

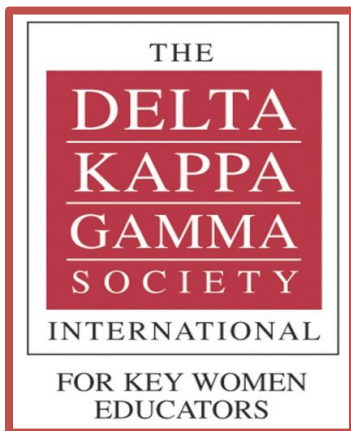
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Message from New President Claire LaBonte

Thank you all for your support in electing me as your state organization president for the upcoming biennium. I promise to give it my all in serving you over the next two years. I hope you will be willing to step up to the plate with me as we are "forward moving ever!"

First of all, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to Lynn Howard who has steered us through what has been perhaps the most difficult and memorable biennium in our 80 years of existence! Lynn has held us all together with grace, poise, and an unending amount of energy even as she has continued teaching her fourth grade class! Brava Lynn! We would not have made it without you.

The theme I have chosen for my biennium is going to be "Full STEAM Ahead!" We are coming back from a pandemic and we have our work cut out for us. Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math are not the only things I am referring to in my theme, though I hope these will be the basis for many of our programs in the upcoming years.

I am also talking about MEMBERSHIP. If we want to remain relevant to our members (*The heart of the Society is its members*) then we need to address their needs. When I reflect on our Mission, Vision Statement, and our Seven Purposes, I can't help but believe that we are here to sustain and promote each of our sisters in her personal and professional growth, whether she is a collegial associate, actively teaching, retired, a member for five minutes or 50 years plus. Each is our sister, she is one of us!

Meetings, conferences and conventions are more than just a place for us to go. We BELONG to a sisterhood of educators who value each other. We have been in existence as a state organization for 80 years now! Think of it, 80 years of supporting each other, celebrating our successes, helping our various communities with service projects, and being there for each other in our triumphs and losses to hold each sister up. We have purpose and we need to proclaim it to ourselves and our communities.

Claire's Comments continued on p.3

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Your support and contributions are very much appreciated!

THANK YOU ALL! Gail Saccone



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So now I want to invite each and every one of you to help us celebrate our 80 amazing years by coming together October 1-2, 2021 in Southbridge. Our birthday planning committee has been working hard to put together an event you won't forget. The Massachusetts 2021 Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Hedrington, will be our keynote speaker. Two of our younger members will speak about the pandemic and post-pandemic classroom and where we are going from here. We will be celebrating, finally, 100 years of Women's Suffrage with Jessica Lupien. We will also remember our sisters who have passed away these past 2 years in a moving and reflective service on that Friday evening. And awards! We have a few to give out!

One goal I have as your president is to visit each and every chapter. Please invite me to one or more of your meetings, whether in person or online. I have a car, I am retired and reasonably healthy, and I like to travel (ask my family). Send me your meeting schedule for the upcoming year, please.

I am looking forward to being of service to you and your respective chapters.

Onward 'tis our sisters need us!

Best wishes,

CLAIRE cclabonte@charter.net

Outgoing President's Reflections and Thank You

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the State President of this great organization. It certainly was not what I expected or planned for back in May 2019, but it was an honor and I enjoyed working with everyone as we continued to work on our mission.

As I reflect and look at the two years I can still remember standing before you at the Hotel 1620 accepting the position. I was looking forward to spending the two years honoring Key Women Educators and Leaders. I gave everyone a packet of seeds that said, "all the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today". I was excited that in 2019 we were celebrating the 90th birthday of DKG and in 2020 the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Vote and I thought that would all connect nicely with our state's 80th birthday in 2021.

Things started out great in June, we had a productive planning meeting and put together some great ideas for programs for the coming year. Then in July 2019 I traveled to Iceland for the International Conference with Dorothea, Carol, and Irene where I attended my President's training. It was a wonderful conference, it really made me realize what an international organization we are as I met women from Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Canada, The Netherlands, and Germany in addition to others from the US.

