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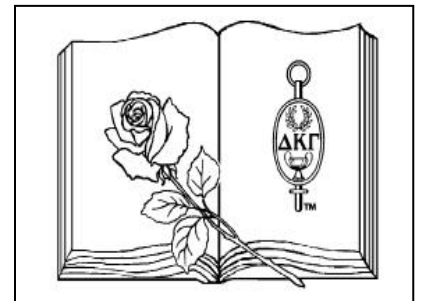
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## CHRISTA McAULIFFE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND

The 2018 Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund recipient Maureen Maderos with G'Tanya Small, Chair, and Bette Bridges, President, at the Winter Board Meeting.



### Submitted by Maureen Maderos:

Thank you for the opportunity to be a recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Grants. I am an active member of Alpha Upsilon Area V Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma of Greater Boston.

I have been a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for over 20 years. Something that is an overarching issue is always classroom management. I spend much of my instructional time collaborating with colleagues as I work with students who are included into a variety of settings. So much key instructional time is lost in re-direction, punitive measures, lacking organizational systems, discipline reminders, etc..etc.. etc.. -- these tiny things add up and just take the instruction train off the rails.

I wanted to look at the teacher in these roles. How can we as leaders create a scaffolding of positive, skills based learning to simply have systemic measures in place that all students can understand and follow.

I found a training that is predominantly on the West Coast -- but they had a training in Washington, D.C in October 2018. I attended this training the trainer presentation. It gave such clear explicit ready to use out of the gate strategies to keep the instruction train on the rails. It takes all the best practices of both research, PBIS, behavior plans, positive reinforcers, clear expectations and rules based instruction. It is easily adapted to differentiate for all learners and different educational settings.

One of the hallmarks that is simple but making a HUGE difference in my practice is teaching to the the exact desired behavior. Giving the students the expectations is a systemic predictable instructional style has helped tremendously with all my learners. I am sharing these strategies with the teachers and colleagues I work with across the district.

I am happy to help set up trainings or share these strategies with people ([maureenmaderos@gmail.com](mailto:maureenmaderos@gmail.com)). Thank you for helping to defray the cost of this training. I am very pleased to have a deeper understanding of social emotional learning and how to better support my students and co-teachers as we work to increase inclusion opportunities and creating success for all students.

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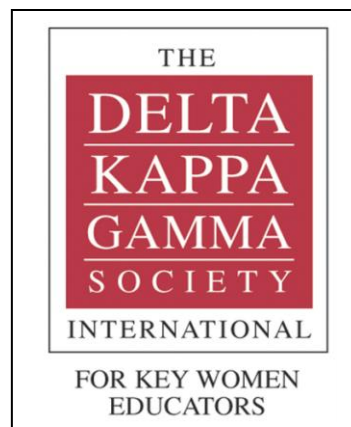
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*Thank you to all of you who have stepped forward as leaders for the 2018 - 2020 Biennium.*

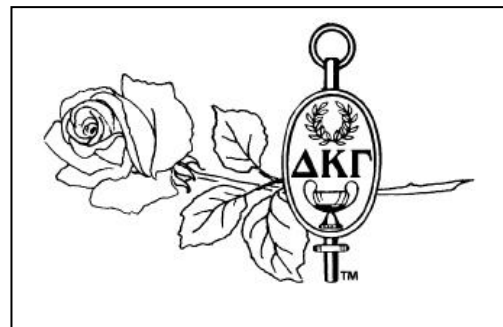
*Thank you to Janet Eskin for the years that she was our Baystater Editor! She has recently moved to Florida. I am now the Editor and I'd like to thank the following contributors to this issue: Nancy Coderre, Caroline Kiessling, Jillian Sceppa-Etienne, Gail Pease, Dorothea Maynard, Joan Brides, Carol LaPolice, Claire LaBonte, Irene Falite, and G'Tanya Small.*

*A personal Thank You to Janet for all her help with getting this issue started! Also, thanks to Lynn Howard for giving her time on vacation to teach me some editing tricks!*

