

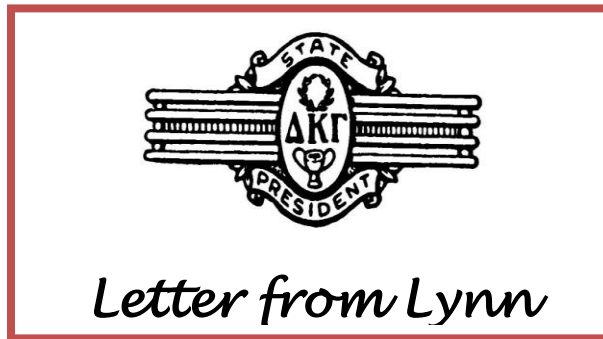
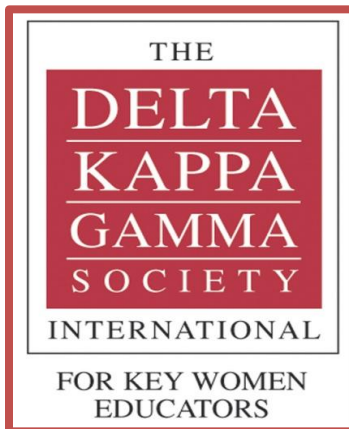
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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
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# Baystater

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

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*Letter from Lynn*

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**VIRTUAL**  
**MEETING:**  
**WINTER EXEC.**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**FEB. 6, 2021**

**SPRING**  
**CONVENTION:**  
**APRIL 30-MAY 2,**  
**2021**

Dear DKG Sisters,

As I am writing this, I am looking out the window at the snow on the trees it looks so beautiful, but it feels like it is December not the last day of October. It certainly has been a crazy year; I am hoping that 2021 will be much better! I miss getting together for our state meetings, so I am hoping that we will be able to gather together in May 2021 at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth when we will celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of our state organization.

The Corona virus pandemic has caused us to cancel many events and make many changes to how we teach our students, and how we do our DKG business. At the beginning of October, we held our second virtual Executive Board meeting and our Fall State General Membership Meeting. Here is a recap of the action taken at the Executive Board meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Carol reported that at the time of the meeting we had 453 Active Members and 45 Reserve Members for total of 498 members. We are in good financial standing.

#### **Finance Committee**

- The Committee met in August to do the annual audit and to develop the 2020-21 budget. Finance Committee Chair, Jillian Sceppa-Etienne, presented the budget for the Executive Committee vote.

#### **Upcoming State Events**

- Winter Board Meeting in Southbridge (if we can meet in person-if not we will meet on Zoom) February 6, 2021
- Spring Convention in Plymouth-April 30-May 2nd-the Board voted to extend this Convention so we can hold a special banquet to celebrate our State Organization's 80th Birthday. We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Claire LaBonte at [cdlabonte@charter.net](mailto:cdlabonte@charter.net) if you would like to be part of the planning committee for the Saturday night banquet.

Lynn's Letter continued on p. 3

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*Your support and efforts are appreciated! Gail*



## CHAPTER PRESIDENTS 2020-2022

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### AREA VI

Alpha Eta	Diane Pendergast and Deborah Wescott
Epsilon	Irene Frangos Falite

### **Sara E. Chase Scholarship Fund**

- Voted to award \$1890 to Tove Bendiksen Eta Chapter for her coursework for a Graduate Certificate in Instruction and Technology at Framingham State
- Motion was made to move \$3,000 from the Permanent Fund to the Sara E. Chase Fund to keep it at the recommended amount of \$10,000

### **Christa McAuliffe Fund**

- Voted to award \$449 to Leah Jones Alpha Mu Chapter for an online course called "Reaching Young Readers-Improving Reading Skills through Learners Edge
- Voted to award \$1997.00 to Linda Stewart Alpha Theta Chapter for the Medical Technician course she is taking toward Licensed Med Tech and Licensed Nursing degree.

