

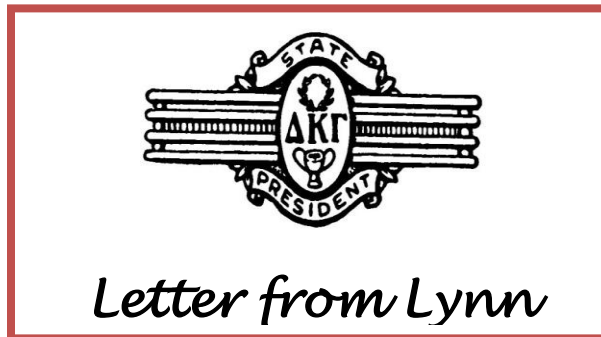
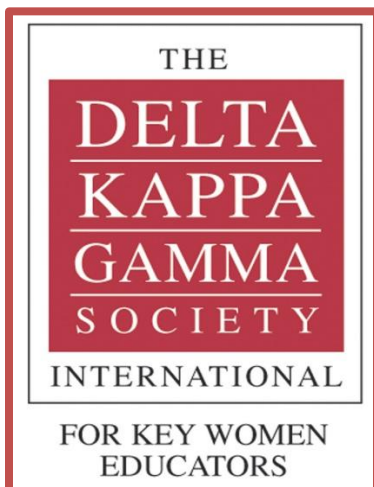
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SAVE THE DATE:

VIRTUAL MEETING:

FALL CONFERENCE:
OCTOBER 2-3, 2020

**INFORMATION IN THIS
ISSUE AND VIA EMAIL
IN SEPTEMBER**

Dear DKG Sisters,

I hope that everyone has found some fun and enjoyable activities to keep you busy during this pandemic. It has been a long five months but at least the summer weather has been sunny, although some days have been a little too hot to be outside for too long unless you are at the beach! The social distancing requirements have certainly put a damper on our DKG events for the Spring and Summer and now it looks like the Fall too! Thank goodness for technology though, at least we can stay in touch with family and friends via email, text, Facebook, and now Zoom meetings.

2020 DKG International Convention

Our International Officers and staff did a great job putting together the Virtual International Convention. I hope that you were able to participate in some of the sessions. If you missed it most sessions were recorded and are available on the DKG website. [Download the Links at a Glance PDF right here](#) (you will need to sign into the Members only section with your DKG Member # and password). Here is a recap of some of the highlights from the Convention.

New International Officers for 2020-2022

President-Becky Sadowski
1st VP-Lace Marie Brogdan
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Your support and efforts are appreciated! Gail



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Lynn's Letter Continued~

Core Values

During the International Convention they presented short videos about Core Values developed by DKG Next. They are based on the Seven Purposes and the Mission and Vision statement. Each one has a short Youtube video (you can get the links on the DKG website). **The Core Values:** 1) Collegiality, 2) Global Emphasis, 3) Leadership 4) Philanthropy and 5) Professional and Personal Growth.

Educators Book Award Winner-Unveiled Truth-Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul by Gail Goolsby. You might consider reading this as a Chapter and having a Chapter Book discussion. If you do a virtual meeting you might even want to reach out to Gail to see if she could join your meeting.

Keynote Speakers: Jane Golden (Director of Mural Arts Philadelphia) and Olympia LePoint (Rocket Scientist, Science Entertainer and Educator)

Some of the other Sessions to check out:

Why We Believe Fake News and Other Things
Empowering Girl Scouts Through DKG Patch Program
Creating Family Literacy Partnerships
Survival Kit for Teachers

MA State Fall Conference-October 2-3rd

As you know we had to cancel our State Convention that was to be held at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth in May. We did hold our Executive Board Meeting online that weekend and decided to move the events that were scheduled for that Convention to October. Unfortunately, we have now found out that because we are still in Phase 3 of the reopening the Southbridge Hotel will not be able to accommodate us due to the limited number of people that can gather in a room. So, we are planning an abbreviated Fall Conference.