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***Gail Saccone, EDITOR***



# Nominations

The Nominations Committee presents the following **SLATE** for the **2019 -2021 Biennium**:

## **OFFICERS:**

President: Lynn Howard, Alpha Iota

First Vice-President: Claire LaBonte, Alpha

Second Vice-President: Gail Saccone, Alpha Zeta

Recording Secretary: Kathryn “Kit” Dunlap, Alpha Theta

Corresponding Secretary: Jillayne Flanders, Alpha Epsilon

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS:**

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## **NEW NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Area I Bette Bridges, Chair

Area II Jackie Trotta, Alpha Mu

Area III Jo-Anne Butler, Eta

Area IV Kathy Balakier, Alpha

Area V G’Tanya Small, Upsilon

Area VI Irene Falite, Epsilon

## **Nominations Committee:**

Area I Annette Shaw -Alpha Theta

Area II Maureen Clifford -Alpha Gamma

Area III Joan Pepin- Eta Chapter

Area IV Helen Clark -Alpha Epsilon

Area V Martha Cotton- Alpha Iota (Chair)

Area VI Irene Falite -Epsilon Chapter

## *Meet the Alpha Upsilon State Nominees for Officers : Lynn Howard: President*



Lynn was initiated into Alpha Iota Chapter in May 2005. She has been very active since joining DKG both in her local chapter and at the state level. Currently, Lynn is the First Vice President for our MA State Organization. Lynn has presented workshops for both her Alpha Iota Chapter and at our State Conferences. In addition, she has attended just about every Northeast Regional Conference and International Convention since becoming a DKG member.

Lynn began her teaching career in 1995 after working in retail management and human resources at the Harvard Cooperative Society (The Harvard Coop) in Cambridge. When she decided to change careers she received her Masters in Elementary Education at Wheelock College and did a year long internship at the Jackson Mann School in Allston. Lynn is currently a 4th grade teacher at the Frederick C. Murphy School in Weymouth. She is also the Head Teacher and the Data Coach at her school.

Outside of school, Lynn is involved in many other community groups. She is the past Chairperson of the Weymouth Democratic Town Committee, the Recording Secretary for the American Association of University Women South Shore Branch, the Primary School Rep for the WEA Executive Board, and a past Board of Director of the MTA.

In her free time, Lynn and her husband, David, enjoy traveling. Over the past several years they have traveled to Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Norway and England. She has also traveled to China, Peru, Ecuador and Spain with teachers on professional development study tours. This June she will be taking another professional development study tour to Japan. Lynn also enjoys reading, attending Red Sox games, and spending time with her sister at their beach house in North Carolina.

### *Claire LaBonte: First Vice-President*



Mrs. LaBonte has been an active member of DKG since her induction in 1999. She has attended every International Convention since 2000, and all but one Regional convention since 2001. She has been a presenter in her chapter, at the state level, and at both Regional and International meetings. She has held almost every elected office in her chapter (Alpha), has been the State Membership Chair for three bienniums, was a member of the International Membership Committee and the chair of the International Educational Excellence Committee. She has also been state corresponding secretary, state recording secretary, and is currently state second vice president. Mrs. LaBonte will bring a wealth of experience to the position of first vice president.

### *Gail Saccone: Second Vice-President*



Gail is a retired School Psychologist. She worked in the Norwell Public School system for 32 years before retiring in 2007. Gail was initiated into the Alpha Zeta chapter in 2002. She has served as Alpha Zeta's President, First Vice-President, and currently, the Recording Secretary (2015-2019). At the State level, she chaired the Finance Committee from 2011-2012. Gail also served on the State Scholarship Committee and was appointed as one of two representatives to the U.S. Forum in Washington, D.C in 2014, 2016 and 2018. As a follow-up to attending the US Forums, she presented workshops at Alpha Upsilon Conferences. Gail wrote the Scholarship Guide to simplify the process of applying for grants and scholarships. She has attended four Northeast Regional Conferences (Burlington, VT, Hersey, PA, Baltimore, MD, and Windsor, Canada) and three International Conferences (NYC, 2012, Nashville, 2016, and Austin, 2018). Gail has been the State Corresponding Secretary from 2015-2019 (serving under Presidents Martha Cotton and Bette Bridges).