### **Other Business**

- **US Forum** held a wonderful webinar on advocacy. Carol will be receiving a recording of it soon, if you are interested in seeing it, email Carol at [carol.lapolice@comcast.net](mailto:carol.lapolice@comcast.net)
- Discussion to establish a special Task Force to start planning a 5-year plan to recruit members, engage our members, increase publicity to let people know about DKG etc. We will reach out to International via our Northeast Regional Director, Debbie LeBlanc to see if they have someone that can work with us to help us get started. If you have ideas or would like to be a part of the Task Force let me know.

### **General Membership Meeting**

#### **State By-Laws**

- We were finally able to vote on the changes to our State By-laws. They passed unanimously. Our State Organization is now: MA State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Inc.

#### **Other Business**

- Our Northeast Regional Director, Debbie LeBlanc (Illinois) stopped in at the beginning of the meeting to say hello and to introduce herself. She invited us to the International Conference in San Antonio, TX in July 2021.
- We watched an inspiring video about our Schools for Africa, our International Project since 2010. Since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA DKG members have donated \$445,134.90.
- We wrapped up the meeting with the acceptance speech from Becky Sadowski, our new International President.

### **DKG Chapter and State Programs and Meetings**

I am happy to hear that some chapters have been meeting virtually and many have planned some programs for the year. It is important that we stay in touch and that we try to find ways to continue to work on our mission to impact education worldwide.

Just because we cannot meet at a restaurant or hotel it does not mean that our DKG programs and meetings must be put on hold. The State has a Zoom account that we can use for State programs and meetings. So, do you have a hobby or a talent you can share with us virtually? For example, if you have done some traveling in the past you might take people on a virtual trip by sharing your photos, if you are an artist or musician maybe you could do a group activity online, or if you have experience with an educational topic that might be helpful and interesting to others put together a presentation to teach us more about the topic. Have you read a good book that others might enjoy? If so, spread the word and set up a book discussion with your DKG sisters. Let's stay connected, let's help each other grow personally and professionally by sharing our knowledge, skills, and talents. Send me an email ([lynnphoward4@gmail.com](mailto:lynnphoward4@gmail.com)) and let me know if you have an idea and then we can set up a Zoom meeting.

#### **Save the Dates**

- **Winter Executive Board Meeting**-on February 6, 2021 we are scheduled to meet in Southbridge. However, we are keeping our eyes on the COVID-19 data and if things are still restricted and we need to cancel the in-person meeting we will hold the meeting via Zoom, so save the date! Look for more information about this in the next few weeks.
- **Spring Annual Meeting**-will be held April 30-May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth. We are really hoping that we will be able to gather in person so we can celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!
- **International Conferences**- July 7-9-Portland, OR, July 21-24 San Antonio, TX and July 28-31 Tampere, Finland

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, please continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing. I hope that we can meet in person in 2021.

Best wishes,

*Lynn*

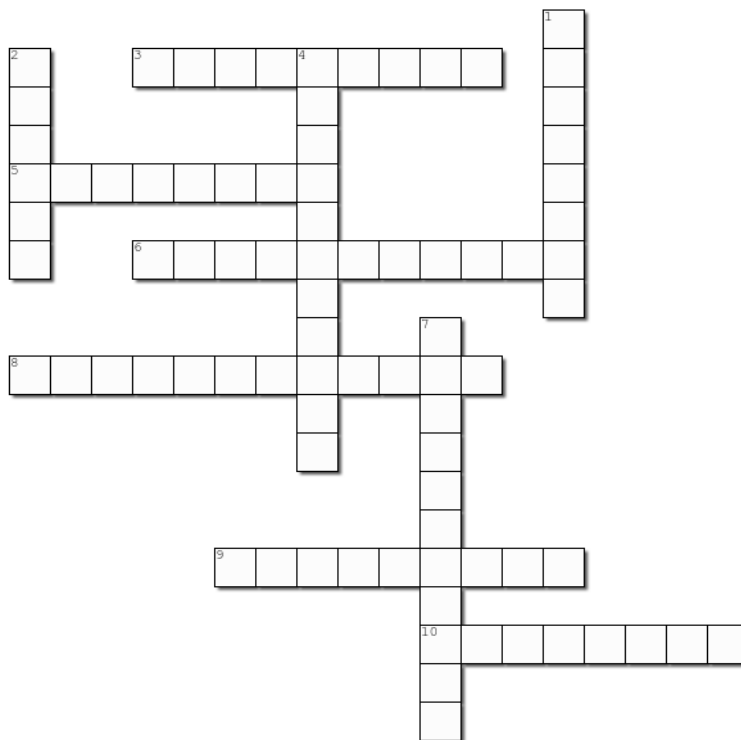
## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT~ Carol LaPolice