The Executive Board will meet on Friday, October 2nd from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Then we will hold a General Meeting for all members of our State on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be voting on Amendments to our By-Laws, so it is especially important that everyone attend. We will be having the meeting on Zoom and we will send out the link to join via computer and a phone number if you would rather call in. We will also have an Awards ceremony to present our Area Achievement and Friends of Education Awards. In addition, we hope to have a few guest speakers if we can arrange it. So, mark your calendars and look for more information next month.

Moving Forward

With our Fall Conference, the Area Meetings and Chapter meetings being cancelled, postponed or maybe being held virtually things will be different but that doesn't mean we can't continue with our mission and vision to impact education worldwide and we can still work together on our seven purposes. So please let me know if you have an idea for a virtual meeting for your chapter or the state. We will be using Zoom for our October meeting and we will be discussing at our next Executive Board meeting whether we want to use Zoom for other meetings. Also please work together in your chapter to think about ways that you can support our international and state projects and how you can support active educators as they go back to school this year.

In May 2021 we are planning a celebration for our State Organization's 80th Birthday! Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person April 30-May 1st at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth. We are looking into extending the weekend through Sunday, May 2nd so that we can have a nice celebration banquet on Saturday night along with having some sessions during the weekend to celebrate some of the events from 2020 (100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment and Plymouth 400) that we didn't get to do because of the Coronavirus. If you are interested in helping to plan this event or have any ideas for workshops, speakers, entertainment please contact Claire LaBonte cdlabonte@charter.net I hope you will be able to attend, so save the date and look for more information in early 2021.

As we get ready for the new school year there are many important decisions that need to be made as to how the educators will provide the instruction to our students. I know everyone is trying to do everything they can to keep everyone safe. If you are an active educator and/or a parent of school age children, I wish you the best as you return to school. I hope that all our DKG members and families stay healthy. I hope we can gather in person in 2021, I miss you!

Best wishes,

Lynn

Fall State Convention

~~Executive Board Meeting~~

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and some technical problems with setting up a full online convention, Lynn Howard and I decided on the following for our 2020 State Convention:

1. Hold the Executive Board Meeting on **Friday, October 2, 2020 from 7:00-9:00 pm** via Zoom. Bring your own favorite evening beverage to help you through the meeting.
2. Hold the **General Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 9:00-11:00 am**, also, via Zoom, to be followed by the awards presentations. Bring your own breakfast/snack and favorite morning beverage to sustain you through the vote on the State By-Laws (final vote to adopt).
3. All other workshops, roundtable discussions, etc. will be rescheduled for our Spring 2021 convention where we hope to celebrate our 80th birthday and finally be able to see each other IN PERSON again.

All zoom links will be emailed out to the general membership ahead of time.

PLEASE note that at the General Membership Meeting all members will be voting on the new State By-laws, and that we will be honoring some of our members for their service to chapters. We will also be honoring our Friend of Education recipient.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT~ Carol LaPolice

Thank you to Consuelo Ryan for her many fine years of service as Chapter Treasurer of Upsilon.

Welcome to Meghan Ayock who is the new Upsilon Chapter Treasurer!

All reports and almost all 990n confirmations have been received. The state reports will be shared at the October convention. Thank you to all Chapter Treasurers for collecting and submitting dues. We have heard from all but 24 members statewide as of July 30.

INCOMING PRESIDENTS' TRAINING (Part 2) ~ Gail Saccone

Gail Saccone, 2nd VP, along with President Lynn Howard held a Presidents' Training Session on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00-11:30. This training session was designed for Incoming Presidents. The focus was on tips for starting the new biennium, highlighting features of the updated DKG International website, and reviewing the revised Guideline for Chapter Leaders.

Many thanks to the following Presidents for attending the session (via Go-To-Meeting): Debbie Gill (Alpha Zeta), Janet Wellock (Theta), Tammy Edmonds & Beth Clark (co-presidents of Alpha Gamma), Dorothea Maynard (Alpha Theta), Jo-Anne Butler (Eta), Ellen Driscoll (Alpha Lambda), and Nanci Flaherty (Alpha Iota).

We began the session with the presidents sharing various concerns about teaching during the pandemic and the models their districts have proposed. Next, we had a round-robin discussion to share activities that the respective chapters are planning. Several chapters reported that they have had or are planning to have an Executive Board meeting this month.