### *Kathryn "Kit" Dunlap: Recording Secretary*

Kathryn Dunlap was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1939. She received a B.A. degree in English



Literature from Beaver College (now Arcadia University), an M.Ed. in School Psychology from University of Massachusetts Boston, and an M.F.A. from Pacific University.

She taught English in the Seekonk Public Schools in Massachusetts where she designed and led writing retreats of various lengths for elementary, middle and high school students. Upon retirement, she became Director of Buzzards Bay Writing Project (a National Writing Project site) at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for twelve years. While in this position, she led leadership training retreats and delivered courses and seminars in professional development for teachers.

Beginning in 2000, Kathryn designed and led two yearly writing retreats until 2010: SeaQuestered on Cape Cod and Nantucket at the University of Massachusetts Boston Field Station. She is now shares ownership of Writers Ink of Massachusetts which holds



yearly writing retreats on Cape Cod. She is a member of several writing groups including Tidepool Poets of Plymouth where she is editor of their annual anthology.

Kathryn has held many offices at the chapter level of Delta Kappa Gamma and has been chapter president for several bienniums. She has also worked at the state level and chaired committees. In addition, she has presented workshops for DKG in Stockholm, Dallas, Indianapolis, and Boston.

## *Jillayne Flanders: Corresponding Secretary*



Jillayne Flanders has served children, families, and public schools in Massachusetts for over 40 years. During her 27 years as an Elementary School Principal in Hadley and South Hadley MA, she developed and supported the integration of Social-Emotional Learning with academic curriculum with a special focus on early childhood. Utilizing the experiences of her school programs, she has presented workshops at the state and national levels on SEL, community-school networks, and integrated curricula. She is a trainer for the MA PK-K Standards in SEL and APL and Inclusive Practices.

Jill was invited for membership in Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Hampshire and Franklin Counties) in 1992. She has served in every office and mentored a number of new chapter presidents. With Helen Clark, they have ensured the continuation of this small but mighty chapter.

She currently consults with the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Early Learning Team, SEL4MA, and is collaborating with the Collaborative for Educational Services in Northampton MA and the MA Department of Early Education and Care regarding birth to age five developmental observation tools for parents and EC programs.

Mrs. Flanders was honored as the Massachusetts Elementary Principal of the Year and a National Distinguished Principal (NAESP) in 2010, and served as the Executive Director of the MA Elementary School Principals' Association in 2016.

Jill lives in Southampton MA with her husband. She is the proud mother of three accomplished daughters: Julie Couture, an OTA in the New Bedford schools; Lindsay Skelton, first grade teacher in Greenfield; and Brianne Perez, ICU RN at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She also is a doting Grammie to Noah, Becca, and Alina.

## **BETTE'S BUZZ**

### *Bette Bridges -State President*

When I first was inducted into DKG, almost 40 years ago, I was honored to join this organization. Many things have changed since then, especially moving away from sorority type rituals. But so much is the same. This is an incredible organization. I have gain so much from being a member. One of the reasons, I have gained so much is that I was told very early on that "a Delta Kappa Gamma woman never says NO!" I learned that the more I participated and got involved the more I learned. These skills I learned helped me in my career and beyond. The recognitions I received were because of some of the skills I learned in DKG. I know I am what I am today because of not saying NO to DKG when asked.

Janet Eskin did not say NO, when she volunteered to be our Baystater editor when our previous editor resigned when she moved out of state. As many of you know, Janet, has now moved to Florida. She is continuing her membership in DKG, but as a Florida member. We will miss her. Janet did a wonderful job. Florida is lucky, Janet plans on remaining a very active member.

