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MEMORIES OF DR. MARY T. CONNOLLY

When the Massachusetts contingent arrived in New Orleans, Mary Connolly greeted us with the “layout” of the land which included a nearby restaurant where we could get an affordable breakfast. It seemed Mary was always there before we arrived and had nuggets of information for us. Tales of Mary Connolly are replete among Alpha Upsilon Massachusetts members of a certain age. Past State President, Beverly Shaw Johnson gathered a number of them in the following article.



Dr. Mary T. Connolly and Dr. Catherine Maney were great pals. They also set the standard for two decades of Alpha Upsilon, Massachusetts State women who were guided by their leadership. Dr. Mary Connolly’s biennium as State President was 1979-1981 which coincided with my first year on the State Executive Board as Alpha Gamma Chapter President in 1980. I was in awe of Mary’s ability to lead and preside at big meetings, and the “Leadership Seed” was planted.

It was that State Fall Workshop, held in Auburn, MA, when I roomed with my Chapter Vice President, Anita Newman, and we discovered that the door in the wall led to an adjoining room. We were led to this observation when, long after the Friday night Executive Board meeting, we were having a very loud discussion about our “idiot school superintendent” (who was also a notorious union buster), and our comments must have gotten out of hand.) Suddenly, there was a very sharp rapping on that adjoining door, and before we could even respond, we heard the unmistakable voice of Dr. Mary Connolly, “PIPE DOWN, LADIES!” We were mortified! Dr. Connolly and her roommate, Dr. Catherine Maney, were right next door! We figured we would be blackballed from the Society forever, but she greeted us with a twinkle in her eye at breakfast the next morning, and a hearty, “GOOD MORNING, LADIES!” Even though our inappropriate verbiage had been forgiven, we knew that she knew she had made her point! (continued on page 13)

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Alpha Upsilon *Celebrating* **75 Years in 2016**

In the spring of 2016, April 29th to May 1st, we will be celebrating the 75th birthday of Alpha Upsilon, our State Organization. We will be having special events during the 3 day Spring Convention. We hope that many of you will be able to participate. Lynn Howard is the Chair of the 75th Birthday Celebration Planning Committee. Please contact Lynn at lynnphoward82@comcast.net if you'd like to join the committee or if you have any ideas to share. Chapter Presidents should send photos for the 75th Anniversary Video to Kaaren Harrington.

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A Message from President Martha

Fall has arrived with all its splendor. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I attended two and half days of leadership training with the other state organization presidents of the Northeast before the convention in Baltimore. I learned about Robert's Rules of Order, finances, opportunities, and such. But the crux of time was devoted to developing a maxim or rule of conduct. We were also encouraged to read two books: The first was The Art of Possibility by Rosamund and Benjamin Zander. It is well worth the read about transforming professional or personal life. I will be talking more about what I learned from the Zanders at Area meetings, so be sure to attend. The other book was One Piece of Paper by Mike Figliuolo. Mike will be in attendance in Nashville, so be sure to attend the International Convention. His book is about being in touch with your leadership style and expressing goals for your organization.

Loving alliteration, I have adopted the theme of **Making Membership Meaningful in Massachusetts**. I encourage members to become involved and share their gifts and talents. Spread the work in your chapters. For many this is hard, but believe me when you give a member a job, they become invested. Listen to your members. We are reminded we have two ears, but one mouth and should use them in that proportion. I am willing to embrace your ideas and suggestions and will assist you in anyway possible. This is our organization.

We had over 35 members attending the conference in Baltimore. It was a different conference. Many Of the expected traditions were not present. We didn't even sing the DKG song at the closing banquet. State Organization presidents did not file in Saturday night dressed to the T. Instead we filed in Wednesday during the opening ceremony and could sit with our State Organizations. That was a welcome reprieve for me. As much as I liked being with the presidents and executive secretaries throughout the region, it was great to sit with my Massachusetts colleagues.

Not all members were pleased with the changes. In my opinion, International is trying to move away from the idea of sorority as much as possible. Note that the Greek letters are rarely used. Does that mean a State organization or chapter has to follow suit, definitely not. However I would encourage

Chapters to look at their traditions and see which ones are worth keeping and ones worth

discarding. You all know the definition of insanity, doing the same thing and expecting different results. Well, we know we need to attract new members and today's highly connected young educators may need a different approach.