In addition, some chapters have made tentative plans for the year. Some of the ideas included:

- Initiate a Book Club and give the members the name of the selection ahead of time
- Donate children's books and/or money to buy books to distribute at local food pantries
- Donate food items and/or personal care items (Dignity Bags) to donate to homeless shelters or women's shelters
- Donate winter clothes items (i.e. socks, gloves, hats, etc.) to give to homeless shelters
- Host a New Member Tea at the local library when we're able to gather together
- Reach out to local schools to offer help to teachers and to send notes of encouragement (with DKG info for contact)

Gail wrapped up the meeting by presenting valuable resources that can be found on the International website (www.dkg.org) and encouraged members to go to the MY DKG section (tab). Contact her at: baystaterma@gmail.com.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE BY-LAWS~ Martha Cotton

The following amendments to our state by-laws were approved by the Executive Board at the February, 2020 Winter Board meeting. In that we were not able to have the final vote in May, they will now be voted on by the members in attendance at the **Fall Convention on October 3, 2020**. Please note that there has been one change to Article I, Section A (Name) approved on May 2, 2020. The abbreviation **Inc.** will NOT be included in our new state name.

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.** (delete)

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.

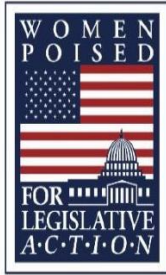
We now have the PayPal option for State meeting registrations!

REMINDER TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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

U.S. FORUM NEWS~ Carol LaPolice

With the sad passing of Kathy Davis, Chair of the US Forum Steering Committee, our Northeast Regional Representative Barbara Bostwick-Quinn was appointed to Chair and I was appointed as the Northeast Regional Representative. We are meeting to plan for the biennium. A new webmaster will be appointed and a new website will be active in the near future. Get your news in the newsletter and on Facebook. Postings by the Steering Committee of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society U S Forum will be available to generate discussion on key issues affecting women, children and education. Post your comments at @DKG.US.Forum. Be on the lookout for more information about joining the webinar on September 29th.



**The U.S. Forum Steering Committee Invites you to join
Our Webinar: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7pm EST**



Roni Embry, IN



Pat Bennett-Forman, WA



Carrie Frye, FL



Dr. Kathy Kinley, CA

Round table discussion:
Advocacy that works!

**Best Practices for
Successful Legislative
Programs**

Moderated by Daphne Cagle, CA

Featuring:

Roni Embry, IN

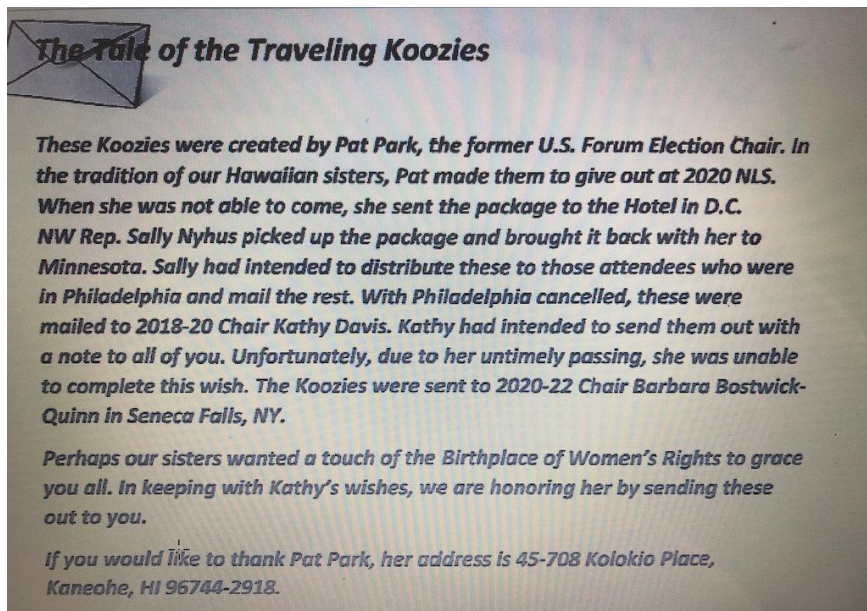
Carrie Frye, FL

Pat Bennett-Forman, WA

Dr. Kathy Kinley, CA

Interesting letter from the U.S. Forum Submitted by Linda Stewart

Four of our state sisters Carol LaPolice, Linda Stewart, Gwen Miller, and Diana Grady were planning on attending the National Legislative Seminar, presented by the U.S. Forum, this past March in Washington, D.C. However, like so many other wonderful events, the Seminar was cancelled due to Covid-19. They were all so disappointed; however, Linda Stewart received this surprise letter and hand-made Koozie in the mail. The story of how it found its way to her is an example of the persistence that DKG sisters are known for!