The treasury is in great shape. We've added a few more members bring our total to 509 active and reserve members. A vote was taken at the October meeting to transfer money from the AU DKG Scholarship fund to reach a \$10,000 balance in the Sara E Chase fund since another scholarship was recently awarded. Also, although a vote for the name change was approved, checks still have to be written in the current manner until our by-laws are submitted and approved with state and federal entities.

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### Does This Describe You?

Complete the crossword puzzle below. If you answer yes to the title question, please contact Carol LaPolice for more information.



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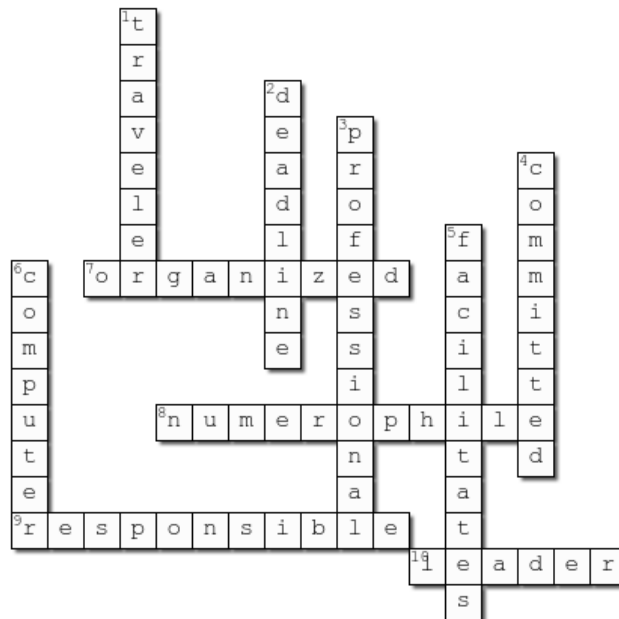
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- 5. something you can meet
- 6. accountable
- 8. skilled
- 9. devoted
- 10. a voyager

#### **Down**

- 1. tool for accessing information and/or a calculator
- 2. a DKG sister
- 4. person not afraid of numbers
- 7. guides

~~ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLE ON THE NEXT PAGE~~

Complete the crossword puzzle below. If you answer yes to the title question, please contact Carol LaPolice for more information.



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### Across

7. someone who gets things done (**organized**)
8. person not afraid of numbers (**numerophile**)
9. accountable (**responsible**)
10. a DKG sister (**leader**)

## Down

1. a voyager (**traveler**)
2. something you can meet (**deadline**)
3. skilled (**professional**)
4. devoted (**committed**)
5. guides (**facilitates**)
6. tool for accessing information and/or a calculator (**computer**)



MCAS COMMITTEE~ Carol LaPolice  
U.S. Forum Representative

**Looking for a few writers/or researchers for our committee!** The MA DESE requires the MCAS this year unless the legislature votes otherwise.

A bill, S. 2814, <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/191/S2814> , has been filed and is in study to maintain a moratorium on testing for 4 years.

If you'd like to contribute a little time to supporting this bill through writing or phone calls from the safety of your own home, please contact Carol LaPolice, [carol.lapolice@comcast.net](mailto:carol.lapolice@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



## CHRISTA McAULIFFE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND~ G'Tanya Small We're Here! Looking for New Applicants!

The Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Committee is still here and stands ready to accept applications from Massachusetts DKG members interested in taking professional development, workshops, or perhaps an online class for personal growth. Sessions do not have to be school related. They can focus on a hobby or something you always wanted to explore in more depth.

Awardee, Linda Tiley took an online Law, Ethics and the Educator course. Please see her article below. Our most recent awardee, Linda Stewart will participate in a program that will move her closer to her goal of becoming a Clinical Medical Assistant. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them for applying and congratulate them both.

The "easy to fill out" application can be found on the DKG state website <http://alupsma.weebly.com> under Christa McAuliffe on the home tab.