So as you see, I never liked the idea of a dais at meetings. Since I was corresponding secretary I have sat apart from the membership. As a result I get to talk to the same officers, not that I didn't enjoy those conversations, but I want to get to know the chapter presidents and members. The Chapters are the foundation of the organization. They are the wind pushing the ship forward, not the other way around.

So hopefully this biennium we can try new approaches, maybe you will like them maybe not. We have inspiring programs planned for this biennium. As you know the Winter Board meeting was canceled which put a delay on things, but hopefully we can continue from where we left off and build momentum. At the Fall Workshop, we continued with the Grand Conversation. Last fall, we asked chapters to submit a **Strategic Action Plan** at the Winter Board. Since the Winter Board was cancelled, we are asking Chapters to submit a plan this year. There are still some board positions that need filling. Please let me know if you or someone you know would like to serve.

Plans are under way for the 75th celebration in the spring. We have secured a beautiful venue. We need you to come. The beautiful Seacrest of course comes with a price. We would like each chapter to donate an item or basket to raffle off to defray some of the cost. I will be in touch.

At lunch, during our Fall Workshop we heard from Chrissy Howard, a representative from Safe Passage. I think her moving presentation sparked interest in those present. I hope chapters will be moved to help this organization and the good work it does in Guatemala.

I look forward to seeing you at the Area Meetings

Martha Cotton



Highlights from the Fall Workshop

The Fall Workshop was held at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough on September 18th and 19th, 2012. The executive board meeting was held on Friday evening. Words of Inspiration were read by Terri Maffeo. Martha Cotton, our new state president, spoke of Alpha Upsilon's experiences at the Northeast Regional Convention in Baltimore. (see *A Message from Martha*, page 3)

Dorothea Maynard, our new executive secretary explained how she became an Olympic Torch Bearer in 2002 at Salt Lake City. Dorothea brought her Olympic Torch and official uniform.

The Grand Conversation continued on Saturday. Chrissy Howard from Safe Passage was the presenter at the luncheon.



Dorothea Maynard and her Olympic Torch



Workshop Presenters



Weekends with Daisy, presenter Sharron Kahn Luttrell



Pick Your Passion-Educational Excellence Committee, presenter, Claire Labonte



World Fellowship, presenter, Marilyn Spedding



*Alpha Upsilon at
Northeast
Regional in Baltimore*



A “First Timers” View: Northeast Regional Conference Baltimore 2015

by Jillian Sceppa-Etienne, Alpha Iota Chapter

I recently attended my first Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore Maryland this July 2015. The 8-9 hour drive was made so much more bearable because I had three other awesome DKG sisters along for the journey. Upon arriving in Baltimore, at the very sleek and modern Hyatt Regency, we were greeted by fellow Maryland DKG sisters in crab hats, no doubt representing the great cuisine of the region. They were all so welcoming and warm, I felt at ease in a new place. After unwinding from the drive, our first night's activities included fun, dancing and entertainment with well over six hundred DKG members from the Northeast Region.

The next few days were packed with large group meetings, luncheons, a banquet and many workshops. I was interested in so many topics for the workshops that I was so glad there was a schedule planner in the booklet for us to map out all of our activities we hoped to accomplish. One of my favorite workshops was about the history of tea. We were presented with the origins of tea and many Victorian artifacts, brought by a fellow DKG sister, who was also a museum curator. Not only were there great workshops, but many engaging speakers

as well. Of the many speakers we were lucky enough to hear, I was especially captivated by the “2014 National Teacher of the Year” Sean McComb. He spoke about advancing children and sparking an inner hope within each student in our classrooms.

I was truly humbled but empowered to see over six hundred extraordinary women dedicated to DKG. It was inspiring to be a part of it as a first timer. Connecting with other DKG members from various states was fun and a great experience. I especially liked being part of the state photo with over 30+ members present from Massachusetts alone.

When we were not being presented with amazing learning opportunities and speakers, we had some free time where we could explore the beautiful inner harbor of Baltimore. A great ending to this amazing trip was taking a harbor cruise with other DKG sisters, eating the “famous” Maryland crab cakes and seeing an Orioles game at Camden Yards. So a few words to describe this year's Northeast Regional Conference for me: Fellowship, Food, Fun, Friends and First Time! When will your first/next conference be???