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 15, 2021

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

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

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 Cornetet 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
2. Click on Apply> Click on Cornetet Professional Development-Individual



OUR PARTNERSHIP with SUFFRAGE100MA

The Executive Board voted to complete an online application for our organization to become a partner of the Suffrage 100 MA (no fee). Suffrage100MA is dedicated to commemorating the centennial year of the adoption of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in August of 1920. The main goal is to tell the story of the remarkable achievement of the suffragists. Suffrage100MA provides information and materials to their Partners and encourages them to present and/or incorporate into their programming suffrage centennial events, exhibits, etc. that will commemorate the centennial. For more information about this organization please go to www.suffrage100ma.org

August 26th, 2020 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment A Virtual Commemorative Event

August 26, 2020 is THE centennial of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Due to COVID, we will not be hosting our annual **Women's Equality Day** event at the Swan Boats, but we are planning a virtual event with VIP speakers and activists including Governor Charlie Baker, First Lady Lauren Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, US Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and so many more! Please stay tuned, save the date, and tell your friends!

Also, Suffrage100MA is planning a large march, program and festival on the Boston Common to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The event was previously scheduled for 2020 but, due to COVID, is now scheduled for fall 2021 and we want you to be a part of it when it takes place!

Suffrage 100th Event submitted by Annette Shaw

In celebration of 100 years of voting suffrage for women, please join me at this online production. I was fortunate to attend an in-person production before the onslaught of COVID-19 and learned much about the early and current efforts for voting rights.

We Did It for You!
The Suffrage Story and Voting Today
August 20th at 7:00 PM (EDT)
Free live streamed play-reading
Sponsored by the Framingham Public Library



[Register here for free tickets](#) (You will get a link and a reminder notice for the livestream)

The year 2020 marks 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment giving 26 million women the right to vote. While it failed to enfranchise women of color, it was a huge step towards equality. ***We Did It for You! The Suffrage Story and Voting Today*** tells the story of how women got their rights focusing on voting rights for women and minorities, and it offers ways you can take action to ensure we get out the vote in 2020! Be inspired to act, from the comfort of your living room. Q&A with cast and playwright afterwards. Cast members will be participating from cities and towns across the United States.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND~ G'Tanya Small *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: G'Tanya Small at 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!

SERVICE PROJECTS

International Project-Schools for Africa



Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Since that time, members have donated approximately \$445,134.90 since the inception of the partnership with UNICEF USA. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Watch the video "Ten Years of Progress-Achieving DKG and UNICEF USA's shared Vision for Children" presented by Whitney Simoon-UNICEF Schools for Africa DKG Video. This would be great to show at a virtual Chapter meeting and then discuss ways that you can raise some money to donate to the fund. To make a donation use the Schools for Africa flyer donation form on the DKG

website.

State Project-Reach out to Read-Vision: A World where every child is read to every day

Reach Out and Read is a national nonprofit that champions the positive effects of reading daily and engaging in other language-rich activities with young children. Reach Out and Read was founded in 1989 at the Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center) to help families make reading a part of their routines and to supply the books they need to get started. They are now in all 50 states with 6,400 program sites that provide 7.4 million books each year.

Due to COVID restricts and guidelines they are not accepting book donations currently, so instead they are asking organizations to make monetary donations or have an online book sale. For information you can visit their website. <https://www.reachoutandread.org>



~~BAYSTATEMENTS~~ CHAPTER NEWS

EPSILON *Submitted by Irene Falite*

Wishing all our Sisters a happy, healthy, and productive summer. Perhaps we will be together soon again!