So, don't sit home bored-- fill out the application today or you could tune in to Netflix's special presentation of **Challenger: The Final Flight**. The program is a great reminder of how we can emulate a brave teacher and her pioneering spirit.

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### *Letter: DKG Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Submitted by Linda Tiley*

Hello DKG sisters!

I am so grateful to have received the Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund award late last spring. These funds enabled me to enroll in a graduate course called Law, Ethics and the Educator. I had been trying to take this class for over 2 years, but my school district did not have the funding for me, and I was not able to pay for this on my own. The class was originally scheduled to be a Hybrid Model, with 6 in person sessions, but by the end of April, the entire course was moved to on-line. As the spring of 2020 unfolded, and the COVID-19 global pandemic changed our world, it was fascinating and also empowering to watch my professor, a superintendent, struggle with the same things we teachers had been trying to accomplish with our students. One of my favorite moments in the first class was when he said "This is really hard. I'm used to being able to walk around the room and see your faces and body language to get a better sense of the group."

I learned a lot, and was able to tailor my capstone project to special education issues, which is my specialty within education. In mid-August, I was surprised to be contacted by a former colleague who encouraged me to apply for a job in her district. So after over a year of working towards this kind of move, and with a pandemic still rampant, this fall I unexpectedly began a new position. I have no doubt that my ability to reference completing this course in my job interview helped tip the scale in my favor.

Thank you to all who helped to pave this road for me!  
Linda Tiley, DKG Alpha Epsilon Chapter





## **The U.S. Forum Steering Committee**

Invites you to attend via Zoom:

# **“Amending the Gap: The 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Amendments”**

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 7 p.m. EST**

**(6 p.m. CST, 5 p.m. MST, 4 p.m. PST)**

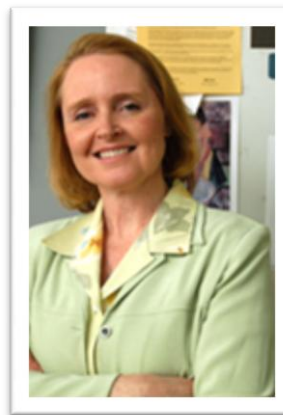
**featuring**

## **Dr. Gayle Seymour, Beta AR**

**Associate Dean and Professor**

**University of Central Arkansas**

Join us via Zoom for a presentation about the ongoing fight for equality for women, represented by the 19<sup>th</sup> and [28<sup>th</sup>] Amendments, by Dr. Gayle Seymour, Professor Art History and Associate Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Central Arkansas. Dr. Seymour will discuss women’s fight for the vote, leading to the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920, the rise of the Equal Rights Amendment (what would be the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment), and the ongoing fight for its ratification to the U.S. Constitution. Dr. Seymour will also discuss the role the arts played in these movements in history and today.



*Dr. Gayle Seymour*

**Please register in advance for this webinar by 11/16/2020 at:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc2gpj8qE9XsHbakuRkGi\\_h6P5RerB0k](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpc2gpj8qE9XsHbakuRkGi_h6P5RerB0k)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***For further information contact US Forum Chair Barbara Bostwick-Quinn at [barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com](mailto:barbarabquinn@rochester.rr.com)***

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS~MARILYN SPEDDING

## *Collegiate Members*

Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:

- They shall be enrolled in, or have graduate standing with, an institution offering an educational degree
- They shall have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education
- They shall be enrolled in the last two years of their degree
- They shall be selected by the method established by the chapter rules
- They may participate in the activities of the Society except holding office
- They may serve as parliamentarian since that position is not an officer

Collegiate members who graduate and become a paid educator shall pay active member dues and become an active member of the Society. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program.

International dues for collegiate members are \$20.00 as set by the International Executive Board and approved by the DKG International convention. The Massachusetts State Organization and the individual chapters may add local dues for the collegiate members.

Collegiate members have all the privileges of membership except that of holding office and have no obligations except payment of dues.

Collegiate status is granted by a majority vote of the chapter.

Is your chapter interested in adding collegiate members? Check out the DKG.org website. Contact President Lynn Howard or Marilyn Spedding with questions and for recruiting ideas

## *2019 - 2021 Presidents' Club Challenge*

The "Presidents' Club" recognizes Massachusetts Chapters in the area of membership. As we actively recruit new members, we also acknowledge the importance of maintaining our relationship with our loyal members.