LITERACY NEWS FLASH!

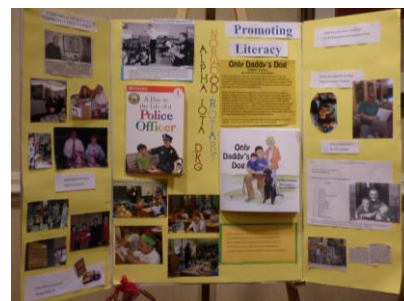
The first fifty 2015 State Literacy Council Questionnaires have been tabulated. These early samples indicate an overwhelming support for a renewed focus on Literacy Projects and Programs in our Chapters by both Actively Teaching and Retired members. They also indicate that many members want the Group Book Discussions to continue at State Meetings; four members have already volunteered to be future discussion leaders. **LOOK FOR BOOK DISCUSSION LEADERS AND TITLE CHOICES TO BE LISTED IN THE SPRING (PRINTED) issue of the**

BAYSTATER for the State Spring Convention, along with a special **LITERACY LIBERATES** workshop option.

NEW “STATE LITERACY COUNCIL” TAB ON STATE WEBSITE!

To find the contact information for your Area Literacy Council Members, Click the new tab on <http://alupsma.weebly.com> and also take time to complete the 2015 Literacy Council Questionnaire, if you have not already done so. Users will also find Martha Colamaria's “A CHALLENGE TO COMMITMENT” 2-PAGE HANDOUT for Download and Chapter Discussion. Completed Surveys should be emailed to Literacy Council Co-Chair, Gail Laffer, at gflteach.aol.com for tabulation.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! THANK YOU!





Celebrate Our 75th with a Tribute

Let us celebrate special friends and fellow members. Each of us was once brought into our chapter by a DKG sister sponsor, and through the years, I am sure we have served as both mentor and mentee. Now comes the opportunity for each of us to honor that person who has been most significant in our DKG experience.

We plan to have a “hall of tributes” at the Spring Conference in Falmouth when we celebrate 75 years as a state organization. ***We will keep all tributes confidential*** and they will be a surprise to everyone, especially those honored. Each honoree will have a framed photo on display and written tributes will be collected in a data file.

FAQ: How do I honor a DKG member? Send a photograph, a written tribute and a check for \$25 to Kit Dunlap. Make Check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mail to: Kathryn Dunlap, 136 Summer St., North Dighton, MA 02764

How long should the tribute be? **75 words** or less.

May a group/chapter give a tribute? Yes

May I honor more than one sister? Yes, but each one is a separate tribute.

May I email the written tribute? PLEASE DO – Subject Line: DKG Tribute; Email: kitsmuse@gmail.com

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2016

If you intend a tribute, please let Kit know if possible via email by February 6, 2016 so a report on space needed can be made at Winter Board Meeting.

SAY IT ISN'T SO Dr. Anita K. Newman, State Membership Chair

Delta Kappa Gamma is on life support, and soon may expire. When it does, the funeral will be a quiet affair held at a cemetery near you. Flowers are requested: red roses. Soloists will be singing *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*, even though it may already have had its demise. Clergy from around the country will be performing the White Rose Ceremony of Remembrance and State Presidents, left adrift, will give the eulogy.

Massachusetts is celebrating our 75th anniversary this year and we have lost more than 1200 members and 14 chapters (down from 36 chapters to 22) since our 50th anniversary. If we don't wish to see this as our obituary, we have to really work at gaining new members and bringing back lapsed members. Here are some tips:

Bring in New Members:

- Look in newspaper for articles on women educators who have done something noteworthy and ask them to speak about it at your next meeting. Encourage them to come again and join.

- Teachers still teaching can make a list of great teachers, and invite them to come to a meeting. Pay for their meals if possible.
- Go to teacher leaders in the district and ask them to speak, and then join and recommend others.

Bring Back Lapsed Members:

- Since the research shows 50% of lapsed members would come back if asked, ASK!
- Use chapter's Form18 and 18A to compile a list (your treasurer has forms in her records).
- Send a personal note followed by a call, telling them they are missed, and telling about the new and exciting projects and focus of the society.
- Invite them to next meeting and offer a ride.
- When a former member attends, make her feel welcome and get her involved immediately in chapter activities.
- Have reinstatement cards ready so they can join and pay dues. They are not voted on. Constitution Article III Sec F.