A big thank you to our Scholarship Committee who read and reviewed many applications for our annual Scholarship which is awarded to a student who will be pursuing a career in Education. This year's recipient is **Grace Trefry**, a senior at Beverly High School, who was selected from many highly qualified applicants. Throughout her high school years, Ms. Trefry blended academic excellence, school sports achievement, and worked with young children within her community. A member of the National Honor Society, Grace will attend Texas Christian University to study Elementary Education in the fall. We wish her a successful school experience and hope to hear of her adventures. We also hope to welcome her and her family to our Scholarship Awards dinner in the near future. Hope to see our Sisters soon.....stay cool..... 😊

ALPHA IOTA *Submitted by Nanci Flaherty*

Alpha Iota reacted to the state mandated quarantine like everyone else - all things cancelled. We had some wonderful events planned and hope to reschedule many of those plans when all is safe and well in the world. For some student perspective on the COVID-19 closure, we reached out to our most recent Amelia Armstrong Scholarship winner, Katie Hurwitz, who shared her perspective on online education and returning to school in the fall.

“For my first year of college, I attended Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Personally, leaving campus and learning that we would not return for the rest of the semester was horribly sad for me, as not only would events that I was involved with (such as the spring orchestra concert or *Into The Woods*) be cancelled, but the remainder of my first year was cancelled. While I did feel the negative emotions regarding the last few months of my first year of college being robbed, I decided not to focus on the negativity. If I were to be negative, then I would not be productive, and I would not be able to focus on my studies. Learning from home was the safest decision for all of us, and I could not imagine how horrible it would be if there was an outbreak of the virus on campus if we had overlooked Covid-19 back in March. I began to notice how the situation became very humbling for me, and I learned to appreciate the things that I would have otherwise taken for granted. Remote learning definitely did not yield the same effectiveness as face-to-face learning, but we were all learning as we went—both the students and the teachers. This fall, I will be studying on campus; however, all courses will be offered both in person and online. There will not be a fall break in order to minimize students travelling back and forth from campus, and after Thanksgiving until the end of the semester, all courses will transition online completely. I am going into my sophomore year of college fully prepared that this year will be a shock, and it will be different. However, I am extremely glad that I have the opportunity to be on campus, and I am even more glad that the college is so concerned about our health and well-being, putting in these protocols.”

Katie is transferring to the University of Rochester to pursue her degree in elementary education with certification in literacy.

Alpha Iota would also like to introduce you to our new E-Board

President: Nanci Flaherty

First Vice President: Carol Sullivan - Hanley

Second Vice President: Sherry Pedon

Corresponding Secretary: Mae Bishop

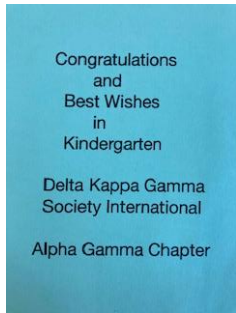
Recording Secretary: Rosemary McEachern

Treasurer: Sandy Carle

Parliamentarian: Joan Rego

Former President: Jillian Sceppa - Etienne

ALPHA GAMMA Submitted by Marcia Pereira



Alpha Gamma Chapter has been quiet this spring and summer. COVID-19 has kept us apart from each other and from many of the other activities we all enjoy, such as teaching, travelling and volunteering in our communities. One AG member, Maureen Clifford, took on the task of assembling 111 backpacks of school supplies members collected this winter. The backpacks were distributed to the Head Start graduates who are heading to kindergarten this fall from the Webster and Southbridge Head Start programs. Thank you, Maureen for making these gifts available for these young learners.

Alpha Gamma members also conducted their elections for the upcoming biennial through email. The elected officers include:

Tammy Edmonds & Beth Clark- Co-Presidents

Dana Juozaitis & Erica Rodriguez- Co-1st Vice Presidents

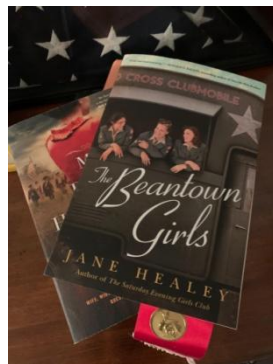
Marcia Pereira- 2nd Vice President

Kevinetta O'Brien- Recording Secretary

Donna Wayman- Corresponding Secretary

The chapter members look forward to resuming our meetings when it is safe and healthy to be together. We wish all teachers, aides and administrative staff well as the new school year starts under the pandemic/quarantine guidelines. Take care all.