What level will your chapter attain during this biennium's challenge?

**Gold Level** – Membership increases since June 30, 2019 (added more new members than the number of members who left the chapter)

**Silver Level** - Maintained the same number of members (new members = members who dropped)

**Bronze Level** - New members were recruited but were fewer than those who dropped

Need ideas? Let's talk!

This challenge runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021

Marilyn Spedding

Massachusetts State Membership Chair

[gcs200@aol.com](mailto:gcs200@aol.com)

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## *Updated 2020 Member Directory*

The Updated Member Directory is now available. Copies will be available at \$10.00 each.

Any member wishing to purchase a copy should contact Jo-Anne Butler at [squeakie59@verizon.net](mailto:squeakie59@verizon.net).



## *SARA E. CHASE FUND~ Dorothea Maynard*

The maximum award is \$2,500 per semester.

Application Deadline Dates by Semester:

- Spring Semester – December 15, 2019
- Summer Semester– April 15, 2020
- Academic/Writing Year – April 15, 2020
- Fall Semester – July, 2021

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

Mail your Application to:  
Dorothea Maynard  
Sara E. Chase Scholarship  
661 Pearse Road  
Swansea, MA 02777



### ***CORNETET PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD***

Do you need money for conference/seminar expenses including travel, hotel, meals, and a substitute teacher? We have good news for you—the Cornet Professional Development Award! The awards are available to members and non-members for up to \$2,000!

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

1. Go to: [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)
2. Click on Apply> Click on Cornet Professional Development-Individual

## ***REMINDER TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS***

Necrology Form #6 needs to be sent to International ([mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)), the State Treasurer (Carol LaPolice: [carol.lapolice@comcast.net](mailto:carol.lapolice@comcast.net)), and the State Necrology chair (Natalie Januskiewicz: [njanuskiewicz@msn.com](mailto:njanuskiewicz@msn.com)) as soon as possible after the member passes. The Form #6 can be found on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) (FORMS tab> scroll down to General).

## ***Nominations Committee ~ Bette Bridges***

It's that time of year again.... we are looking for nominations for Officers, Nominations Committee, and Finance Committee for our next biennium. If you or some you know would be a good candidate, please complete the form on page 15 and submit it to Bette Bridges.

The names of the consenting nominees will be presented to the Executive Board at its winter meeting. The proposed slate with individual photos and biographical information will be printed in the Spring issue of The Baystater. The election will take place at the Spring Convention. We ask that you consider placing your name or the name of one of your Massachusetts State Organization DKG sisters in nomination for a statewide position. Perhaps you might discuss potential nominees at your chapter or area meeting. The nomination form is included here and has been posted on the Alpha Upsilon State website, <http://alupsma.weebly.com>

## LITERACY COUNCIL~ *Diana Grady*

**HELP! I NEED SOMEBODY**

**HELP! NOT JUST ANYBODY**

**HELP! YOU KNOW I NEED SOMEONE**

**HELP!**

(My apologies to The Beatles)

A plea from Diana Grady, Literacy Chair

Does your chapter have special topics for your meetings? Do you invite engaging speakers, local authors, or charming entertainers? Do you arrange interesting activities, games, challenges, or conversation starters?

I would like to create a file with ideas of programs that chapters provide to their members and then disperse it to presidents. In my chapter, Alpha Theta, we have had book discussions, author talks, musical entertainment, silent auctions, a presentation on Zentangle, and one on Wool, Silk, Cotton, & Flax - Hand Spinning and Women's History. Alpha Eta has sent me information on their successful Book Donations program.

Now I need you to please share the inspirations that entice your members.

Please send your ideas to [badg2@verizon.net](mailto:badg2@verizon.net).