Member Profile

(Ask each chapter member to complete the profile. Combine results to create a chapter profile using Form 80)

General Member Information:

1. What factors prompted you to accept the invitation to membership in DKG? <input type="checkbox"/> the honor of membership <input type="checkbox"/> professional development opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> leadership development opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> fellowship and networking with other key women educators <input type="checkbox"/> scholarship and grant opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify <input type="text"/>)	2. What factors encouraged you to remain a member of DKG? <input type="checkbox"/> the honor of membership <input type="checkbox"/> professional development opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> leadership development opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> fellowship and networking with other key women educators <input type="checkbox"/> scholarship and grant opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify <input type="text"/>)
3. Do/Did you have a Society mentor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Are you a mentor for another member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Have you ever recommended someone for membership in the Society? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Have you recommended someone for membership in the last five years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section I: Who are Our Members?

7. Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active (employed) <input type="checkbox"/> Active (retired) <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary	8. Highest Degree Earned: <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify <input type="text"/>)
9. Years in Society: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 years or less <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 20 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 – 30 years <input type="checkbox"/> more than 30 years	10. Generational Information*: (Year of Birth) <input type="checkbox"/> Born 1981 – 2000 (Generation Y) <input type="checkbox"/> Born 1965 – 1980 (Generation X) <input type="checkbox"/> Born 1946 – 1964 (Baby Boomer) <input type="checkbox"/> Born 1922 – 1945 (Veteran)

11. Ethnic/Cultural Background: <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic-American <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American (please specify <input type="text"/>) <input type="checkbox"/> European (please specify <input type="text"/>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify <input type="text"/>)	12. Years in Education: <input type="checkbox"/> 5 years or less <input type="checkbox"/> 6 – 10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11 – 15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 16 – 20 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 – 30 years <input type="checkbox"/> more than 30 years
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Section II: Experience and Areas of Expertise.

13. Position (or last held): <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Private Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian <input type="checkbox"/> Resource or Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Art <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Instructor/Coach <input type="checkbox"/> College or University Instructor/Professor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Trainer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify <input type="text"/>)	14. Educational Settings: <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-K/Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Junior High/Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Central Office/District <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/Two-year degree programs <input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Private/one-on-one <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify <input type="text"/>)
15. Sector: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify <input type="text"/>)	

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Member Biographical Data Sheet

(Periodically it will be returned to you for updating.)

Name:

Chapter:

State/Province:

Address:

Phone: (Home):

(Work):

(Fax):

E-mail:

Someone who can always reach you:

Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Phone: (Home):

(Work):

(Fax):

Education:

Professional Positions:

Community Service:

Honors:

Publications:

Committees and Offices/Bienniums:

Chapter

State

International

Please return this form to your chapter Membership Committee chairman.

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“THERE IS NOTHING OLD HAT ABOUT THIS CREW!”

Using hats as props, six members of the New DKG ALPHA UPSILON, MA STATE LITERACY COUNCIL for 2015-2017 kicked off the New Year with a rousing Call to Action: LITERACY LIBERATES! In concert with State President, Martha Cotton’s theme for her biennium, MAKING MEMBERSHIP MEANINGFUL IN MASSACHUSETTS, and following an all-member training session on Membership Recruitment and Retention by Membership Chairman, Dr. Anita Newman, this group came in singing and cheering for a renewed focus on Literacy Programs and Projects throughout the state for the next two years.



At the beginning of Saturday morning’s General Session, attendees were greeted by a series of Literacy in Massachusetts display boards, colorfully arranged in the DKG Registration Lobby and created by Literacy Council Advisor, Martha Colamaria. Upon entering the session, everyone received a one-page Literacy Council Questionnaire, to be filled out and returned by the end of the session, as well as an attached 2-page CHALLENGE TO COMMITMENT handout, also compiled by Martha Colamaria, a champion for literacy in DKG and Rotary Int’l.