THETA Submitted by Nancy Carroll/ Janet Wellock



Theta Chapter and continuing Co-Presidents, Janet Wellock & Nancy Carroll hope all our sisters in other Chapters are staying healthy and doing well. We had our Board Meeting in mid June to set our 2020-2021 Calendar. Taking into account the current health crisis our board met via Zoom.

We have decided that our first two meetings of “new” year will take place virtually. Our first meeting in September will be a celebration of Theta’s 70th birthday. (We were supposed to celebrate in June.). One planned activity is called, “Theta’s Best Kept Secrets”. The activity is simple.

Each member will share a secret about themselves that none of our chapter members know. When all the secrets are compiled a list will be generated of secrets and participants. The goal will be to correctly MATCH the secret to the owner. The reveal will take place at our September meeting.

In October we will host a Virtual Book Club. The book, Beantown Girls, by Jane Healey will be the focus. If we are lucky Jane will also be able to attend virtually! (We would love it if other Chapters would like to join in, let us know!).

‘Thankful Theta’ will be our theme for the November Meeting. At this time we are hoping (and crossing our fingers) that we can have a face to face gathering which will make us doubly thankful. If face to face we will be celebrating being together as well as collecting items for our local Food Pantries and the organization, Dignity Matters. A representative from Dignity Matters will be joining us either in person or virtually to give us an overview of the project. (Please check out the February 2020 Baystater for more information on this worthy organization.)

Back by popular demand for January will be the popular “Paint Night”. We had so much fun last year that we decided it was worth a repeat! (Want to join us? Let us know!)

Throughout the year we will be asking our members to nominate someone whom they think would be a great addition to our chapter. We have a New Member Tea planned for April. This is such a great time for new members to meet others and to learn about the tenets of the DKG through a presentation.

Our final meeting, held in June will be at a local restaurant (again, crossing fingers we will be able to gather in person). Welcoming our new members with a ceremony will top the agenda followed by guest speaker, author, Jane Healey. Theta is ready to amend any of the above plans if necessary to keep our membership healthy. .

ALPHA ETA *Submitted by Dianne Swistak*

Alpha Eta recently held a planning meeting (our first meeting since February) at the home of co-president Deb Wescott. Members were able to sit outside, six feet apart, and enjoy their box lunch while we shared our concerns and ideas. Returning co-presidents Diane Pendergast and Deb Wescott, Vice President Sue Down, and Secretary Diane Green were installed as officers for the biennium, and the chapter financial report was presented.

Our plans for the year are for meetings to be held at a member's home, where we can gather outdoors in nice weather or indoors in an open area that will allow for social distancing. We have a tentative schedule of six themed meetings. Obviously, everything is subject to change depending on the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. But we are

hoping that members will feel comfortable and be able to attend some, if not all, of the meetings. Our secretary will also make participation available through Zoom. Our goal is to continue to provide support, personal growth, and the fellowship that DKG promotes.



ALPHA LAMBDA *Submitted by Ellen Driscoll*

On May 20, 2020, the Alpha Lambda chapter met online via Zoom and installed the following Officers:

Ellen Driscoll, President

Karen Winsper, Vice President

Deb Gustafson, Treasurer

Denise Welker, Assistant Treasurer

Debora Chaskes, Secretary

Elizabeth Haskell, Corresponding Secretary

During these Covid-19 times that demand social distancing and the wearing of masks, the Alpha Lambda Chapter has adapted to meeting and functioning virtually to conduct our business. The election was held using Survey Monkey and the Executive Committee has met online to start planning for 2020-2021. Deb Gustafson, Treasurer is working on implementing an online payment system for members to pay dues and dinner cost for meetings. The following is a list of active committees.