### **AUTHOR-BOOK REVIEW** Submitted by Diana Grady

**PHAEDRA PATRICK – [www.phaedra-patrick.com](http://www.phaedra-patrick.com)**

**Praise for Phaedra's books**

"Phaedra Patrick understands the soul. This book will illuminate your heart." – **Nina George, *The Little Paris Bookshop***

"Charming by name, charming by nature, this book is a balm for the soul and the heart." – **The Sun**

"A charming, unforgettable story." – **Harper's Bazaar**

"A feel-good story with oodles of charm." – **The Daily Mail**

"Wonderful...The Perfect Summer Read." – **Woman**

Phaedra Patrick is the international bestselling author of **RISE & SHINE, BENEDICT STONE** (known as **WISHES UNDER THE WILLOW TREE** in the UK), and **THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER**, which has been translated into over twenty languages worldwide.

Film rights for **THE CURIOUS CHARMS OF ARTHUR PEPPER** have been optioned in the US by a major Hollywood studio. A **USA Today** bestseller, the novel was awarded the **Prix des Lectrices 2017** in France, and was a top ten Audible audiobook in the USA. It also reached top three on the Apple iBooks chart.

Nina George, New York Times bestselling author of *The Little Paris Bookshop* said: "Phaedra Patrick understands the soul. Eccentric, charming, and wise...This book will illuminate your heart."

**RISE & SHINE, BENEDICT STONE** has also been optioned as a TV movie in the US.

Both **ARTHUR PEPPER** and **BENEDICT STONE** were Indie Next picks in the US, and each was awarded a starred review by the *Library Journal*. The publication described Phaedra's work as, "Tender, insightful and surprising."

Her latest novel is called **THE LIBRARY OF LOST AND FOUND**, is available now as a US hardback/audio/ebook, and UK audio/ebook. In October 2019, the book reached #11 on Kindle UK. In November, it was selected as The Great North West Read 2019, to be read across over 300 libraries in the NW of England.

Her fourth book will be titled **THE SECRETS OF SUNSHINE** (UK) and **THE SECRETS OF LOVE STORY BRIDGE** (US), and she will be writing a fifth and sixth book for her current publishers, Park Row in the US and HQ in the UK.

Phaedra qualified firstly as a stained glass artist before gaining her professional Marketing qualifications. She has worked as a waitress, stained glass designer, film festival organizer and communications manager. She enjoyed her first real writing success when she entered and won several short story competitions, and she now writes full time. She lives in Saddleworth, UK and is represented by Clare Wallace at Darley Anderson Literary, Film and TV Agency

## ~~BAYSTATEMENTS~~ CHAPTER NEWS

**ALPHA ETA** *Submitted by Dianne Swistak*



Alpha Eta held its second in-person and virtual meeting of the Corona virus era on Wednesday, October 28. We had three members in person, and four joined via Zoom. Two others who had planned to attend were unable to make it. Of those who joined on Zoom, one member was in New York state, and the other, former member and *Baystater* editor Robin Tomasino, joined from North Carolina. The technology is a big help in our present situation.

The program consisted of a presentation on Zoom by children's book author, Kathleen Brenner Duble. After giving background on her books and how she got started writing, she discussed where her ideas come from and responded to questions that had been submitted by members or their students. Since Kathleen writes historical fiction, she suggested talking with family members to learn and retell their stories. She also mentioned retelling familiar stories from someone else's point of view, for example, Marie Antoinette's dressmaker or the fiancée of John Wilkes Booth. She showed pictures that could be used as a starting point to get students writing and in the realm of science imagined having students take a part (for instance, "I am a leaf today, and I did a really good job because....")

The meeting proved to be interesting and relevant, and we all enjoyed being able to get together whether we were physically present or chatting virtually. Our next meeting is scheduled for early December.