Gail Saccone did not say NO, when asked to become our new Baystater editor and follow in Janet's footsteps. Gail knows that we all will help her in this endeavor. Thank you so much for taking on this important position. Fortunately, Janet is but an email away and has agreed to be "on call" for Gail. Thank you, Janet, for your continued service to Massachusetts. Thank you Gail for not saying NO!

Martha Cotton and the nominations committee have done a phenomenal job in selecting the nominees for state office for 2019-2021. Read the bios of these women who have not said NO when asked to serve the Massachusetts State Organization. They are a talented, incredible group of women. When asked to serve on a committee on the state level,

please say YES, you will get so much from this contribution. You DO have the skills and knowledge to the job and the support of everyone in the state. If everyone contributes, the job becomes easy.

On a different note, I hope you have all read the most recent Collegial Exchange. If you did, did you notice one of the authors of “Take Joy! –Five Teachers Rediscover the Enjoyment of Teaching Writing”? (a great article). A huge congratulations to Alpha Theta’s Diana Grady!!! All of your Massachusetts sisters are very proud of your accomplishment. Contributions to the International publications are very difficult to see to publication, but you, too, can submit, and be successful. So do it!!!!

We are so lucky; our regional conference is in Connecticut at the end of July. For most of us, less than a two-hour drive! So plan to be there to enjoy the conference and to support our Connecticut sisters. You will walk away with so much learned.

Some dates to remember:

May 3-4, 2019 MA State Convention, Plymouth, MA

July 30-August 1, 2019 International Conference (NE), Foxwoods, CT

In the ground-breaking musical, “Oklahoma”, Rogers and Hammerstein wrote the song “I Can’t Say NO!”. Let’s make that the theme in our chapters and state organizations: “DKG women can’t say NO!” It is because so many of us “Can’t Say NO” that we have our committees’ chairs and members, and officers on both the chapter and state level. We are DKG, Key Women Educators, all of us are responsible for the success of this organization. All of us have skills and knowledge which will help DKG at all different levels. The more you put into DKG, the more you get out of it! So next time you are asked to take an office, a committee chair or just do something for DKG, remember “I Can’t Say NO!”

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## *Coming Soon! New Dues Collection Process*

Voted on at the July International Convention in Austin, dues will now coincide with our fiscal year, July 1- June 30th. We have had the pleasure of submitting dues later in the year, but this has created problems in keeping an accurate database and projecting budgets. While it was thought that we would begin the process in 2020, we are able to proceed now on a pilot basis.

Chapter Treasurers will be requesting members to submit dues soon so that they can enter payments for new, reinstated or transferred members with a new online procedure. They will contact you with their due date, sometime in between April and early June. If you are familiar with Form 18’s in use by the chapter treasurers, they will no longer be used. Treasurers will be responsible for creating a payment order and submitting a check to International Headquarters and one to the State Treasurer with a copy of the payment order and order number. Two training modules and a PowerPoint for chapter treasurers are now available on the Chapter Connect section of their **myDKG** page. The site will be fully operational on April 1, 2019. I will present an overview at the May Convention in Plymouth, May 4<sup>th</sup>. If your Chapter Treasurer cannot attend, please send a representative. Please do not hesitate to contact Carol LaPolice with questions on the new process. Dues will be sent by the chapter treasurers to International and State beginning July 1, 2019. Please remember that any check made for the state must be written Alpha Upsilon MA Delta Kappa Gamma. Checks written by Chapter Treasurers to International should be made payable to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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## *International Regional Conferences*

### *Something is new about the 2019 International Conferences*

This summer the DKG Conference you choose to attend does not need to be determined by your place of membership, instead you can determine which one you attend based on your personal or professional passion and priority.

Over the past several years DKG members have been asking for more professional, education-based and theme related Conferences. At the 2018 International Convention, the Constitution was amended to eliminate the word “Regional” to open the possibilities. This year there will be five International Conferences, offering a wide range of options of themes, dates and places. Exercise your choice and your preference as you choose your 2019 International Conference you will attend.