Our Fall 2019 Conference in Southbridge was jam packed with great speakers about the Boston Women's Heritage Trail, Women in STEM, the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing and our State Service Project-Reach Out and Read. I really enjoyed attending the Area Meetings in the Fall-traveling across the state where I met members and attended wonderful programs. It was impressive to hear about all the projects the chapters were doing to help early educators, provide holiday gifts for children in the community, and make donations to other valuable organizations in each area.

And then we come to 2020 when things changed! Just about a month after our Winter Board meeting in February, COVID reached Massachusetts and things began shutting down. Most schools like mine sent everyone home on Friday the 13th of March for two weeks of deep cleaning. Then we were told that we were not going back until May 4th, so we had to quickly put together things to work with the students remotely. This also meant that we had to cancel our May Convention in Plymouth. So, we set up a Zoom account and held our Executive Board Meeting virtually. As the weeks passed things got worse and as we know the shutdown went on and on...so our June 2021 planning was held virtually, the International Convention was modified and held virtually.

As the summer came to an end schools started making plans for how to start the school year-most were virtual or hybrid, the special needs students in most cases went into the classrooms. But there were still strict restrictions on in person gatherings at hotels, so we had to revise our Fall Conference plans. We had our Executive Board meeting online and then the following morning, we had an abbreviated Conference virtually.

Finally, 2021 arrived and we thought maybe things would be back to "normal" and we could have our Spring Convention in person in Plymouth. So, we started planning for our 80th Birthday celebration, only to have to move it to October as COVID cases started to rise after the holidays and the roll out of the vaccine had a little bumpy start. Once again, we had to switch our plans to have the Executive Board meeting and Convention virtually.

I missed seeing everyone in person and I am disappointed that so many things had to be changed or cancelled, but I'm thankful that via technology many chapters were able to keep in touch with members and we were able to have our state meetings and chapter meetings via Zoom so we could have our Board Meetings and some chapter meeting to connect with each other and offer some interesting programs while we were home during the pandemic.

Now that things are opening up again and the nice weather is here, we're planning to have our Fall State Conference in person. So, if you have not already marked your calendars for October 1st and 2nd, please do that today and join me in Southbridge as we celebrate our state's 80th birthday and we gather in person for the first time in 2 years!

To wrap up, as I said it was not what I had planned or thought my biennium would be like, but I am honored to be a part of such a great organization and to work with and know such a wonderful group of women educators that are so dedicated to our mission.

And now for some thank yous. Thank you to the Chapter Presidents for all that you did to lead your chapters during this pandemic! Thank you to the chapters and individuals that made donations to Reach Out and Read. Thank you to the Officers and Committee Chairs that helped our state continue to meet our goals and purposes during these unprecedented times. Thank you to all the current educators that have gone above and beyond during this pandemic to educate our students-I know what it has been like as I have been teaching 4th graders during all of this! Thank you to all of you for being part of DKG and helping us to impact education worldwide.

I am now passing the gavel to Claire-which I did not have to use very often during our virtual meetings as everyone was incredibly good about using the mute button! Thank you to the other officers that have stepped up to work with Claire. We have a great team to lead us forward, and I am looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Lynn



U.S. FORUM ~ CAROL LaPOLICE Northeast Representative

The US Forum Steering Committee thanks all who participated in our series of online speaker programs on national issues. Please visit our website [DKG US Forum](https://www.dkg.org/USForum) for the last presentation by Alma Couverthier, Organizational Director of the League of Women Voters and more.

If you haven't registered for an International Conference check it out under events on the [dkg.org](https://www.dkg.org) website. The US Forum will be meeting at both conferences. If you can't make it and are interested, save the date for the National Legislative Seminar, March 6-8, 2022!

Current news about U.S. legislation can be found in my newsletter and the US Forum Connections on our state website.