Members were asked to take the handout back to their Chapters for discussion, and to find a chapter member willing to be their Literacy Point Person, if they did not already have a Literacy Committee Chairman. Then, in order to acquaint attendees at the session with members of the new Literacy Council, members introduced themselves, as well as their individual literacy passions:

AREA V. – Gail Laffer, Alpha Zeta Chapter, and Council Co-Chair, is Past President of the South Shore Reading Association, and a long-time advocate for Literacy. She described her volunteer work through Generations, Inc. as a Reading Coach for young children at an after school program in Boston. Gail will work with Upsilon and Alpha Iota Chapters.

AREA I. - Diana Grady, Alpha Theta Chapter, described her work as Director of the Buzzards Bay Writing Project and its sponsorship of 3 Summer Literacy Camps for children, grades 3-12. Diana will work with Theta, Kappa, Alpha Beta, and Alpha Kappa chapters to identify literacy needs in their areas.

AREA II.- Christine Bonci, Alpha Nu, was introduced by her “stand-in” and our Literacy Council Advisor, Martha Colamaria. As Alpha Upsilon State Past President and Webmaster, Christine looks forward to spreading the “Literacy Liberates fever” across the state, with the help of the website. She is currently employed by NCSD, a Northeast Consortium preparing and supervising teacher candidates to meet new Certification Standards, including the Literacy Requirement. Christine will work with Alpha Alpha, Alpha Gamma, & Alpha Mu.

AREA IV. – Jillayne Flanders, Alpha Epsilon Chapter President, is a 27-year career School Principal, and was named Massachusetts Principal of the Year in 2010. Jill described her involvements in various literacy collaborations over the years, and detailed the huge literacy challenges facing many families and educators in Area IV. Newly retired, Jill is ready for a new DKG challenge and looks forward to working with Alpha and Chi Chapters.

AREA VI. – Gabrielle Montevicchi, Epsilon Chapter President, has just completed her first year as Principal at the Hannah Elementary School in Beverly, MA. She focused on the challenges for literacy in her young students, their families, and the impact of testing on effective learning. Gabrielle looks forward to working with Alpha Eta and Alpha Xi Chapters.

AREA III. – Beverly Shaw Johnson, Zeta Chapter, and Past State President, focused on the connection between life-long learning and literacy. As a poet and teacher of writing, she urged members to celebrate the literary arts in both Chapter programs and projects. She said that presenting workshops and poetry readings at Chapter, Regional, and International DKG meetings has been “a true personal and professional growth experience”. She will work with Beta, Eta, and Alpha Lambda.

Finally, as Literacy Council Co-Chair, Ms Johnson wrapped up the session with the following statement: We believe that as DKG KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS, we are all Champions of Literacy—and if we reflect that Focus in Chapter Programs, Projects, and Outreach Efforts, our organization will appeal to new members. LET’S GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP to the New Generation of Women Educators, and TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!
What’s our Motto? LITERACY LIBERATES! (Singing *We Will Go!*)

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Dr. Connolly was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma Society International membership in 1960, and for a few years, confined her work to leadership in Upsilon Chapter and her position as Principal of the Ohrenberger School in West Roxbury, MA. We know she was well-respected as an administrator, and an active parishioner in the St. John Chrysostom Parish of West Roxbury. However, beginning in the early 1970’s, Mary began to assume elective offices at the DKG state level, becoming State President in 1979. She was extremely well-organized, and began immediately to mentor those Chapter Presidents and younger teachers in whom she saw potential. Martha Colamaria remembers well the kindness and support she received from Dr. Connolly, who even went out of her way to provide transportation to state meetings, “like my personal taxi driver. It was personal. She always did everything with great wit and charm.”

Past State President and Executive Secretary, Christine Boncirecalls, “Mary was probably the most dedicated DKG member I ever knew. She also loved her work as a public school principal! She raised the bar for the teachers under her tutelage. She was professional, compassionate, bright, and definitely had an Irish wit!”

Terri Maffeo, Immediate Past State Executive Secretary and Past State President, sent this recollection: My first and fondest memory of Dr. Mary T. Connolly took place at the State Spring Convention at the Sea Crest Hotel on May 5, 1990. The Parade of Chapter Presidents was about to begin. She walked over to me as I stood in line and said very seriously, “You are destined for greatness in Delta Kappa Gamma”—because we both had on the same dress! She then whispered in my ear, that, of course, my dress was a smaller size

than hers! I looked at her face, and saw that wry smile. From that moment on, Mary “took me under her wing” and mentored me every step of my journey in DKG.

