



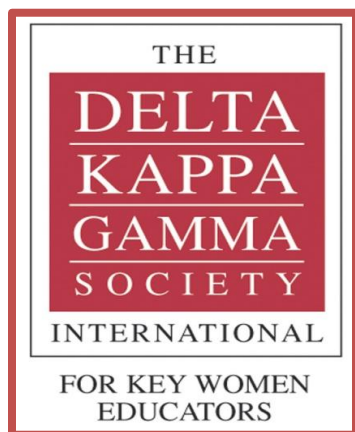
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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

# Baystater

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Dear DKG Sisters,

I am writing this within minutes of completing the first stage of my State Organization Presidency. Actually, I'm in a hotel room at the airport in Atlanta basking in the glow of my initial training as your leader and representative to the international organization. The love and support I have experienced has been overwhelming. I am ENERGIZED!

I said "initial training" because our job is just beginning. We have so much to learn from each other and so much to do for each other. My good friend Bonnia Cook-Fouts (S.O. President of Kentucky) is sharing with me her idea of S.O.S. That stands for Support Our Sisters (not save). I can't save you, but I can support you, and we can support each other. I want you to know, really know, that I have your backs. I am retired and YOU are the focus of my professional life for the next two years.

Now for the work: Massachusetts State Organization is not in a good place and the pandemic has not helped. We need to be revitalized and supported, so I have personally approached our international president, Becky Sadowski, about the DKG's new plan for supporting state organizations and chapters. I will keep you updated as to our next steps. I will even call on MANY of you to work with me. Please be prepared to say an enthusiastic "YES!" because, as I said earlier, I cannot save you but I will support and work with you, each and every one.

On a much more JOYFUL note:

**OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS ON! SEE PAGES 4-5.** Presenters are lined up, activities are in motion, and we have the 2021 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year as our special guest and keynote speaker! Look for a mailing--yes a snail mailing--outlining the weekend (October 1-2 in Southbridge). It's a gorgeous time of year in Central Massachusetts. We'll eat, drink, be energized, and celebrate the 80 years of our impactful work in education! There will be presents (what's a birthday without gifts?) and prizes. **FIRST TIME ATTENDEES** will have their registration fees waived and their names will be put into a raffle for room reimbursement at the hotel! So come and meet your DKG sisters from around the state! Relax, be rejuvenated and celebrate with us!

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*Your support and contributions are very much appreciated!*

*THANK YOU ALL! Gail Saccone*



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## Claire's Comments Continued from p. 1

One last thing (for now): I want to meet each and every one of you personally. Chapter presidents, expect me to call you, email you, text you, and write you. In other words, I want to talk with you about your chapter, your members, and listen to your needs, and SUPPORT YOU! Please invite me to your meetings and events so I can get to know you well.

Full STEAM Ahead: We are Forward Moving Ever!

Your sister,

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## NOTES FROM THE DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021



MA State President Claire LaBonte with  
International President Becky Sadowski



President Claire LaBonte, US Forum Rep. Carol  
LaPolice, and Treasurer Linda Stewart

Massachusetts State Organization had 3 representatives at the DKG International Conference in San Antonio this year: President Claire LaBonte, Executive Secretary Linda Stewart, and Northeast Regional Representative on the US Forum Carol LaPolice. There were several keynote speakers but perhaps the most memorable for me was Wendy Gates Corbett. She spoke of our need to belong, which she defines as that "sense of security and support that results from feeling accepted, included, and a part of something larger than ourselves." When we feel we belong then we can SHINE (Soothe our spirits; Honor ourselves; Inquire within; Notice our bodies; Envision our strength). She then listed some of the responses she got from our members to the prompt:

"I wish my DKG sisters knew that I'd feel a stronger sense of belonging if...

...they asked my input or opinion during a discussion.

...they showed interest in my ideas and opinions.

...they invited me to join their conversation at a meeting.

...did not come to meetings to visit with "their" table/group.

...they included more members in chapter work.

...they gave me a chance to show what I can do."

This is the work we in Massachusetts have to do if we are to revive and grow our membership. We have our work cut out for us!

**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

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!

**Friday, October 1, 2021**

Buffet Dinner 6:30 pm

Celebration of Life Ceremony 8:00

Meet Teacher of the Year

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

Breakfast 8:00

Convocation 9:00

***Birthday Presentation #1 9:15***

Workshop #1 Round Table 9:30-10:15

Technology: Where is Education Going from Here? (Melissa Zeitz)

***Birthday Presentation #2 10:30***

Workshop #2 10:45-11:30

Women's Suffrage in Massachusetts: An Interactive Approach

Help us Celebrate 100 Years of Women Voting

Break and Rejuvenation/Hotel Check Out

**Suffragette Celebration Luncheon**

Parade of Presidents

Lunch

Awards: Sarah Chase

Christa McAuliffe

Keynote Speaker: Jennifer Hedrington, MA Teacher of the year 2021

**Birthday Presentation #3**





**FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**DKG Massachusetts State Organization**  
**Friday and Saturday, October 1, 2021 to October 2, 2021**  
**Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center**  
**14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550**

**FROM the Cape:** US-6W to MA-25W to 495N/I-90W to MA-12S to Exit 10 Auburn. Rt. US-20W/MA-169S to Mechanic St.  
**FROM Boston:** Rt. 93S to I-90W to MA-12S to Exit 10 Auburn. Rt. US-20W/MA-169 to Mechanic St.  
**FROM Springfield:** Rt. 291E/US 20 Ramp to I-90E to Rt. 20W Sturbridge/Rt. 84 to Exit 3B to MA-131 E. Main St. to Mechanic St.  
**FROM Providence:** Take US-6W/Hartford Pike to I-395/N Quinebaug Rd/MA-131W to Mechanic St.  
Please use your GPS for exact directions from your home as Exit numbers may have changed.

