquet**
➤ Parade of Presidents immediately following Kentucky Derby Race

Banquet Agenda:

- Friend of Education Awards
Steve Meinel--*Savers of Fall River*
Jacalyn Stuart Bennett--Bennett and Company
- Sara E. Chase Award Recipient
- Key Note Speaker: Jane Tanner
- Drawing of Kentucky Derby Winner
- Parade of Hats

Sunday (May 3)

8:00 Breakfast (ticketed)
8:30-9:15 Incoming & Returning Chapter Presidents meet with Committee Chairs and Officers
Planning for Area Meetings (Contact Paula)
9:15 Necrology Practice
9:45-10:45 Necrology Ceremony

2020 Spring Convention May 1-3, 2020

Book your rooms NOW at \$169.00

The registration form for our Spring Conference will NOT be in this issue of the Baystater. Hotel 1620, Plymouth Harbor, has decided to update the menu selections they have offered (partly due to the answers given in our survey!). The banquet manager told me it would be the end of February or very early March when the new menu is ready. At that time, I will prepare the registration form when we know prices, and send it to the Executive Board. At that time, I will send it to chapter presidents asking them to forward it to her chapter members.

~~~BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM~~~

~~HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UPCOMING CONVENTION~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE BY-LAWS

The following amendments to our state by-laws are listed for consideration and will be voted on at **ANNUAL MEETING from 9:45 to 10:15 Saturday, May 2, 2020.**

I

The MA State Organization By-Laws and Standing Rules shall be amended automatically by the State By-Laws Committee or other designated body to comply with changes made to the DKG International Constitution and International Standing Rules.

II

Under Article VI Section C. Composition and Duties of Committees, Section 3 Educational Services: US forum, amend Representative appointed by President to read: One or more representatives appointed by president.

III

Under Article III Membership:

Amendment will read the membership of MA State Organization shall be composed of active, reserve, collegiate and honorary members.

IV

Under Article IV Finance

Amended

International, Chapter and State Organization will determine dues for the collegiate members. State Organization dues for collegiate members, if any, shall be determined at the Spring Convention.

V

Under Article IV Finance Section A 3. Add the following: If a member joins between January 1st – March 31st in any given year, the dues shall be prorated by ½ (50%).

VI

Under Article VIII Section A 2 Committees: The Committees should be listed according to current practice. Personal Growth, Professional Affairs, Research and Music shall be included under the Educational Excellence Committee

VII

Article I Section A Name

The name of the state organization shall be changed from Alpha Upsilon Massachusetts, of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Inc. to MA State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Inc.

8:00-9:30 Friday: MEET THE AUTHOR: STEVEN MANCHESTER

Bread, Bags, and Bullies: Surviving the 80s is the latest book by author Steven Manchester. On Friday evening, May 1, 2020, Steven will be presenting a talk at the Spring Convention in Plymouth.

Steven Manchester is the author of the #1 bestsellers *Twelve Months*, *The Rockin' Chair*, *Pressed Pennies* and *Gooseberry Island*; the national bestsellers, *Ashes*, *The Changing Season* and *Three Shoeboxes*; the multi-award winning novel, *Goodnight Brian*; and the beloved holiday podcast drama, *The Thursday Night Club*. His work has appeared on NBC's Today Show, CBS's The Early Show, CNN's American Morning and BET's Nightly News. Three of Steven's short stories were selected "101 Best" for *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series. He is a multi-produced playwright, as well as the winner of the 2017 Los Angeles Book Festival and the 2018 New York Book Festival. When not spending time with his beautiful wife, Paula, or their four children, this Massachusetts author is promoting his works or writing. Visit: www.StevenManchester.com

Steven has presented also for Alpha Theta at their annual March Literacy Meeting in 2019. His stories about how he became a writer and what provides his inspiration enthralled the AT members and guests.

Kudos for Steven Manchester from Alpha Theta:

"Steve is a very down to earth writer with a warm and pleasing persona. His book "The Rocking Chair" lets the reader into the McCarthy family and its three generations who go through many warm memories and also hard times. A very hard book to put down." Kaaren Harrington

"Author Steven Manchester enhanced Alpha Theta's March meeting with his inspiring presentation of an author's life and the themes of family, love, home towns, and PTSD. His delightful descriptions of his books including three bestsellers, kept our members engaged. The only disappointment was he ran out of copies of his books when we all wanted to purchase multiples!" Dorothea Maynard, President Alpha Theta

About *Bread, Bags, and Bullies: Surviving the 80s*: It's the winter of 1984. Twelve-year old Herbie and his two brothers—Wally and Cockroach—are enjoying the mayhem of winter break when a late Nor'easter blows through New England, trapping their quirky family in the house. The power goes out and playing Space Invaders to AC DC's Back in Black album is suddenly silenced—forcing them to use their twisted imaginations in beating back the boredom. At a time when the brothers must overcome one fear after the next, they learn that courage is the one character trait that guarantees all others. This hysterical coming-of-age tale is jam-packed with enough nostalgia to satisfy anyone who grew up in the '80s or at least had the good fortune to travel through them.