Carol LaPolice

US Forum MA State Rep, US Forum Steering Committee NE Rep

State Treasurer

Many thanks to the Chapter Treasurers for your support over the past 5 years, we adapted to the online dues collection superbly! Special thanks to Sandy Carle and Terry Maffeo for questions answered on the treasury when I came on board! Also, special thanks to Jo-Anne Butler with membership and organizational information helpful in conducting the work of the treasurer.

Please remember to get your dues and fees to your chapter treasurer. Chapter Treasurers should be sending the state dues, state reports, and 990 filing confirmation sheets fees between July 1-15 to our new State Treasurer, Martha Cotton.

Carol LaPolice,

Past State Treasurer

SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 1, 2021

SOME OF OUR ZOOM ATTENDEES:



FIRST PROGRAM OF THE MORNING: *Submitted by Gail Saccone (Alpha Zeta)*


DKG TOP 10 CHAPTER STRATEGIES FOR A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD CYNTHIA MOORE, MEMBER-AT-LARGE, ALBERTA STATE ORGANIZATION



We all enjoyed the program presented by International Speaker, Cynthia Moore. Cynthia joined us via Zoom from Alberta, Canada where she is a member of Beta/Calgary Chapter. Cynthia spoke about achieving personal wellness and chapter “wellness”. One handout she spoke about defined the Elements of Wellness. The chart below breaks down the various elements she discussed. For the section called Chapter Wellness Cynthia used the acronym **S.M.A.R.T.** for Goal Guidelines:

- S**=Specific. Accurately state what the project wants to achieve
- M**=Measurable. Quantifiable so progress can be tracked
- A**=Achievable. Can be achieved even with constraints
- R**=Relevant. Aligned with the reason for the project and justification
- T**=Time Bound. Timeframe to achieve the goals

Her enthusiasm for DKG was an inspiration. Thank you Cynthia for joining us!

<p style="text-align: center;">  </p>	<p>Emotional Wellness is attained by being comfortable with yourself and accepting of your feelings. You have a positive self-image, are optimistic, and share your feelings with others while acknowledging your accomplishments, recognizing your mistakes and asking for help if you need it.</p>
<p>Environmental Wellness is about preserving and restoring the environment, being active in your community, and maintaining your personal areas indoors and out! You are aware of your impact on the environment and make efforts to preserve resources, such as food, water, and electricity.</p>	<p>Intellectual Wellness involves engaging in creative stimulating activities that can develop as well as expand your knowledge and abilities.</p>
<p>Occupational Wellness comes from satisfaction with your job - doing something you enjoy so you can look forward to going to work, and working hard while including time for leisure.</p>	<p>Physical Wellness involves taking care of your body by making informed and responsible decisions about your health. You appreciate the link between nutrition and how your body performs.</p>
<p>Social Wellness involves developing and maintaining positive, meaningful relationships with family, friends, peers and within your community. You enjoy making positive contributions to your community.</p>	<p>Spiritual Wellness is about living lifecycle to the fullest, and knowing the values and beliefs that provide purpose to your life – being selfless, compassionate, honest, forgiving, willing to help others and having a clear set of values.</p>

Source: Elements of Wellness, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada

SECOND PRESENTER OF THE MORNING: Submitted by Diana Grady (Alpha Theta)

GULF WAR VET TO BEST-SELLING AUTHOR



On May 1 at the Spring Conference, master storyteller Steven Manchester shared his story of Chasing the Dream.

Growing up in Westport, Massachusetts, he was inspired by his grandfather, an amazing storyteller.

After graduating from Westport High School, he joined the U.S. Army National Guard and went through the Military Police Academy. He also studied Criminal Justice at Bristol Community College (BCC) in Fall River. At 19 he trained at the Massachusetts Correctional Academy and then for nine years worked at a medium-security prison as a Correctional Officer and later as a Prison Investigator.

