



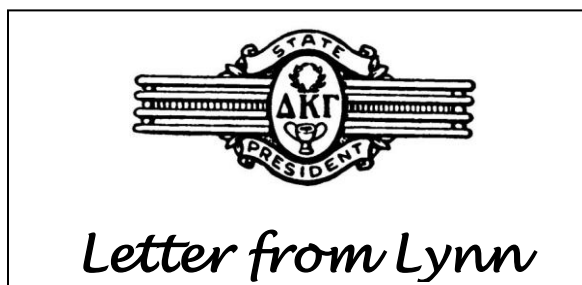
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**SAVE THE DATES:**  
**WINTER BOARD: FEB.**  
**1<sup>ST</sup>, SOUTHBRIDGE**  
**SPRING**  
**CONFERENCE:**  
**MAY 1-3, PLYMOUTH**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**CONFERENCE:**  
**JULY 7-11,**  
**PHILADELPHIA**

Dear DKG Sisters,

I hope you've had some time to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and weather we've had the past few weeks. I can't believe it is November already though; it seems like just the other day I was preparing for the Fall Workshop in Southbridge. Speaking of the Fall Workshop we had a great weekend! On Friday evening Mary Jo Maichack, a Minstrel storyteller presented an entertaining presentation about incorporating storytelling into our classrooms. It was just what I needed after a long week and a long drive to Southbridge. Saturday was a busy day from the moment we started until we wrapped things up around 3:00 p.m. The day started with a productive Executive Board meeting and was followed by several great presentations honoring the achievement of women, thinking back to the Moon Landing and learning about NASA's plans to go to Mars. After a delicious luncheon buffet featuring a French fry bar, we learned more about Reach out to Read, our state service project. Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. The Spring Convention will be held at the Hotel 1620 May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, mark your calendars and plan on attending!

October was a busy month for me as I traveled around the state to attend five of the six Area Meetings. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it to the sixth one as I was running a STEM Conference for Girls in Weymouth that day. I really enjoyed each one of the meetings. It was great to talk to members and to learn about projects that our chapters are doing to impact education in Massachusetts! It was also entertaining and informative.

My visits started in the north at the Area VI meeting at Su Chang's in Peabody. We feasted on a delicious Chinese buffet with many choices and so much that many went home with some for another time. After dinner Jan Plourde shared information about the REAL program that provides literacy support to students in Lynn, Massachusetts.

(Letter from Lynn continued on p. 3)

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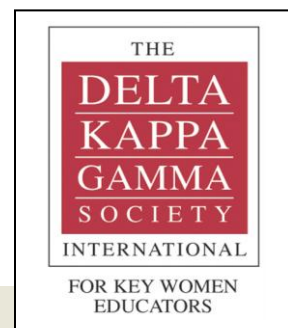
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Again, I want to thank Lynn Howard for helping me put this issue together. I've learned so much from her.

I'd also like to thank the following contributors to this issue: Irene Frangos Falite (Epsilon), Daune Smith (Alpha Lambda), Gail Pease (Alpha Mu), Carol LaPolice (Alpha ), Carol Sullivan-Hanley (Alpha Iota), Nancy Carroll and Janet Wellock (Theta), and Joan Brides and Gail Laffer (Alpha Zeta). I really appreciate the submission of articles and pictures! I think we have a wonderful newsletter!!

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Alpha Mu	Cheryl Derr/Helene Pascal

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Alpha Lambda	Daune Smith
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### AREA VI

Alpha Eta	Diane Pendergast/Deborah Wescott
Epsilon	Irene Frangos Falite



(Letter from Lynn continued from page 1)

Then I attended my area meeting (Area V) which was held at the Fox and Hound Restaurant in Quincy on Thursday night. We were entertained by the female Barber Shop singing group called “Serendipity” featuring our own Anita Newman! What a wonderful way to end a stormy day.