His books can be found on Amazon. They will also be available for sale and autographing at the meeting.

10:15-11:00 Saturday: INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER JANE TANNER, Northeast Regional Director



I'm pleased to announce that our International Guest at our May Conference will be Jane Tanner, DKG Northeast Regional Director. Jane is from Central New York, having lived there all her life. She taught middle and high school mathematics for four years before heading to Onondaga Community College, part of the State University of New York (SUNY), to teach computer information systems and mathematics. Jane served as a faculty member there for 36 years, having retired as professor emerita in 2018.

Jane became a member of DKG in 1991. She has served at the chapter level as recording secretary, webmaster, and president as well as chairing several committees. On the New York state level, she has served as Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and President as well as treasurer and vice-chair of the state foundation. In addition, she has been on many International DKG committees. She is now busy as the Northeast Regional director and coordinated last summer's Global Awareness International Conference in Mashantucket, CT.

In her spare time, Jane is an avid sports enthusiast as well as being an accomplished stitcher. She enjoys doing all types of puzzles and has done many presentations on Sudoku.

Jane looks forward to visiting Massachusetts in May. She will share informational from International Headquarters.

11:15-12:00 Saturday: LITERACY WORKSHOP:

DIANA GRADY "Let Writing Lead the Way"



Have your creative muses been calling you? Have you wanted to do some writing but just couldn't find the time? Do you like to hear the ideas of others? Come to the 11:15 session on Saturday morning in Plymouth, "Let Writing Lead the Way", and be inspired to put pen to paper (or place fingers on keyboard). Dorothea Maynard and Diana Grady will provide prompts and encouragement for you to write and listen to a myriad of voices as participants who wish to, share their pieces.

We look forward to seeing you there!



SATURDAY EVENING-RED ROSE BANQUET "Wear your Kentucky Derby Hat"

On Saturday evening at our State Convention we will gather for a lovely dinner to welcome our incoming Chapter Presidents and to show our appreciation to the outgoing Chapter Presidents. Our International Guest, Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Director will share some words of inspiration and we'll have some fun with some Kentucky Derby activities. There will be a prize for the best hat, we'll have a Kentucky Derby contest, and then we'll end the evening with some line dancing! So, remember to bring your decorated Derby Hat and dancing shoes!

SARA E. CHASE FUND

Application Deadline Dates by Semester: The Maximum Award is \$2,500 per semester.

Spring Semester – December 15, 2019

Summer Semester– April 15, 2020

Academic/Writing Year – April 15, 2020

Fall Semester – June 1, 2020

Download the Application Form at: <http://alupsma.weebly.com/scholarship.html>

Mail your Application to:
Linda A. Stewart
Sara E. Chase Scholarship
P.O. Box 564
Hyannis Port, MA 02647



DKG Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund

Giving Away Cash! Don't You Want Some?

Yes that's right cash! If you are going to a non-DKG convention, conference, or workshop, all you have to do is go to <http://alupsma.weebly.com/> and fill out a short Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund application. Email it to smallgt@gmail.com. The committee will get back to you as to the amount you will receive. When you get back from your event write an article for the Baystater. Then presto, at the next state meeting, you get a check! If you think the event was something that you would like to share with other DKG sisters and would like to conduct a session at a state meeting great, but it is not mandatory. So, check your calendars for opportunities we might be able to help you to attend. The committee wants to show you the money!

NEED MONEY FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

Travel, hotel, meals, substitutes, conference/seminar expenses?

We have a deal for you! Cornet Professional Development Awards!

Available to members and non-members for up to \$2,000

Three award cycles: September 1, February 1 and May 1

Go to: www.dkgef.org

1. Click on Apply
2. Click on Cornet Professional Development



REACH OUT AND READ

www.reachoutandread.org



What has your chapter done this year to help support the State Project? If you haven't donated yet, I hope you will consider doing a to support this wonderful organization that has been working hard the past thirty years to help children develop a love of reading. After your chapter donates make sure you publicize it so others will learn about how you are impacting education!