On Christmas 1990 he was activated for Operation desert Shield. After training at Fort Devens, he flew to Saudi Arabia. He mesmerized his audience with his description of the Hum-Vee accident which he considers “the turning point in his life.”

“On returning home,” Steve said, “the real fight began.” He returned to BCC to complete his degree. “Knowing that we are all works in progress, I felt the time was right to keep my promise to myself to chase down my dream of becoming a published author.”

The early years were times of “Practice, Practice, Practice,” Three books from that period are 6-5 A Different Shade of Blue, which focused on learning perseverance with a capital P, The Unexpected Storm, and Jacob Evans.

“Twenty years later, I felt I was coming into my own.” Two books from that time are The Changing Season and Ashes. Releases from 2020 are Bread, Bags, and Bullies and The Menu.

He recapped his amazing journey:

- I started with a pen and a pad of paper; 25 years later, I’m the author of 17 books; seven of them being national bestsellers.
- I’ve sold 100,000+ copies across my list and have 1,900+ positive reviews on Amazon. I’ve also won multiple book festivals (in L.A., N.Y., Paris) and have received dozens of celebrity endorsements for my work.
- Some of the benefits of hard work and success are being able to work with people. I am able to
- lecture troubled youths incarcerated in D.Y.S. lockup, host a yearly fundraiser, *Laughter & Wishes* (in its 14th year) to benefit children with life-threatening illnesses, and speak at schools hoping to inspire students to chase their dreams.

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ALONG THE WAY

- We rarely get what we wish for, but we always get what we work for. We can do anything...become anyone we want to be, but we have to Commit and Work Hard to make it happen.
- Writing is my Purpose, my Passion—and Perseverance has been the greatest key to success (given that the rejection rate is 97%).
- I have found Joy in the Work, itself. If you don't love what you do each day, you'll never commit enough to truly succeed.

The Payoff? A life worth living...not just \$\$\$, but making a positive impact on the world—leaving it better off than how I found it (my ultimate goal & greatest fear).

In most cases, it takes many failures before you experience success. We all get knocked down—every one of us. The question is—will you get back up and continue fighting for your dreams?

TRUE FAILURE IS ONLY FOUND IN...QUITTING!!!

Steve has a website: www.stevenmanchester.com. He also invites you to connect with him on Facebook and Twitter. You can find a complete list of Steve's books on the website.

THIRD PROGRAM OF THE MORNING: Submitted by Gail Laffer (Alpha Zeta)

An Inspiring Musical Presentation



One of the highlights of the DKG Spring conference for me was the uplifting musical presentation, "Songs of the Suffrage Movement 1780-1920: Sing to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rights to Vote," by Jessica Lupien. To begin the presentation, the speaker spoke about the difficulties to achieving women's suffrage 100 years ago. At that time, laws denied women's property, professional education, and family rights. Women's rights of assembly and free speech were also not supported. However, women managed to repurpose a cherished female pastime: enjoying music and literature. They created songs set to popular tunes that cheerfully satirized the struggle for women's rights, particularly the right to vote.

Then the really fun part of the program began. Along with her guitar, Jessica performed these songs and invited us to sing along. Thanks to Christine Bonci, our ever efficient Web Manager, we all had the words in advance. How good it was to sing with each other over Zoom even though we weren't able to hear each other!

But, this was only Part 1 of Jessica's presentation. Part 2 will be on Oct 2nd at our Fall Conference when we will celebrate our 80th birthday. Just think how wonderful it will be to sing these inspiring songs in person!