- **Asheville NC-June 27-29: Arts and Humanities** Potential topics: Story-telling, Music, Books and Writing
- **Des Moines IA-July 10-12: Leadership** Potential topics: Leadership Characteristics, Growing Future Leaders, Leadership Styles, Teamwork, Collaboration and Mentoring, and Conflict Management and Negotiation
- **Costa Mesa CA-July 17-20: Technology** Potential topics: Technology in the Arts, Leadership and Global Awareness, Technology in Professional Research and Education, Effects of Technology on Children’s Brains, Technology of the Future
- **Reykjavik, Iceland-July 25-27: Professional Research and Practices** Potential topics: Character Education, Citizenship, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking
- **Mashantucket CT-July 30-August 1: Global Awareness** Potential Topics: Celebrating Diversity, Responsible Schools and World Citizens, Caring for our planet, Human Rights

## *International Conference July 30-August 1 Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut*

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide...experience this International Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide: experience this international conference with a global awareness theme. Potential topics will focus on celebrating diversity, responsible schools and world citizens, caring for our planet, and human rights.

In addition there will be two Pre-Conference Seminars on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Seminar 1 – Mashantucket Pequot Museum

Seminar 2 – Restorative Practice Framework and Violence Prevention

For more information, to register for the Conference, and to book a Hotel Room go to the DKG website:

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2019 International%20 Conferences/Northeast International Conference-Mashantucket-CT.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2019%20International%20Conferences/Northeast%20International%20Conference-Mashantucket-CT.aspx)

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## *U S Forum Meeting at the Global Awareness International Convention*



Hope you’re planning to attend the Convention at Foxwoods! On Thursday, August 1st discover and share the issues facing educators, women and children in the Northeast.

Please come to the U.S. Forum from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Vote on the issues you want brought to the US Forum Legislative Seminar in Washington, DC in 2020.

Carol LaPolice  
Northeast Representative  
U S Forum Election Commission

## *FAQ about the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Grant*

Submitted by G'Tanya Small, Chair

Q: If I **APPLY** for Christa McAuliffe grant to attend a conference does it have to be school related?

A: NO

You can **APPLY for a Christa McAuliffe Grant** to go to any type of educational workshop, conference or convention. The founding members of the grant, in their infinite wisdom, thought of working teachers as well as retired teachers who might like to enhance their knowledge of a passion or hobby.

Example: a recent award recipient, attended a poetry workshop, not my cup of tea, but perhaps she has aspirations of writing for Hallmark.

I have been reflecting on some of the presentations at my chapter meetings by members that inspired me, one was about bees. I missed an opportunity to **APPLY for a Christa McAuliffe Grant** to attend the American Beekeeping Federation, 5-day conference and tradeshow this past January in Myrtle Beach. Oh well, there is always next year. Our chapter also had a doll presentation, lots of fun reminiscing about the dolls of my youth. I like dolls, but I love, love, love, Barbie dolls. I could **APPLY for a Christa McAuliffe Grant** to attend the 2019 Diamond Jubilee National Barbie Doll Collectors Convention July 31- August 3, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The member that posed the question above was interested in quilting...jackpot! She has a number of opportunities she could **APPLY to the Christa McAuliffe Grant** for assistance to attend. There is the Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO to augment her skills with a choice of dates and locations as far away as Arlington, TX or as close as Worcester, MA. If she preferred to simply view beautiful quilts there's America's favorite quilt tour company Country Heritage Tours. Perhaps an "Escape to QuiltCon" in Nashville, Tennessee or "Amish Farmlands" tour to participate in an old fashion-quilting bee. Go to the State DKG website <http://alupsma.weebly.com> to **APPLY for a Christa McAuliffe Grant**.

## *Sara E. Chase Fund*

Application Deadline Dates by Semester: The Maximum Award is \$2,500 per semester.