Reach Out and Read is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to **read** aloud together. They provide training, resources, and support.

At Reach Out and Read, they believe all families should have the tools and information they need to make reading aloud a daily routine. They help integrate reading into pediatric practices, advise families about the importance of reading with their children, and share books that serve as a catalyst for healthy childhood development.

The network of pediatric clinicians provides families with the understanding and tools they need to make reading and storytelling part of their daily routines.

Help Reach Out and Read reach 5 million children in their 30th year!

DKG International Educational Foundation

"Giving to Educate the World"



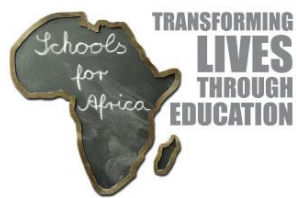
- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to honor your friends, your mentors, your chapter, yourself
- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to memorialize your loved ones
- **Give to the Educational Foundation** to celebrate an achievement, to recognize your champions
- **Give a dollar for each year**-Give a dollar or the equivalent of your age on your birthday as a way to pass on the good works to future members

Celebrate by giving using the online contribution form. More information is available on the website www.dkgef.org. Donations are 100% tax deductible for U.S. citizens

LEAVE A LEGACY!

Your tax deductible (U.S.) contributions to the DKG Educational Foundation will "go global" through awards for educational projects and professional development to members and non-members. The money collected will enhance the numbers and kinds of projects funded by the Educational Foundation.

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA



Schools for Africa is a joint campaign founded by UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society to promote education for children in Africa. The campaign will increase access to quality basic education for children with special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. UNICEF is working with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners.

What Your Money Can Do:

- Build and rehabilitate 1,000 schools
- Create schools that offer a safe and protective environment where children can learn and play
- Provide access to clean water and separate sanitation facilities in schools
- Supply exercise books, pens, proper furniture and other school and sports materials
- Train 100,000 teachers to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Educate children about proper hygiene and HIV prevention as this knowledge is passed onto siblings, parents, and community-at-large

Visit www.schoolsforafrica.com or under UNICEF and see a video and slide show.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE US CONSTITUTION 2020

In August, 1920, the 36th state ratified the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, giving women the right to vote. In fact, the foundress of DKG, Annie Webb Blanton, was a persistent advocate for the rights of women in education and in legislation. The first woman elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association in 1916, she also served three terms as vice president of the National Education Association from 1917 to 1921. In Texas politics, she was elected state superintendent for public instruction in 1918, the first election in which Texas women had the right to vote.

To research other important suffragists during the celebration of this centennial year, I recommend a Google search of the Susan B. Anthony Center Biographies of Influential Suffragists. Here in Easton, Massachusetts, Blanche Ames Ames (1878-1969), an accomplished artist, inventor, and writer, was also a political activist in the suffragist movement and defender of women's rights. Her accomplishments have been chronicled in a new film produced by Kevin Friend, local historian. **All are invited to view this film at the Mansfield Municipal Complex Community Room, 500 East Street, Mansfield, MA, on Sunday, March 22d, 2: pm to 4: pm.** Discussion of voter issues will follow featuring Kevin Friend and Quentin Palfrey of the Voter Protection Corps. This event is sponsored by Mansfield Votes and the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee.

1920-2020

Centennial Celebration of 19th Amendment

I hope you are already aware of and are celebrating the fact that 2020 is the centennial of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul are familiar names, but it took many visionary activists to bring this about. Blanche Ames Ames of Easton, MA was an organizer, political cartoonist, artist, inventor and founder of Planned Parenthood. Now her remarkable life story is being told in a new documentary, and I invite you to meet this unheralded heroine of women's rights. The first screening of "Borderland-the Life and Times of Balance Ames Ames" on Saturday, February 22nd at Stonehill College (McCarthy Hall, 320 Washington Street Easton, MA) at 7 p.m. There will be other screening at the Ames Mansion at Borderland Park (check the website for dates and times).

Celebrating Suffrage - Honoring the Role of Blanche Ames

April 11, 2020 – Borderland State Park – Ames Mansion – Easton

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional *right to vote*. *Celebrating Suffrage* will be held at the Ames Mansion and will include a display featuring Blanche's inventions, family-oriented activities, and a 20-minute presentation highlighting a suffrage meeting at the Ames Mansion held in January 1915 hosted by Blanche. Register at: <http://www.friendsofborderland.org/blanche-s-1915-suffrage-meeting-reenactment.html>

There will be additional events throughout the year at Borderland State Park-Ames Mansion (257 Massapoag Avenue North Easton). There is a fee for each event. Members of the Friends of Borderland will receive a discount. For more information and to become a member visit the website www.friendofborderland.org/membership.html

- First Women Park Rangers Program-Lecture by Kerry Ellis on Sunday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m.