SARA E. CHASE FUND~Sharon McArdle (New Chair)

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

Application Deadline Dates by Semester:

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

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

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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

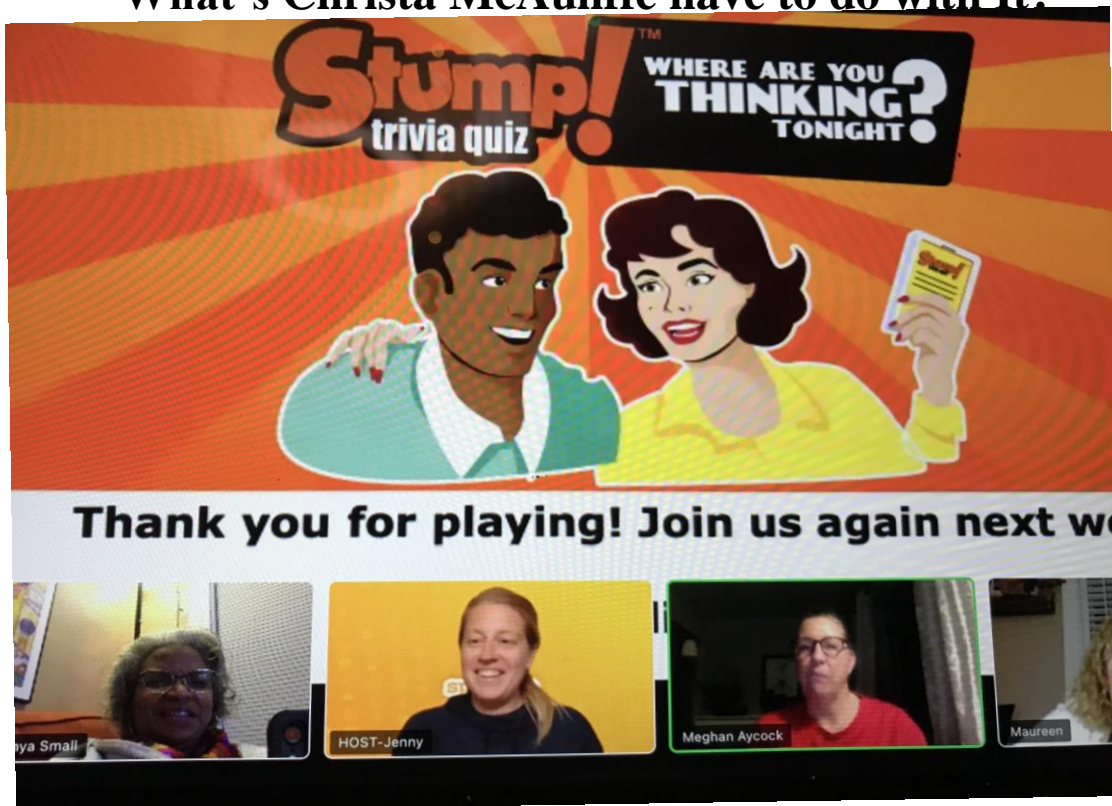
Award! The awards are available to members and non-members for up to \$2,000!

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

CHRISTA McAULIFFE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND~
G'Tanya Small
Trivia Question...

What's Christa McAuliffe have to do with It?



I missed the Zoom meeting when my fellow chapter officers decided to host a DKG Trivia Night for Upsilon members. Trivia is really not my thing. I probably would have tried to talk them out of hiring a professional Trivia service. You are probably thinking isn't G'Tanya along with Paula Wilson, the people that have organized trivia games for **Christa McAuliffe** Fundraisers??? And you would be correct. However, when I think of having fun on a Monday night, Trivia ain't it! So, all this to say, good thing I missed the planning meeting because, I had a blast!

Maureen Maderos, is our chapter secretary and a **Christa McAuliffe Grant** recipient, contacted Sporcle Trivia Events to setup the game. See what I'm doing here? Instead of writing another article about **Christa McAuliffe Grants** that are available right now, I'm going to mention it as many times as possible in this article, killing two birds with one stone. That phrase doesn't sound very nice. I wonder who came up with it? I'm multitasking, that sounds better. Maureen, who filled out a short **Christa McAuliffe** application and was awarded a grant to attend a reading PD, selected Jenny as our host for the evening. We invited Upsilon members and heard back from 15 members. Five declined but we rolled on with 10 faithfuls. The Trivia Night went off without a hitch. Sporcle was very professional. Jenny guided us through the technology, shared screens, breakout rooms, various categories and brain-stimulating questions with the ease of a true online Trivia Master. I was on a team with Maureen Maderos, the **Christa McAuliffe Grant** recipient and Alma Wright. Our team came in second. I'm told that we may have incorporated some of the methods that students used during Zoom classes in order to place second. But I'll never tell.