The following week I traveled out to the Worcester area for the Area II meeting at Val’s in Holden. I’ve lived in Massachusetts for 30 years and I don’t think I’ve ever been to Holden before, it looked like a lovely town, but I didn’t have time to stop and check it out as I was running late due to rush hour traffic! We had a great presentation by DKG member, Betty Trummel. She shared her experiences helping impact education in at the Shine Reading Academy in Zambia Africa with an organization called A to Z Literacy.

The next night I had a nice drive to the Area III at the Century House in Achusnet. As I drove from Weymouth, I admired the cranberry bogs and ponds while admiring the beautiful leaves. After a delicious dinner we Eta member, Tove Bendiksen shared information about the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center that she has helped to establish. Then author, Paul Doucette, shared information about his book “Neptunes Nor’Easter”. It was great to learn more about the fishing industry that is such an important part of the history of the area.

My last meeting was in Norton at the Area I meeting at the Chateau. After a delicious Italian dinner looking out at the pond, we were entertained with songs from Lost in Jane Austen sung by Jessica Lupein and accompanied by Yonggyo Lee. It was a very entertaining program and now I want to go back and reread some of Jane Austen’s books!

As I mentioned at each Area meeting, we have some work to do this year and we need to be creative and willing to try some new things! Our membership has decreased over the past ten years, we are now down to only 548 members! If we want to be around to celebrated DKG’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2029 we need to think of ways to increase and engage our members! So, I’m asking Chapter Presidents to bring a team to the Winter Board meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can do some strategic planning to set goals and action plans for a membership recruitment. The meeting is open to all members, so if you want to be part of your Chapter’s team please let you Chapter President know. Being a member of DKG is an honor but it comes with some responsibilities too. So, I’m asking every member to join me in reaching out to an educator that you know and give her the honor of joining DKG. I know that many Chapters have a holiday event coming up and this is a great time to bring a guest, so invite someone to join you. Also remember to contact members that you haven’t seen at a meeting this year and offer to give them a ride to the holiday gathering. Let’s work together to increase our membership and see if we can get to 600 by this time next year!

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any ideas or need anything. My DKG email is [lynnphoward4@gmail.com](mailto:lynnphoward4@gmail.com) and my phone # is 781-901-9120. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Board Meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

*Lynn*

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### ***MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER - Carol LaPolice***

We have as of October 26, 546 members- 501 active and 45 reserves. Thank you all for getting your dues/scholarship fees in as soon as possible. The new dues online collection process worked well for us with minor issues. As written in our by-laws, a transfer for the Sara Chase Scholarship fund was made in the amount of \$546.00 and \$478.00 to the DKG Scholarship Fund. Don’t forget to apply for these great opportunities! While International is now calling us MA State Organization please note that any checks still need to be written to Alpha Upsilon MA Delta Kappa Gamma Society International until a formal vote is taken to amend the by-laws and accepted by both state and federal government. With all 17 chapters reporting for 18-19, 6 chapter scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$3,500.00 and 10 grants-in-aid in the amount of \$4,400.00. These amount are increasing each year, congratulations members!!

## DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

**Congratulations to Donna Brown!** Her photograph entry 'Sunset on Stetson Pond' was accepted into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. They anticipate the unveiling of the new Gallery works the first week in December. Her work will be displayed on the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived.



## International Speakers Fund

The International Speakers Committee each year selects DKG members be on the list of speakers that can be requested to speak at DKG event. I'd like to congratulate one of our MA members, **Betty Trummel** from Zeta Chapter on the Cape, was selected this year. Her topics are: A to Z Literacy/her work in Zambia Africa, Polar Science (both Antarctic and Arctic experiences), and how to keep your own professional development exciting throughout your teaching career. She's hoping to be able to visit some DKG Chapters in other countries to share her knowledge and experiences. She's also happy to speak at chapter events here in Massachusetts.

## 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:  
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# AREA DINNERS

## AREA I DINNER

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Area I Dinner was once again held at the Chateau Restaurant in Norton, Ma. We return to this venue because of the view, central location, great service and delicious food! Theta was the Host chapter for this year and was also in charge of Registration. Alpha Beta created beautiful centerpieces (that were given away to those with birthdays closest to Halloween!) Alpha Theta provided the Entertainment and Music while Kappa was responsible for the Programs and Invocation. This teamwork made for a successful and enjoyable evening!