- a. Membership
- b. Communication/Publicity
- c. Community Service/Literacy
- d. Scholarship
- e. Auction
- f. Influence and Advocacy/Legislation
- g. Finance
- h. Nomination

The Membership Committee has enlisted six new members. Four of the individuals have been inducted and the remaining two will be inducted as soon as possible. The members of Alpha Lambda expressed their gratitude to Daune Smith, immediate past President, for her inspiration and leadership. The membership also recognized the dedication of Mary Ann Rogers for over thirty years as Corresponding Secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18th.

ETA *Submitted by Jo-Anne Butler*

Grace Cabral and Megan Medeiros accepted the gift of membership and were welcomed into Eta Chapter this year. We are pleased to announce our chapter's incoming officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. They are Dr. Amy Gracia and Jo-Anne Butler as Co-Presidents, Tove Bendikson as first Vice-President, Monica Landis as Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary is Dr. Ann Koczera and our Corresponding Secretary is Brenda Silva. We welcome these officers and offer our support for a productive year. Even during these trying times, we have continued supporting our children in the community by the distribution of books at school lunch pickups and through donations of books to a local food pantry that one of our members is actively involved with. We have been most fortunate to be able to place a large assortment of children's Spanish books out into the community. Books have also been given to the neonatal unit of our local hospital with extra books provided for mothers to bring home for the siblings. All book donations have been given following all necessary guidelines regarding Covid-19. The reception of these donations has been wonderful. Children have been thrilled to receive a book of their own. We are hoping to continue encouraging the love of reading during these trying times as we provide access to and ownership of books outside the schools setting.

ALPHA THETA *Submitted by Dorothea Maynard*

Alpha Theta Chapter enjoyed four meetings/programs in 2019-20. In September, we welcomed Gail Brookings, a transfer member to Alpha Theta. Through September to March, we had almost perfect attendance with all members engaged. Then BAM! The Novel-Corona-Virus struck us down as it has most people throughout the world. We canceled our April and May meetings. On June 13, eight of our intrepid Executive Board members gathered at Dorothea's patio for a luncheon and our June Planning meeting with social distancing and masks.

We hope to attend our 2020-2021 meetings as usual, but realize many, if not all, will have to be through technology. Our September meeting at the Sweet House in Attleboro will include Jessica Lupien's program, Suffragettes, and the VOTE For Women. She is a classically trained musician and historian. Her Jane Austen program, complete with singing Jane's favorite songs, was a big hit at the 2019 Area 1 Meeting.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE *Submitted by Jo-Anne Butler*

"COVID-19 - 101" -Things I learned since it came into our lives:

Well, the secret's out, it's no longer "only my hairdresser who knows for sure",
the whole world does now.

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune,
now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately, that when
I pee, it cleans the toilet.

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to "Puerto Backyarda."
I'm getting tired of "Los Livingroom."

Half of us will come out with great cooking skills; the other half will have a
drinking problem.

The best way to avoid touching your face is to keep a glass in both hands.

Saw a great classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with
hand sanitizer for some good clean fun.

I put a liquor bottle in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and
going bar hopping.

Covid-19 has done what no woman has ever been able to do . . . cancel
sports, shut down the bars, and keep men at home.

I asked Alexa what the weather would be this weekend, she replied, "It didn't matter you're not going anywhere."
Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.
Day 6 of Home Schooling: My child just said, "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year," ... I was offended.
I never thought the statement, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Jo-Anne Butler has informed us that Concetta Rando will be 109 years young on September 26th. She is the oldest resident in Danvers and has been a DKG member for 51 years! Her niece, via Jo-Anne, has asked if DKG members around the state can help her celebrate by sending birthday cards and greetings to her at:

Concetta Rando, c/o Janet Rando-Higgins, 4 Sylvan St., Melrose, MA 02176.

Future DKG International Events:

2021 International Conferences:

Portland, Oregon July 7-10,
San Antonio, Texas July 21-24
Tempere, 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

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Submitted by 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 the next page 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>

MASSACHUSETTS STATE ORGANIZATION DKG
RECOMMENDATION FOR NOMINATIONS
2021-2023 State Officers, Finance and Nominations

IMPORTANT: send to
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Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Chapter: _____ Nominated by: _____
(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

Present Professional Position: _____

*Must be current (2020-2022) Chapter President