Now, that the pandemic restrictions are easing up a bit, you may be making plans to attend a convention, conference or PD in person! The **Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Committee** would like to help. It's easy, go to DKG Massachusetts State website <http://alupsma.weebly.com> and fill out a short application to apply. Don't miss out, APPLY TODAY!

Up and Down with Bloom~ Linda A. Stewart, Alpha Theta Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Recipient

There is nothing like struggling with a learning task to give a teacher a dose of humility.

In my sixth decade, I made the choice to embark on a medical assistant career. Why not another line on my resume? (At the time I could actually list 15 different job types.) I enjoy learning and love a challenge and so I began. Les Brown wrote: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." (Brown's 1992 book, [Live Your Dreams](#))

I am grateful that G'Tanya Small encouraged me to apply and that the **Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund** financed my ambition. I was confident that my six years of classical Latin instruction and three years working part-time as a medical secretary, albeit over 40 years earlier, would help me through the program.

Familiarity and prior experience helped a good deal when reading about office procedures, customer service, insurance billing, and some medical terminology. While I had heard the term, the details of the HIPPA law (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) were unfamiliar but readily mastered.

The further I progressed in the course of study the deeper I stepped into the woods of the unknown.

The how-to's of sterilizing equipment, prepping the patient for medical testing, maintaining the sterile field, assisting in office surgical procedures were all new learnings. It seems that everything has a minimum of six steps that need to be memorized. I thought my days of memorization were over. After all, I had moved up on Bloom's taxonomy to higher-level thinking skills.

The woods got darker. The sign posts for anatomy, physiology, and pharmacology lay ahead on the path. I struggled with pronunciation, regularly checking Google and You Tube. Spellings were somewhat easier. For this, I have to thank Miss McNamara of the Girls' Latin School Latin department.

While reading one or two sentences I often had to find the meaning of two or three words. Gratefully, I did not have to follow mom's directive to look it up in the dictionary. The internet is a marvelous tool.

The more I was challenged, the more I could hear my former eighth-grade student's words of worry and woe, "Ms. Stewart, why do you use such big words?" *Big words?* I would think. *The word is not more than three syllables.* Obviously, I didn't have a clue as to what that student was experiencing. The fog has finally lifted. "Big" is not about the length of the word, it is about the unfamiliarity of the word. Now I was the one struggling with big words.

I have more college credits than anyone needs. Like most teachers, I took courses to advance in pay grade, degree, and to be recertified. However, all of these courses covered highly familiar material. If you want to experience the challenges that many of your students encounter, step outside of your comfort zone. Try something different. Heller Keller said, "Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." I urge you to do it with humility, following Mahatma Gandhi's lead, "It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom." You may learn more than you expect.

Golden Gift Seminar Postponed~ Marge Burns

The Golden Gift Seminar entitled " DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders " which was to be held in June has been postponed until June 2022. Those who were chosen will still be able to attend. However, chances are that there will be openings. So, if you are interested please send for an application from International well before the December 1st deadline. This seminar is shorter than the original two week ones, but I am sure will be as interesting and instructive as former seminars. It is also an opportunity to meet and get to know members from around the world.

We have about twelve Massachusetts members who have taken advantage of this life changing opportunity. I cannot encourage you enough to apply as I am sure they would. There will not be another seminar after this one until 2024. So, strongly consider applying!

Archives~ Kaaren Harrington

If any chapters have paraphernalia that you want put in the Auburn storage contact kaarenharrington@gmail.com
A trip will be made hopefully by the end of June. We'll discuss the best place to meet for the transfer.