Janet Wellock and Nancy Carroll, Co-Presidents of Theta welcomed the (approximately) 35 attendees. They also introduced State President, Lynn Howard who spoke to members about her goals for her presidency. Goal 1 is to increase chapter memberships. An incentive program with an Olympic theme is being offered to chapters. A Gold medal will be awarded to those chapters that increase membership. A Silver medal will be awarded to those chapters whose membership remains the same while a Bronze medal can be earned by chapters who add new members, but who may have members that drop. Her other goals include increased communication (beginning with news & information for chapter presidents). Goal number 3 will be more of a marketing campaign to make the outside community more aware of the DKG. She reminded the members about the scholarships available (Sara E. Chase & Christa McAuliffe). She invited members to attend the State Meeting in May. Lynn also mentioned the Reach Out & Read Project that she is hoping some chapters will adopt as project as well.

Donna Brown (Kappa) then gave the Invocation and we enjoyed a delicious dinner. After dinner, Annette Shaw (Alpha Theta) introduced the evening's entertainment: *"Lost in Jane Austen" Songs Jane Austen & her Characters Would Have Sung*. Jessica Lupien, the vocalist for this program, (and Annette's sweet niece!) was accompanied by pianist, Yonggyo Lee. Annette shared the background of these two talented women. We learned that both had extensive training overseas. Soon the performance was underway. Before singing each song Jessica related it to Jane Austen and/or her characters. She also encouraged members to join in the more lively 'folk' songs. Many of the songs brought us back to Netherfield Park or Mansfield Park!

After the entertainment, Helen McGarry (Alpha Beta) asked Lynn Howard to pull the winning raffle tickets. There were 4 impressive, loaded baskets donated by each chapter. Following the drawing, Kit Dunlap (Alpha Theta) with special accompaniment by Yonggyo Lee led us hand in hand as we ended our meeting with our heartfelt, "Delta Kappa Gamma Song."



Annette Shaw, Yonggyo Lee, Jessica Lupien, Lynn Howard at the Area I Dinner.

## **AREA I ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT- ANITA NEWMAN**

Anita, member of Alpha Theta, could be called a DKG Ambassador-at-Large. Despite a number of moves here and abroad, she has maintained her membership for more than three decades. She has held most elected positions at both Chapter and State levels, attended many Regional and International Conferences, and provided programs at each level of the Society. As a DKG ambassador, she is quick to praise the power and benefit of membership in DKG to potential members and has recruited several for our chapter. At meetings, she manages to chat with nearly all of our members which is critical for maintaining that spark that keeps a chapter going. She fills in as needed and has often driven members to meetings. Cheerful, funny, willing, engaging – the attributes could go on and on for this member who truly exemplifies a DKG woman. Anita is pictured at the Fall Workshop with Marilyn Spedding and President Lynn Howard.



## **AREA II DINNER**

The Area II dinner was held at Val's Restaurant in Holden on Wednesday, October 23rd. Betty Trummel, of A-Z Literacy ([www.atozliteracy.org](http://www.atozliteracy.org)), spoke about her work with the organization in Africa to help promote literacy. Used digital cameras and gently used or new children's books were collected for the A-Z Literacy project that Betty is involved with. The organization provides teacher support and materials as well as literacy materials for very underprivileged children in Zambia.



*Alpha Mu Co-Presidents, Cheryl Derr and Helene Carroll-Pascale shown with presenter, Betty Trummel of A-Z Literacy*

## **AREA II ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT-KRISTINE BEAUDET**

Kristine, member of Alpha Mu, has shown boundless energy and enthusiasm for the educational values that DKG reflects. During her six years as chapter president, she worked hard to keep our members well-informed and connected to each other. The meetings she led during her presidency were thoughtfully organized and well-planned and always began with sharing information related to educational issues and an inspiring poem or reading. She encouraged fellowship among our members by recognizing our personal and professional achievements. She has worked to fund our annual financial award by organizing raffles, calendars, and drawings and then actively promoting fundraisers by selling raffle tickets during conferences and conventions.