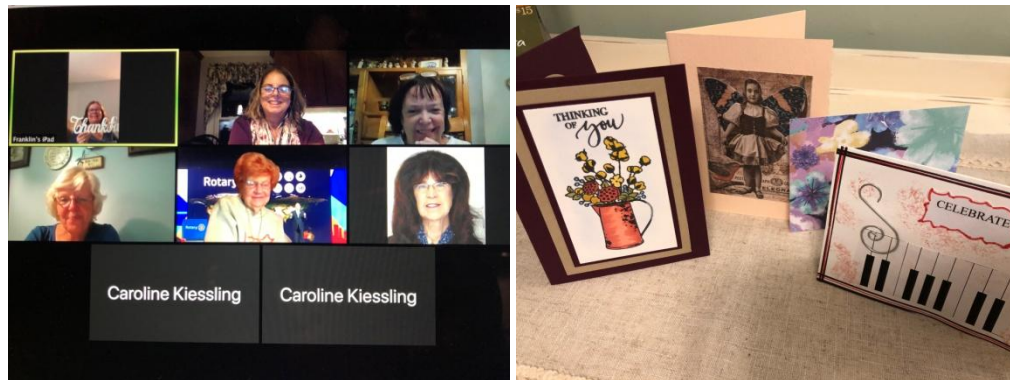
**EPSILON** *Submitted by Irene Falite*

Happy autumn to all our Sisters! Hope you have been enjoying the beautiful foliage and creative decorations as you ride around....going to make pumpkin breads from the real pumpkins. We are hoping to be able to have a Zoom Meeting at some point and have been communicating by Email and phone calls. Since we will not be able to have our annual Holiday Celebration in person, we will continue our annual donation drive of paper goods, canned goods, boxed food items, etc. to be delivered to the Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, MA in early December. The Lazarus House Ministries works to break the cycle of poverty by providing food, clothing, work preparation and housing.

Our goal is to also assist the Pettengill House in Salisbury, MA by donating much needed toiletries to be distributed to families in need. The Pettengill House is a nonprofit community social service agency serving nine communities.

Both of these wonderful organizations are dear to us and our Sisters look forward to donating each year.

We wish you a blessed Holiday season and look forward to the day we can meet in person.



Like many chapters we have been disappointed we have been unable to meet face to face due to COVID. However, a pandemic cannot keep our DKG sisters from gathering and connecting in a variety of ways.

Our first meeting planned for September was postponed until October. During that October evening we were able to celebrate Theta's 70th birthday. (Well, actually it was 71 as we were supposed to celebrate last June.). To kick off the meeting our chapter co-president, Janet Wellock, took us on a tour of her living room, which was set up for a 'birthday party' in honor of Theta. She had festive signs, candles and a birthday hat too! To make this meeting even more special our DKG sisters were asked ahead of time to send along a recollection of some DKG event that held special meaning. Those remembrances were then shared that evening via a slideshow with those who could attend. The slideshow was then sent out to all chapter members following the meeting. It was a great way to celebrate Theta and some very fond moments.

Also at this meeting we discussed ways we could help our fellow DKG sisters who are actively teaching. Because teaching is certainly very different than it ever has been, our sisters are putting forth extra effort, spending extra time planning and working extra hard, so we wanted to do something extra special for them. Operation 'Send-A-Card' was put into action. Our retired members have sent cards of 'thanks'. Many of the teachers have responded positively to these lovely notes of appreciation.

'Thankful Theta' is the theme for the November Meeting. We had hoped we could meet face-to-face, however, we are 'thankful' that we can connect via Zoom. At this meeting a representative from the non-profit organization, Dignity Matters, will be joining us to give an overview of this amazing project and give us some direction on how we can help women and girls who are homeless. If you would also like to help, check out this worthy organization: <https://www.dignity-matters.org>. In addition, our Thankful Theta members will also be collecting donations for our local food pantries.

While we would prefer to see each other in person, we know that we can continue our conversations and camaraderie in other ways. Stay tuned to see what else Theta has in store for the new year!

## **ALPHA IOTA** *Submitted by Nanci Flaherty*

Can one even count the ways we've had to adjust to living this past year? Alpha Iota has worked hard at creating innovative ways to keep our group active and maintain our charity commitments, with donations to both our international (Schools for Africa) and state (Reach Out to Read) projects. We are proud to support Circle of Hope with a donation this year as well. Circle of Hope is a nonprofit organization based in Needham, Massachusetts. The mission of Circle of Hope is to provide homeless children, women, and men in Boston and Metro West with clothing and necessities in order to preserve and enhance overall health and personal dignity. By continually providing seasonally appropriate clothing, shoes, linens, and basic toiletries to 25 carefully vetted homeless shelters and clinics, Circle of Hope gives the most vulnerable members of our community the opportunity to protect themselves from the dangers of illness and disease that come from being homeless in New England. Circle of Hope makes 8-10 deliveries per week to homeless shelters and clinics and served more than 8,000 children and adults last year. You can see some of their work on Facebook at Circle of Hope, Inc or visit their website at <http://www.circleofhopeonline.org/>. We are proud to support our Alpha Iota member Judy Waterhouse, a dedicated Circle of Hope Volunteer.