So many members have funny stories to tell about Mary. She was noted for “staking out the territory” whenever the Massachusetts delegation was attending a Regional or International Convention in another state. Kit Dunlap was always amazed at Mary’s ability to find the best restaurants and coffee shops “just around the corner,” within a short time after arrival. “She was our GPS.” She also, according to Past State President, Donna Brown, liked to have a good time with her “ducklings,” and was willing to try new things. I think it was in Texas that Donna introduced Mary to Donna’s favorite New England Iced Tea. Mary thought it was a very tasty drink and ordered another. Of course, when it hit, that was another story. I don’t think Dr. Connolly ever ordered another “N. E. Iced Tea!”

Bette Bridges remembers Mary Connolly being Chairman of the Friday Night Dinner at Plimouth Plantation, which was part of the 50th Anniversary of Alpha Upsilon State. Bette had been asked to plan an assigned seating chart for that event, and it was her “first assignment for the state.” On the day the list arrived by mail from Mary, Bette wound up in the hospital with pneumonia. Because she was afraid to let Mary down, Bette had her husband Ken bring the list to the hospital, did the chart, and had her husband drive to West Roxbury to meet Mary in a parking lot to deliver the plan. More registrations had come in, so the process was repeated, and the second time the plan made its way to Mary, Ken bought her coffee at Friendly’s.

They must have gotten to know each other, because Dr. Connolly loved to tease Bette about her “boyfriend, Ken,” whenever they met.

Actually, I think Dr. Mary Connolly thought a lot of the husbands who supported their wives as partners, and encouraged them to fully participate in the work of the Society. We were all very busy with our careers and families. During my biennium as State President, we had the first Planning Meeting for the 50th. Birthday of the State at my home in Sutton. It was an all-day meeting with a lunch, and of course, Dr. Mary Connolly arrived early. Early enough to discover my husband, Kelton, in our den, watching a game. When she found out that he was an Elementary School Principal of a large school in Millbury, MA, she knew she had hit the jackpot! They spent more than an hour sharing “Administrator War Stories,” and Kaaren Harrington, had to bellow a few times that, “Mary! We’re having a meeting out here!” She finally dragged Mary out of the den, and Kelton was still laughing. Mary told me, that had it been legal, Kelton deserved “Honorary Membership.”

From 1981 to 1990, Dr. Catherine Maney, Mary’s great friend, served as State Executive Secretary. For the next decade, Dr. Mary T. Connolly led Alpha Upsilon State as Executive Secretary, a true mentor to Massachusetts women educators, and a great role model. In 2000, she retired; I applied for the position and was appointed to a five-year term. In the Executive Secretary’s Box that I inherited were years of handwritten notebooks, hotel and venue contracts, menu choices, registration listings, yearly contact sheets, State and International Board materials, and important memorandums. Even with the help of a computer, it was a hard act to follow!!! –Beverly Shaw Johnson, Past State President and Executive Secretary

Dr. Mary T. Connolly passed away on August 27, 2015. On Friday, September 18, 2015, the Alpha Upsilon State Executive Board voted to send a donation to the DKG Educational Foundation in her memory. Her legacy lives on.

Sara E. Chase Scholarship Recipient



Jeanne O’Hearn of Alpha Eta is the recipient of the Fall Sara E. Chase Scholarship. Jeanne has been working in the doctoral Leadership at University of Massachusetts, Lowell for 5 years and is currently in the dissertation planning phase that requires completion of 12 graduate credits. She has received high commendation for her work from the Graduate School of Education faculty. In 2013, Jeanne was elected to the Board of Directors of the Mass Foreign Language Association and is serving on several committees. Jeanne has also had opportunities to present workshops at their conferences. Jeanne is an active member of Alpha Eta and is currently Secretary.

Chapter Presidents: Think Spring! Convention Vendor Tables will be available.

Please contact Carol LaPolice, Alpha, with the number of tables you will need to sell your wonderful items! carol.lapolice@comcast.net



2015 Area Achievement Awards

Jo-Anne Butler, Coordinating Council Chair

The Area Achievement Awards are given annually to one member from each of the six state areas in honor of service to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and its ideals. These educators exhibit the characteristics of leaders, mentors and embody the spirit of Delta Kappa Gamma. This award is presented to the unsung hero of the chapter. Our congratulations go out to the following recipients.