*Area II Achievement Award recipient Krisitine Beaudet, with Alpha Mu sisters Cheryl Derr, Danielle Beaudry, Leah Jones, (Kristine), Helene Carroll-Pascale, and Jennifer LaRoche.*

## AREA III DINNER

The Massachusetts State Organization Alpha Upsilon Area III meeting was held Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Century House in Acushnet, MA. The host chapter was Eta headed by co- presidents Jo-Anne Butler and Dr. Amy Gracia. As always, Jo-Anne Butler did an outstanding job organizing the dinner, registration and entertainment.. Alpha Lambda was in charge of Invocation, decorations and the music. Beverly Peduzzi led us in our blessing and the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Daune Smith (president) was in charge of decorations and the invocation.

Our State Organization President Lynn Howard shared her best wishes and asked for our help to reach her goal of increasing DKG membership. Jo-Anne Butler and Lynn Howard presented Deborah Gustafson with the Area III Massachusetts State Organization Achievement Award. Members of the Alpha Lambda Chapter gave Deb a standing ovation because Deb was so deserving of this recognition.

Amy Gracia introduced the speakers for the evening. Both were educational and interesting entertainment. Tove Bendiksen (Eta) did a wonderful presentation about the newly opened New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. Located in the nation's #1 fishing port, the center is dedicated to telling the story of the fishing industry past, present and future through exhibits, programs and activities. Paul Ducette, author of "Neptunes Nor'Easter", read from his book which is a best seller on Amazon in Canada. He signed books after his talk.

## AREA III ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT- DEBORAH GUSTAFSON

Deborah, member of Alpha Lambda, is most deserving of this recognition for her dedication to our Chapter for over 20 years. She has not only served as our President, but four years ago she became our Treasurer when our chapter was in financial difficulty. She fixed our bookkeeping and helped us become financially sound. She has attended workshops to learn the new system for collecting dues and recording them digitally. Your chapter is proud of you.



*President Lynn Howard is with  
Deborah Gustafson (Alpha Lambda)  
Area III Achievement Award recipient.*

## AREA IV DINNER

The Annual Area IV Meeting was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at Elms College in Chicopee MA.

Members from Alpha and Alpha Epsilon Chapters were in attendance, and welcomed speaker Andrea Donlon from the Connecticut River Conservancy. Andrea is a River Steward, who advocated for the Connecticut River and its tributaries in proceedings with hydro power facilities in Massachusetts. Her works takes her throughout the River watershed area in both an advocacy and educator role. She has been a member of the Conservancy since 2003, and before that time worked on similar projects in New Hampshire and Vermont. Attendees were impressed with the reach of the Conservancy (formerly known as the Connecticut River Watershed Council), and were quick to connect local issues regarding water use, irrigation, pollution and erosion with the greater goals of her work. It was apparent, that whether DKG members are still actively teaching or retired, they never stop learning and applying their knowledge where appropriate. For more information on the Conservancy, please visit their website: [ctriver.org](http://ctriver.org) Marilyn Spedding, Alpha Chapter, announced the recipient of the Area IV Award, Beth Danforth, who sadly could not join us due to illness. Claire LaBonte brought greetings from State President Lynn Howard, and Jill Flanders opened and closed the conference.

Area IV is growing more closely together in light of losing two of our Western Massachusetts over the past few years. Both Alpha and Alpha Epsilon Chapters are sharing their calendars and have openly extended warm welcomes to all members interested in attending each other's events. Last year, we joined together for the Alpha Holiday Celebration in December, and plan to do so again. After all, we are all "sisters to the calling."



## AREA IV AC HIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT - BETH DANFORTH

Since becoming a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Beth has been more than willing to shoulder some of the biggest burdens at the chapter level. She consented to being trained for one of the most thankless jobs in the chapter. Beth undertook her apprenticeship under a woman who made the position something legendary, and she has lived up to her mentor brilliantly. There aren't many new members who would take on the tasks of chapter treasurer, especially following one who was so good at the job. She has kept our finances in order, been diligent in her duties, and been a voice of reason in chapter deliberations. She attends all meetings regularly and has written reports for the membership to peruse. Though still working in our urban school system she has devoted her precious free time to making our chapter a success. She works extremely well with all of our members and never says something can't be done.