SAVE THE DATE

Massachusetts State Organization of DKG
is celebrating its
80th Birthday
and you are invited!

When: Friday-Saturday October 1-2, 2021
Where: MA DKG Fall Conference
Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center
14 Mechanic St. Southbridge, MA
Starts: 5:30 PM Registration (Friday) followed by dinner
Ends: Saturday afternoon with birthday luncheon

Come and meet the **Massachusetts 2021 Teacher of the Year**,
join us for special interactive birthday celebrations,
birthday gifts and prizes, fun, music, laughter,
and... BIRTHDAY CAKE!



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**Massachusetts 2021 Teacher of the Year**



Jennifer Hedrington teaches seventh grade mathematics at Ferryway School in Malden, Massachusetts. She holds a Juris Doctorate from the Massachusetts School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Atlantic Union College. Hedrington has taught middle school math to secondary school students since 2004 and has worked in Massachusetts, Texas, and Baltimore. She measures her students' achievement by how they apply their education outside of the classroom, and she is proud of having heard current and former students say the following over the years:

"Ms., I hated my skin and who I was, but I see myself in you, and now I love myself."

"Ms., I'm calling you 'cause I'm about to make a bad decision; talk me out of it."

"Ms., I graduated from college a year early."

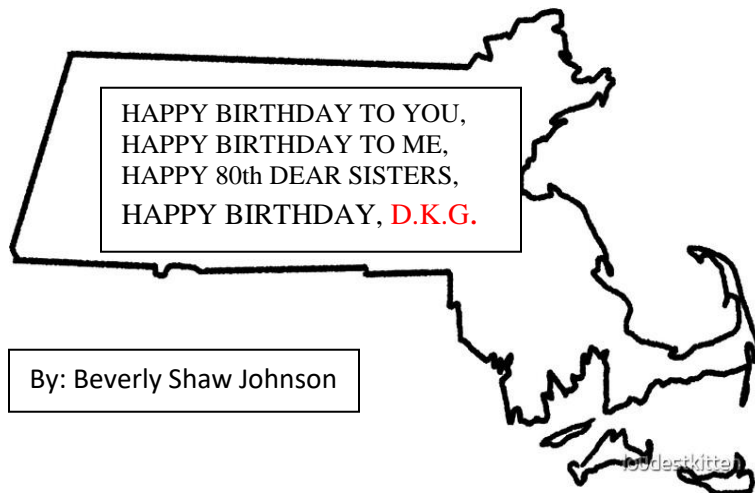
"Ms., I got baptized Jennifer."

"Ms., please be the godmother to my child."

"Ms., I got a full scholarship to Wentworth."

"Ms., look, this is me and Ayanna Pressley in D.C. I intern for her."

“Ms., I got accepted to a doctoral program.”  
 “Ms., we’re getting married.”  
 “Ms., I am going to start my own company.”  
 “Ms., I am going to preach my first sermon.”  
 “Ms., I’m going to protest the injustice.”  
 “Ms., I’m going on a mission trip to Haiti.”  
 “Ms., I messed up, but I’m not a mistake.”  
 “Ms., I’m a math teacher.”  
 “Ms., ...I love myself.



**WHITE ROSE MEMORIAM**  
 ~~A life that touches others goes on forever~~

|                   | <b>2021</b>                | <i>Joined</i> | <i>Died</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <i>ALPHA IOTA</i> | <i>Arlene Haglund</i>      | 5/1/1987      | 1/11/2021   |
| <i>ETA</i>        | <i>Cynthia Stone</i>       | 5/1/1995      | 1/20/2021   |
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## REMINDER TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

**Necrology Form #6** needs to be sent to International ([mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)), MA 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 on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) (FORMS tab> scroll down to General).