Area I-Our nominee exemplifies the ideals of Delta Kappa Gamma and has been an active member for 45 years. She served as President in the chapter for two consecutive two-year terms. She has been the Necrology chair and assisted with Music for as long as the board remembers. She chaired the recent revision of our By-Laws and ensures compliance. She attends board, chapter, and state meetings regularly. This nominee is highly organized, helpful, eager, and willing to assist all members in any way possible.

A valuable mentor to countless women educators, she is a positive role model for the organization. She assists others with their duties, or performs them herself if there is no other member available.

She is tireless in her efforts to present meaningful and informative speakers to our chapter meetings and has organized gift giving/donations to our local (food pantry) charities as well as Boston charities (Shriner's Hospital).

She is kind, caring, dedicated, thoughtful and selfless. She brings positive energy and organization to our meetings, and most recently as president, keeps us on track. She is well-informed about state and international matters, keeping our chapter up to date. She is truly the greatest asset to our chapter and we are proud to nominate her. Area I is proud and honored to present the Alpha Upsilon 2015 Area Achievement Award to **Caroline Kiessling** of Theta Chapter.

Area III-Our nominee has been a dedicated member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 8 years. She

never misses our meetings and as Recording Secretary she takes impeccable minutes which help us look back and verify facts that we may have missed or forgotten. Her friendly smile and gentle manner always makes all members and guests feel welcomed and comfortable. She is always willing to help in any manner which will benefit DKG; whether it is talking to people about membership and inviting prospective members to a meeting, carpooling, or volunteering for anything that is needed. We are indeed so very fortunate to have her as a friend and fellow member in our chapter. It

is with great pride that we present the Area III Area Achievement Award to **Vivian Perry** of Zeta Chapter.

Area V-Our nominee has been a member of DKG for 10 years. In that time, she has served in many leadership positions at the chapter level --- President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents and Recording Secretary.

She has initiated an early career educators program in her school system as an ongoing chapter service project. Another achievement is the STEM project for grades 5-8 girls in our community and surrounding towns. Our chapter is eagerly supporting STEM as a service project.

Her love of travel has resulted in presentations at the state and chapter levels on education in other countries.

Our nominee's warm personality lends to others enthusiastically supporting whatever she is involved in and beyond. She is most deserving of the Area Achievement Award. Area V is proud and honored to present the 2015 Area Achievement Award to **Lynn Howard** of Alpha Iota Chapter,

Area VI-Our nominee is a woman who is always willing to "step up" when the need arises. She has been an educator for over twenty years and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2006. This member has graciously offered her home for chapter meetings, has organized events for the chapter, and presented a chapter program.



Lynn Howard, Caroline Kiessling and Jeanne O'Hearn

She has served as secretary for the past three years and is taking over as vice-president in the fall of 2015. Our nominee was the speaker for the Area VI Dinner in 2012 where she outlined international opportunities for teachers and gave highlights of her own experience teaching in China. When a presenter was needed at the last minute for the 2012 Fall State Workshop, she volunteered. She explained the construction of the “community poem” and led workshop attendees to compose their own poems. From the submissions she compiled a

community poem, “We are Delta Kappa Gamma,” which was subsequently published in the *Baystater*. This dedicated educator has attended Area meetings, State Meetings, the Northeast Regional Conference in Portland in 2013. She has been the recipient of the Sara E. Chase Scholarship from Alpha Upsilon State and the Mary Katherine Shoup Scholarship from DKG International in support of her doctoral studies. Area VI is proud to present **Jeanne O’Hearn** of Alpha Eta Chapter with the 2015 Area Achievement Award.

Baystatements

Alpha September brought over 20 Alpha members and guests together as active voices on education issues. State Representative Joe Wagner, Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, shared the goals of this committee and how it relates to the state of education. He thanked us for our contributions to society and listened to the concerns we

shared on issues affecting students and teachers. Issues such as including assessment time, narrowing of the curriculum, lack of services, PARCC, testing of English Language Learners, teacher representation on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (H. 375) and charter schools. He assured us that he will go back to the legislature to voice our concerns on these issues.