*Marilyn Spedding announcing the Area IV Achievement Award recipient Beth Danforth (not present).*

## AREA V DINNER



On Thursday evening October 17<sup>th</sup> thirty members from the Area V Chapters - Upsilon, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Iota - met at the Fox and Hound Restaurant in Quincy, where everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner. State President, Lynn Howard, spoke to the group about her recent travels, especially to the DKG conference in Iceland. She is enthusiastic about increasing membership in our society and is urging every chapter to increase their membership by at least one more member than they had last year. Gail Laffer

welcomed everyone to attend Designers Circus on Sunday afternoon November 3<sup>rd</sup>, a place where you will find one-of-a-kind women's clothing and accessories. Ten percent of the total of items sold that afternoon will be donated to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless. Upsilon Chapter member Alma Wright was given a standing ovation in recognition of teaching Boston's children for over fifty years. An article was written about her in *The Boston Globe* and she was honored by the Boston School Committee. The entertainment for the evening was "Serendipity", an acapella group of four ladies who sang songs from the 40's, 50's and 60's in Barber Shop style. One member of the quartet is DKG member and past State President, Anita Newman. The meeting concluded with the drawing of tickets for three baskets and the colorful fall centerpieces on each of the tables. Altogether it was a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship!



## ***AREA VI DINNER***

Our Area VI Dinner Meeting with Alpha Eta Chapter took place on Tuesday, October 15 at Su Chang's in Peabody, MA. We enjoyed an array of delicious Chinese food, holiday candy and treats. We were



honored to have our State President Lynn Howard present with us. She filled everyone in on the State level news and expressed her desire and wishes to increase our membership, apply for Scholarships, attend Workshops and Conventions to name a few. Our guest speaker, Jan Plourde, M. Ed. shared her experiences with children,

families and students for the past 35 years and now heads the REAL Program (Reading and Educational Assistance for Learning) in Lynn, MA. The REAL's mission is to improve children's literacy by providing books, homework and skills assistance, snacks, and on-going communication with the parents.

## ***AREA VI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT -DIANE GREEN***

Diane, member of Alpha Eta, transferred into our chapter 15 years ago. She is always positive and supportive of the members and chapter activities. She has hosted numerous meetings in her home with a warm and welcoming atmosphere and a smile for everyone. Our nominee served as first vice president shortly after joining our chapter. She then served as chapter president for two biennia, faithfully attending state meetings even when they conflicted with her passion for organizing a Kentucky Derby party. This member has always been willing to serve on committees, most recently the finance committee, organizing a partial payment plan, and being an active member of the planning committee. At present our nominee is serving as chapter secretary. She initiated the effort to organize all of our minutes and correspondence beginning with the early days of our chapter. As a librarian and media specialist, our nominee is passionate about promoting life-long reading habits and modeling inclusive and supportive attitudes at all times. Her expertise provides a valuable resource for the chapter.

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## ***BAYSTATEMENTS***

### ***EPSILON***

The autumn season is always a colorful and nice smelling time of year with lots to do. The beautiful colors of the leaves with the sun shining on them provided a beautiful feeling.

Over the past year, we were able to send donations to various organizations. In September, School supplies were given to the Pettengill House in Salisbury. Our Chapter and individual Members gave monetary donations in October to "A Flight to Remember" for Veterans to be able to go to Washington, D.C. Toiletries and Papergoods were given to the Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA in December. Books were given to the Medford Family Network in June where one of our members, Marie Cassidy is the Director. We continue to support many organizations throughout the year.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season with family, friends and Sisterhood.

## THETA



Book discussions are becoming a regular activity for our Theta members. This September was no exception as we read and discussed Michelle Obama's, Becoming. However, before sharing our ideas and insights on the book, our chapter Co-President, Janet Wellock asked our sisters to share what they'd been doing all summer. We learned that members went to Alaska, Maine, the

Netherlands, moved to a new home, spent time on the Cape and more. (Socializing is the favorite part of ALL our meetings!)