Additional activities throughout the year have highlighted 100 years of the women's suffrage, focusing on the life of Blanche Ames and her contributions to the women's rights movement. We have enjoyed visits to her family mansion at Borderland State Park in North Easton, MA and recreations of the suffrage meetings that were held there as well. Additional activities we're hoping to explore include book clubs, virtual tours and online webinars. We encourage our members to share any hobbies or activities they enjoy so that we can make it a group event.

## **ETA** *Submitted by Jo-Anne Butler*

Eta Chapter hosted a relaxing Zoom meeting on Sound Healing and Guided Meditation presented by Paula Lazaroff, LMT. Eta was pleased to have members from two different chapters plus our State President, Lynn Howard, join in on this meeting. During these stress filled days her spiritual/ meditation/ relaxation presentation was perfect for helping deal with these crazy times. Participants were presented with various suggestions that they could to add into their current practices. The stress relief was a blessing.

In a time where financial difficulties are obvious for all, Eta's Literacy Program will be providing books to all the children in one of the schools it supports to ensure everyone will have a gift for the Holidays. In the month of December, we will be hosting a Holiday Craft Zoom to help support our Literacy Program endeavors.

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## ***Future DKG International Events:***

### **2021 International Conferences:**

Portland, Oregon July 7-10,  
San Antonio, Texas July 21-24  
Tampere, Finland July 28-31

### **International Conventions:**

New Orleans, Louisiana (Sheraton) - July 12-16, 2022  
National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area) - 2024  
Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies) – 2026



## THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY CARDS!



Thank you so much for responding to the recent request for birthday cards.

The family of Concetta Rando would like to thank her

Sisters of Alpha Upsilon for making her 109<sup>th</sup> birthday

so memorable. Connie received over 145 birthday cards

Connie wanted me to relay this message:

“It really made my day to think that everyone was thinking  
of me on my special day. Thank you!”

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## Women's History and Women's Rights

There was a time when women could not have jobs and had no voting rights. Women were property passed from father to husband. High-school student Melanie must learn how things changed.

***We Did It for You! Women's Journey Through History*** is the story of how women got their rights in America, told by the women who were there. It is an entertaining and quick tour through the journey, starting with the struggle women had in the 17th century Puritan Revolution through to our 21st century empowered women politicians. It has been performed across California and eastern Massachusetts for tens of thousands of women, men, and students. Even with its positive message, the show identifies the problems women are still up against on their road towards equality. A dedicated troupe of volunteer women who care about women's rights and active participation in our democracy are determined to entertain and educate you with this incredible experience.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have stopped doing live performances and have taken to the virtual world. We have been doing staged virtual readings with an enthusiastic response.

**“We Did It for You! Women’s Journey Through History”** This on-line presentation of the complete play tells of the struggles and triumphs women have undergone to get their basic rights in America told by the women who were there! Audiences will watch a dramatic reading of the play by costumed actors including videos of musical numbers from past live performances. Check out this [sneak preview](#).

**“We Did It for You! The Suffrage Story and Voting Today”** This excerpt of the full show includes the struggles leading up to basic rights for women with a focus on voting rights for women and minorities. Covers from 17th century through the suffrage and civil rights movements to why it is important to vote.

***We Did It for You! Women's Journey Through History***  
**Recording of virtual performance**

**FREE**

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00-8:30pm (Eastern Time)**

**Q&A with playwright afterwards**

**[RSVP here for tickets](#)**

**<https://www.wediditforyou.org/>**



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RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATIONS  
2021-2023 State Officers, Finance and Nominations**

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(self-nominations are accepted)

**For what position are you nominating the candidate? (Circle One)**

State President

State First Vice President

State Second Vice President

State Corresponding Secretary

State Recording Secretary

Finance Committee\*

Nominations Committee

**Chapter, State, and International Experience**

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**Present Professional Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Must be current (2020-2022) Chapter President