- Isabelle Stewart Gardner-Portrayed by Jessa Piaia on Sunday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m.
- Deborah Sampson-Portrayed by Judith Kalaora on Sunday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m.
- “We Did It for You!” Women’s Journey through History-a musical by Thea Iberall on Sunday, June 7th at 1:00 p.m.
- Abigail Adams-Portrayed by Sheryl Faye on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m.
- Susan B. Anthony-Portrayed by Jessa Piaia on Sunday August 16th at 1:00 p.m.
- “We Did It for You!” Women’s Journey through History-a musical by Thea Iberall on Sunday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m.
- Sojourner Truth-Portrayed by Kathryn Woods on Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m.

Other 2020 Celebration Events at the Borderland Park-Ames Mansion

- 2020 Women’s Suffrage Panel Exhibit-the month of May 2020 12:00-4:00 p.m. (except Tuesdays and Sundays). Provided by the Commonwealth Museum
- Borderland Documentary-various showings throughout 2020.
- Spring Tea: Suffragette Themed-on Sunday, May 23rd at 1:00 p.m. (must purchase a ticket in advance on the website)

The Brockton Public Library has also put together Women’s Suffrage Centennial Events for 2020-The Vote: A Divided Movement that Brings Us Together. You can find information about their events on their website: www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org

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ALPHA

Alpha Chapter celebrated the holidays on December 5, 2019 at the Ludlow Country Club. Invited guests included members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter and our state president, Lynn Howard. Lynn awarded the Area IV Achievement Award to Alpha Chapter Treasurer Beth Danforth. Beth is pictured here between Lynn and Marilyn Spedding. For this event Marilyn spearheaded the *Mary McGrath's A Child's Wish* project which collected 92 gifts for the Family Center at the Springfield Boys and Girls Club. In May, we will hold our annual Giant Tag Sale to help fund our Grants in Aid for college women becoming teachers. We will also be awarding our New Teacher Grant this spring. We are doing lots in Alpha Chapter!

EPSILON

Wishing all our Sisters a prosperous and healthy New Year!!

We celebrated the end of 2019 with our annual Holiday Celebration and Boutique at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA. This is always a great time to share our talents with homemade edible goodies and crafts and new & nearly items to sell, enjoy a delicious luncheon and renew our friendships in the DKG Sisterhood. Food and paper goods were brought in by the members to be donated to the Lazarus House



in Lawrence. They are so grateful every time we help assist the families in the greater Lawrence area. Of course, a meeting is also included focusing on the Spring events and for the kickoff of a Scholarship to be awarded to a deserving High School Girl who will be going into Education. This is such an fabulous time for us to be able to honor a student as she begins her studies towards her career... We also must honor teacher Colleen Ritzer each year who was taken much too soon. Step Up for Colleen is a walk/race in her memory and continues to be a bigger and bigger event each year. Since its inception in October 2013, the Scholarship Fund has awarded nearly \$245,000 in College Scholarships to 58 future teachers. Sisters within our Chapter will be walking. Would love to see other Sisters from other Chapters join us.

President Irene Falite attended the Winter Board meeting on February 1st in Southbridge which was a very a productive day with Officers, Chapter Presidents, Treasurers and Representatives working together to plan the Spring Conference and even ideas for the Fall Conference. These meetings are so informative and is a great way to share with Sisters across the State. Great job Sisters!! Hope to see many new members at these Conferences. It is an honor and renewal of what our organization represents. Onto the 2020 DKG International Convention this summer in Philadelphia!

THETA



Theta Chapter has been busy these last few months. In November we held our Literacy Meeting. At this meeting we put together bundles and bundles of new books to be donated. Several of our members were able to provide 11 scholastic sized boxes of books! These books were sent to the Walpole Food Pantry, The Norwood Food Pantry, the Evelyn House in Stoughton, as well as a new Program being spearheaded by Sergeant Ian Tolland of Walpole (son of our Literacy Chair, Mary Tolland.). And finally, books were set aside and delivered to the Pediatric Associates of Norwood & Franklin as part of the Reach Out & Read program. This program is one that the State President, Lynn Howard is promoting.