While some might view this book as 'political' our discussion was anything but! Themes discussed included strength, remaining true to oneself and even romance. Reading books that highlight women and their achievements are chosen purposefully and this choice was not a disappointment. At the end of our discussion we were even lucky enough to have a photo opportunity with Michelle Obama herself at the White House! (Okay, okay so we had a little help with a green screen and a fabulous app called DoInk!).

Our next book will be unveiled at our End of the Year Dinner in June. If you're interested in joining us for a great discussion, please, let us know - we'd love to have you join!

## ALPHA EPSILON



We are delighted to report that Alpha Epsilon Chapter, representing members in Hampshire and Franklin Counties, has added 4 new members in the past year, bringing our small but mighty number of active members to 14! Last May we prepared and delivered baskets of school supplies to prospective members in Greenfield and South Hadley, and look forward to welcoming even more new sisters this year.

At our September meeting, we had a delightful presentation from Carolyn Taylor, former Greenfield teacher and AE member, now residing in Memphis Tennessee and part of a very large and active chapter there. Carolyn makes an annual visit to her roots in Western Massachusetts, and this year we were able to coordinate her calendar for a chapter visit. Carolyn shared the many ways that

DKG enhanced her teaching skills, educator and travel networks and led her to a Golden Gift Scholarship, and international travel. She engaged us with her time spent in Iceland, Central America, Spain, Poland and the many connections she has made through her connections in DKG. Carolyn herself is a golden gift to our association, and such a marvelous example of the DKG network. We cannot thank her enough for her time and inspiration.

For more information on the amazing work that Carolyn's chapter does, see DKG, Xi State (Tennessee) Alpha Lambda Chapter.



## ALPHA IOTA



The Alpha Iota chapter enjoyed an informative and invigorating trip to Borderland State Park in North Easton on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The acres of natural conservation land, welcoming hikers and nature explorers, were donated by the children of Oakes and Blanche Ames to honor their parents. Their mother, in particular, was a “renaissance woman” for her times. A graduate of Smith College, with a background in Art History, Blanche became a self-taught water color and oil painter. By studying masterpieces of Boston’s MFA, she honed her skills and developed techniques resembling the brushstrokes of fine artists.

Ever curious, she was a prolific reader with a keen sense of social justice. When the hired architect for the Borderland family disappointed her and did not prioritize an appreciation for the great outdoors; she and her husband fired him and Blanche took over

developing the blueprints that welcomed the “outdoors in”. Her designs in safety allowed the home to be as structurally secure as when it was built. Being mindful of expenses, she brought state of the art conveniences and luxuries, yet remained under budget.

Her intellect and desire for equity promoted her efforts to give women the right to vote. While caring for her home and family, she became committed to the cause, often travelling far distances and/or welcoming others into her home to gather the necessary votes for this bill to become a law. Creative and tenacious strategies led to the success of this dream. While ever gifted as an artist, she cleverly revealed her political priorities in a series of sketches for The Suffragette magazine. She was also a trailblazer in commitment to women’s reproductive health and family planning.

She instilled these dedications and values to her four children. It made perfect sense that the home and lands be shared with the public to honor her spirit of equity and justice, her gifts as a portrait artist and botanical painter, and the complex system of paint color created through precise measurement and mixture of varied hues. The aforementioned term, “renaissance woman” does not begin to acknowledge all that Blanche shared with society and the world. It was a fascinating and inspiring day for our chapter to walk in her footsteps.

## ALPHA ZETA: *Designer’s Circus Fundraising Event*



On a lovely early November Sunday afternoon, 22 Area V DKG members and friends met for a wonderful afternoon of shopping and camaraderie at the Designer’s Circus store in Boston. The private event, complete with a personal shopper and refreshments, helped members find just the right styles and outfits. This event was a fund raiser to help the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless. It was a great success as we raised \$ \$228.00 for our local charity. Everyone said we should have the event again next year! Thanks to all who participated in making this event such a success!