Please complete one FORM per person.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

Identify your Position held or Committee membership \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ I do not have an email address & I would like a receipt at the Workshop

☐ Yes, this is My First State Meeting (FREE REGISTRATION)

1. Early Bird Registration	received by 9/7/21	\$ 40.00
2. Registration	received on or after 9/8/21	\$ 45.00
3. Ice Cream Sundae Social	no charge 10/1/21	
4. Friday New England Farmers Buffet	10/1/21	\$ 30.00
5. Visions Breakfast Buffet	10/2/21	\$ 25.00
6. Red Rose Banquet*	10/2/21	\$ 45.00
TOTAL Enclosed		\$

\*Red Rose Banquet menu: Garden Salad, Choice of Entrée, Chef's choice of side & fresh vegetable of the season, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Please select your Entrée \*\*:

- ☐ Baked Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast  
☐ Baked North Atlantic Haddock  
☐ Vegetarian Grilled Vegetable Risotto

**Note:** Meals includes 22% Service & Administration Fee and applicable town & state taxes

Make TOTAL check payable to: (as per bank)

**Alpha Upsilon Mass of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

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Please contact Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center to reserve your room directly with the hotel reservations department at (508) 765-8000 on, or before, **September 1, 2021**. In order to receive the contracted group rate of \$102.00 per night, plus local and state taxes, for single/double occupancy, you must request that a reservation be made in **Alpha Upsilon MA Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** room block. Rates cannot be changed at check-in or check-out if you do not identify your group affiliation at the time the reservation is made.

*If you have a hearing, vision, or mobility disability, please send me an email and I will reserve a seat for you close to the microphone at the Red Rose Banquet.*

The Chef will do his/her best to accommodate: ☐ **Gluten Free Required\*\*** ☐ **Gluten Free Preferred\*\***

## *U.S. FORUM ~ CAROL LaPOLICE Northeast Representative*



Carol LaPolice with Dalton Johnson



Carol with Karen Walton, SE Rep.

The US Forum Steering Committee held meeting at the International Conferences in Portland and San Antonio. Co-presiders at Portland were Sally Nyhus and Daphne Cagle, Northwest and Southwest Representatives, respectively. Co-presiding with me at San Antonio was Karen Walton, the Southeast Representative.

A vote was taken at both locations on the changes proposed to the Operational Guidelines that brought us in line with International requirements. The measures passed.

International President, Becky Sadowski, noted that all members are members of the US Forum. She shared her own experience speaking to legislators and how impactful it can be.

Our guest speaker was Dalton “Taylor” Johnson, prevention specialist with United Against Human Trafficking, based in Houston, Texas. His presentation “Human Trafficking 101” gave us the facts and figures on the scope of this troubling issue. Human Trafficking has several forms. Please read the handouts posted on the forum’s website: <https://www.dkgusforum.com> for more information.

In addition to an update on the WEP legislation by Karen, members also talked together and spoke out to share the issues they are most concerned about. These will be addressed at the National Legislative Seminar, March 6-8, 2022 in Washington, D.C. in addition to more online presentations this fall. I hope you will participate, let your voice be heard!

Carol LaPolice

US Forum MA State and NE Steering Committee Representative

### *A FIRST-TIMER’S EXPERIENCE AT SAN ANTONIO*



Carol LaPolice and Linda Stewart

It has been some time since I have been considered a “Newbie” and I was a bit apprehensive about attending the DKG International Conference in San Antonio.

Not to worry, all my DKG sisters were warm and welcoming and my first-time roommate, Carol LaPolice, and I got along just as sisters should.

The General Sessions, Workshops, and U.S. Forum were inspiring and informative. Our organization is diverse and its members knowledgeable about myriad topics. My greatest difficulty was choosing which meetings to attend.

Congratulations to Carol LaPolice for a masterful U.S. Forum session. She arranged for the speaker, Dalton Taylor Johnson, Program Specialist at United Against Human Trafficking. Dalton visits schools and detention centers working with young people educating, preventing and empowering the survivors of human trafficking. He noted, this is a global problem and does flourish where ever folks

remain naïve to its existence. He urged us not to hesitate in reporting any suspicions and to get involved at our local level. DKG International staff were mindful of the Covid 19 concerns of some attendees; I being one of these. They asked for and received respectful behavior from all those in attendance. I felt comfortable and unjudged while wearing a mask. The hotel, the Marriot at River Center is well-appointed, clean, and professionally operated. I am looking forward to the next DKG International event!

Linda Stewart  
Executive Secretary

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## ***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 15, 2021

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

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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).

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## ***~~BAYSTATEMENT~~ CHAPTER NEWS***

### ***ALPHA GAMMA***



The Alpha Gamma Chapter yearly collects canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to the St. John Paul II Food Pantry in Southbridge. Because of COVID, we were unable to meet in person to make this happen. Our members decided to donate money for this cause. Our Chapter members personally contributed \$400 dollars to the food pantry that was established in 1991 by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. It is located in the Ministry Center at 279 Hamilton Street and serves over 350 households on a monthly basis. A special thank you to Bill Pioppi who is a long-time volunteer. He was able to deliver the money from our Chapter. We look forward to continuing this Service Project!

## ***FUTURE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS:***

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