Alpha welcomes Jessica Flanagan-Sears, a Springfield classroom teacher, into our chapter. Jessica is starting her seventh year in education and is active in her school centered decision-making team, newsletter committee, and tutors as well!

Alpha continued the tradition of being “Homework Helpers” by collecting school supplies for the Acorn St Girls’ and Boys’ Club Family Center of Springfield.

We were pleased that Lisa Pasternak, daughter of past chapter president and state legislative chair Bev Pasternak, was present for our Celebration of Life ceremony. A fund to help grants-in-aid was created in Bev’s name by the family.

We look forward to our October 24th Area IV breakfast meeting with State President Martha Cotton at the Munich Haus, Chicopee, followed by a talk and tour of the nearby Polish Learning and Discovery Center.

Alpha Lambda- Alpha Lambda Chapter held their first meeting of the new school year at the lovely, Mezza Luna Restaurant in Buzzards Bay MA. Suzanne Allen, first grade teacher at the John W. Decas School in Wareham, MA was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society during a ceremony held on Sept. 21. The Alpha Lambdas were delighted to welcome a new member to their group. Officers participated in the traditional candle lighting with the initiate, while members serenaded her with a traditional DKG tune, Enter Our Company.



Kathy Balakier and Representative Joe Wagner



Jessica Flanagan-Sears



The chapter's community service project for the September meeting benefitted the Plymouth Area Coalition. Members collected school supplies for area children in need. Maryann Rogers agreed to deliver items to the Plymouth Area Coalition.

Cindy Berry and Marge Burns reported on their recent trip to the fall workshop held at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough.

Maryann Rogers read several thank you notes to the membership, including one from the Dana Farber Institute on behalf of a member's husband. The evening included discussion and sharing of plans for our chapter's upcoming 40th birthday celebration in May of 2016. After a summer apart, member enjoyed catching up and sharing stories of summer adventures.

After a lively business meeting, members enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet.

Alpha Xi- Alpha Xi chapter had a busy spring season. Our Initiation Dinner was held on May 4, 2015, at the Nashua Country Club. New member Barbara Toohey was initiated. Welcome, Barbara! On June 11, members enjoyed the Middlesex Community College Celebrity Series. This year's celebrity was William Shatner, who was interviewed about his entertainment career and the non-profit groups he supports.

The first meeting of the 2015-2016 year was held on September 21, 2015, at the home of member Chris Stanvick. We were delighted to have a presentation by Irene Hannigan, author of *A Principal's Journey: The School as My Classroom*. Irene reflected on her 40 years in education, including her 12 years as Principal of South Row School in Chelmsford. She showed us the small writer's notebooks and journals she kept over the years, and explained how they related to her published works. A business meeting followed the program.

Members continue to support their community by donating children's books to our literacy program at a local hospital. We also participate in fund-raising activities to fund our chapter's annual scholarship.



DKG 2016 International Convention



You won't want to miss the Society's International Convention in Nashville scheduled for 2016 at the fabulous Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. "Music City" is also home to a large number of colleges and universities so be prepared for a blend of education and entertainment.

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WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

Continental Breakfast 8:30 A.M.

Meeting 9:00 A.M.

Lunch 12:00 NOON

Holiday Inn-Boxborough Woods

242 Adams Place

Boxborough, MA 01719

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FROM the East - Rt. 128S or 128N to Route 2W to Rt. 111N - Follow Rt. 111N for about 8 miles – Adams Place on left before crossing Rt. 495

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use separate form for EACH registrant)

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____

*Chapter President _____

*Office/Committee: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

If you do not have an email address, but would like a receipt please check here _____

1. Registration for ALL attendees \$24.00 (Includes Continental Breakfast)

2. Buffet Luncheon \$28.00

TOTAL \$ _____

Note: Luncheon Meal includes 21% Service Charge and 6.25% MA Sales Tax

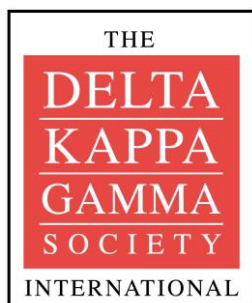
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1. To **unite** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship;
2. To **honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education;
3. To **advance** the professional interest and position of women in education;
4. To **initiate, endorse, and support** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators;
5. To **endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries;
6. To **stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action;
7. To **inform** the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.