## ~~BAYSTATEMENTS~~

### CHAPTER NEWS

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



Alpha Eta held its first in-person meeting since last fall. Attendance was just shy of 50%, a wonderful turnout. The meeting was held outdoors at the home of Diane Green. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for the event, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect and catch up on news. After handling chapter business, the members indulged their sweet tooth with a selection of desserts and beverages and concluded the meeting with a cookie swap. Everyone ended up with a variety of cookies to sample or share. This year represents the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alpha Eta. We have one charter member still active, and our plans for a celebration have been scaled down. Still, it should be fun and rewarding to meet again in June at the home of Pat Lohnes. Lunch will be arranged, and those attending will be given a red rose bush or a slip for planting in honor of our fifty years as part of DKG.

#### ALPHA ZETA *Submitted by Debbie Gill, Chapter President*



Alpha Zeta continued with our Zoom book club. In March we read, “Island of the Sea Women” by Lisa See. This is a historical fiction which is a New York Times best seller. It is set in Korea, and spans several generations. Gail Laffer led our discussion.

This spring we read “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. This book explored the 1986 fire in the Los Angeles Public Library. In telling this story, the author told a broader story about libraries and librarians. It also included interesting information about restoring books after such a devastating event. Deb Gill led our discussion.

On May 15 a small group of us toured the Heritage Museums and Gardens in Sandwich, MA. The crabapple trees, viburnums, epemedium, lungwort, flowering quince, and yellow waldsteninia were in bloom. The rhododendrons were just beginning to bloom. We enjoyed lunch at the Magnolia Cafe. It was a beautiful day, and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet in person. For those of you who were unable to join us, but who still plan to visit the Gardens this season, please note that active teachers are admitted free with their MTA card. For those who have retired, most libraries offer passes for a reduced admission fee. (Pictured: Gail Saccone, Lynn Howard, Debbie Gill, Pam Larson)

#### EPSILON *Submitted by Irene Falite, Chapter President*

May brings us....the continuation of beautiful flowers and trees blossoming. Blessed to be able to enjoy the natural beauty we have here.

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY** as we honor and mourn the loss of our Military personnel who have died while on duty in the Armed Forces in our country. We thank all of them for their service. May their memory be eternal.

Our Sisters are looking forward to meeting and we hope to have a get together and planning session in August. In the meantime, via email and phone calls. Sisters continue to keep busy with their families, daily life, church, virtual meetings, etc. Many are planting in their yards or at the graves, engaged in house and creative projects, seeing and/or taking care of loved ones, traveling, to name a few....

We have different projects that were scheduled for our Chapter and we will be resuming them in the upcoming year.

We all would like to express our sincere thank you to *State President Lynn Howard* for her dedication to our organization. Her time and effort, enthusiasm and humor is really appreciated. She will certainly remember her presidency! Lynn will continue on with her expertise....

We all would like to thank *State Treasurer Carol LaPolice* for all her time and endless work in managing the financials for our State. Her efforts to keep communication with the Officers and with International is very much noted and appreciated. Carol will continue in her role as the Northeast Representative to the US Forum. Yay Carol!

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure working and socializing with Lynn and Carol at the various meetings and Conventions. I look forward to more of them in the future.

Thank you Lynn & Carol. Enjoy the warm months ahead with family and friends and Sisterhood!

## *Alpha Theta* Submitted by *Dorothea Maynard*, Chapter President



Alpha Theta Chapter members continued to engage in Zoom meetings through April. In May we enjoyed a Full Tea at Blithewold Mansion, Gardens, and Arboretum in Bristol, RI. Following catching up and business, we enjoyed the mansion and the grounds. Our June Planning meeting will be held at Dorothea's home with a luncheon following our planning. Some of our members will be attending DKG Massachusetts Spring Conference on Zoom. We are also looking forward to attending the MA State 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration this September in Southbridge. It will wonderful to see everyone, and participate in the activities planned by a terrific team lead by our State President, Claire LaBonte. (Pictured: Anita Newman)

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