Also, at this Literacy Meeting our members supported another worthy cause, Dignity Matters. Theta member, Danielle Nathan, brought this organization the attention of our DKG community. "Dignity Matters currently provides sanitary products and other such items to over 6,000 women a month, however, there are approximately 22,000 women in total that are in need. Dignity Matters was founded in 2016 and the word is getting out regarding their vision and mission. We were able to collect a large amount of supplies to help out the women in local shelters. We are proud to support those women who may not otherwise have access to these much needed items.

In late January, several members attended a Paint & Party night. Artist and elementary art teacher, Rachel Bailey led the participants, step by step, through the making of a wonderful winter scene. Of course while we were waiting for the paint to dry we were able to enjoy some refreshments (which included wine!). At the end of the evening, all artists-in-training walked away with frameable artwork! Each similar yet very unique! This is an activity which we would love to repeat (and invite other chapters to attend too!).



ALPHA GAMMA



Alpha Gamma members have been busy this fall with chapter and community events.

The December 12th meeting at the Heritage Country Club was well attended. Members donated canned goods for the Southbridge Food Bank at St. John Paul parish and school supplies for the Head Start program. During the business meeting, we nominated a new slate of officers to be voted at our March meeting. This was a perfect time to review the roles and responsibilities of each office and hear the committee reports. Members were able to update their red binders with current handouts, also. The meeting ended with a fun left/right game called “Suing Santa”.

Several Alpha Gamma members attended the state fall conference in Southbridge honoring the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Some members attended the Area 2 Meeting on October 23, 2019, at Val’s in Holden where Betty Trummel who created A to Z Literacy was the guest speaker. Several members were readers for Read for the Record on

November 7, 2019 at the Head Start building in Southbridge.

The October 10th meeting was held at the Publick House in Sturbridge. Membership approved Cynthia Baltimore of West Boylston as a new member. Following the business meeting, Mary LaChance shared highlights of her trip to Ireland. Her photos, booklets, jewelry and Kelly-design scarf provided insights into the land and culture of Ireland past and present.



ALPHA IOTA



On a sunny first Saturday in December, we held our annual Holiday Boutique at the Granite Grill in Braintree. The Holiday Boutique is a time to raise funds so we can continue to give our Amelia Armstrong Grant-in-Aid to an amazing young woman going into the field of Education. We were very lucky to have a visit from our most recent recipient Katie Hurwitz, first year college student, who brought her Mother and Father (pictured below with the Grant Committee and State President Lynn Howard, also Alpha Iota Member). We also had great silent auction items and generous baskets to raffle off. The “boutique” table is always a draw with the amazing baked goods and knick-knacks. But most of all what an

important time to network but also reminisce with close friends we may have not seen but hold dearly in our hearts. A huge thanks to everyone on Boutique Committee, the volunteers, the bakers, and those who made all the arrangements to make this day great! If you missed it, it comes around every December, mark your calendars now!



ALPHA LAMBDA



Alpha Lambda had their annual Christmas Dinner and Scholarship auction in Wareham attended by our State President, Lynn Howard. She drove down from Quincy in nasty weather to attend the meeting. We were so happy to have her come to the meeting with updates from the State.

Margaret Boutiette did a wonderful job arranging the dinner at Lindsey's. Everyone enjoyed the meal they chose and the ginger bread dessert was delicious.

We are so proud of our Alpha Lambda sisters for helping fund our DKG Scholarship. We raised \$1,240 (\$1,045 at the auction and \$145 in donations). What a fabulous

accomplishment. We had wonderful gifts to auction off and we had generous bidders. We cannot thank them enough for all their donations. It was a night to remember in spite of the weather. They are the best DKG sisters!!!

ALPHA THETA

Alpha Theta welcomed Gail Bookings at our September meeting as a sister joining us as a transfer member. In October, we had a full table at Area I Meeting where Annette Shaw's niece, Jessica Lupien, a classically trained vocalist, and her pianist entertained us with carefully researched music selections dear to Jane Austin and her family. November found us at the Sweet House in Attleboro with Alpha Beta Chapter as we sipped from our teacups and learned about the many varieties of loose tea and their health advantages presented by Jennifer Hoffer, a Steeped Tea representative.

The music of Christmas played in the background as members of Alpha Theta visited the Blithewold Mansion and enjoyed a delicious Elevenses, which you might have heard of as a hobbit's third meal of the day. In England, it is Morning Tea served at 11:00 a.m. A private tour enhanced us as we learned of the decades of women of Blithewold responsible for the design and redesign of the mansion. Our Retirees Luncheon was held at Luciano's in Wrentham in January. Our March meeting will be a moderated Book Share as we talk about our favorite childhood books at the Mansfield Library.





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