Spring Semester – December 15, 2018

Summer Semester– April 15, 2019

Academic/Writing Year – April 15, 2019

Fall Semester – June 1, 2019

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

Mail your Application to:

Linda A. Stewart

Sara E. Chase Scholarship

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## *AREA I DINNER*

Who was Beethoven's "Immortal Beloved"? This is the question that intrigued members of Area I as they gathered for their meeting on October 16, 2018. Once again, about 40 members of Alpha Kappa, Alpha Theta, Kappa, Alpha Beta and Theta enjoyed the beautiful setting of The Chateau in Norton as they gathered for an evening of reconnecting with DKG sisters, good food and excellent entertainment.

After our rejuvenation and buying of raffle tickets, State President Bette Bridges brought greetings from Alpha Upsilon. She highlighted some of the changes that were voted on at the International Convention in Texas. She also spoke about the fall workshop and the programs and meetings that took place at that time. At the conclusion of her remarks, Bette asked Caroline Kiessling, Area I representative to the Coordinating Council, to read the nomination for the Area I Achievement Award. This Distinguished Award was presented to Nancy Carroll of Theta Chapter. The award is well deserved for all that Nancy has done, and will continue to do, for the members of Theta! Those attending also sang Happy Birthday to Martha Colamaria who was soon turning 90 years young. She was presented with a small cake and a card.

Following a dinner of Fish and Chips, Italian Combo or Sautéed Chicken with Penne and Broccoli, Kathryn Dunlap of



Alpha Theta introduced our speaker for the evening. Our speaker, Dr. Ann Sears who is Co-Chair of the Music Department at Wheaton College, had presented a superb program at an Area I meeting several years ago. At that time she was so impressed by the women she met that she decided to join DKG. She is now a member of Alpha Theta.

Dr. Sears gave some biographical information about Beethoven and then spoke a bit about the search for Beethoven's "Immortal Beloved". Beethoven had a difficult life! His father was an alcoholic and money grabber who thought that Beethoven could be the next Mozart even though he didn't look or act anything like Mozart. In his teens he played the violin in the court orchestra and also took organ lessons. His mother died when he was fairly young and he felt responsible for his younger brother. Finally he decided to "escape" to Vienna to learn from Mozart. He arrived there in 1792 but Mozart had died in 1791. Thus, he lost his mother, father and Mozart at a young age. Beethoven immersed himself in his music. By 1803 he was effectively deaf, unable to hear music or sounds in nature. He knew that music was the only way he could express himself. He had digestive difficulties and other physical problems but he refused painkillers as he wanted to be lucid when writing his music. When working, he was so focused that he forgot to eat and was totally unaware of his surroundings. He would walk through Vienna in the rain writing music, oblivious to the fact that the rain washed the music off the paper. He had to move frequently because his neighbors would complain about the noise he made when he was composing.

The search for "Who Was Beethoven's Immortal Beloved" is used as a research topic for some Wheaton College students to complete. A film is shown and the project is designed to use Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Theory. The students are supposed to find the name of the Beloved based on the research they do. There are letters written by Beethoven that say "life is nothing without you" or "I love you more than you love me". They are signed "Your faithful Ludwig". On July 6, 1800 he wrote "my immortal beloved, our souls need to be in unison. We need to live together—ever thine, ever mine, ever each other's." There is at least one theory as to her identity—maybe you can do some research and find out her name! Scholars want to know who she was as they believe that this knowledge might lead to more of Beethoven's music which has not yet been discovered. Also, it might give some insight into any happiness that he might have had in his basically unhappy life.

After Dr. Sears' most interesting and entertaining message, Helen McGarry and Bette Bridges drew names to determine the winners of the beautiful raffle baskets donated by each chapter. We ended our meeting with the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma song.

## Baystatements

### Alpha

Alpha Chapter met for their holiday gathering on Dec. 6, 2018 at The Tap House Grille in West Springfield. Chi and Alpha Epsilon were invited to join in the festivities. Three new members were inducted that evening. Ninety-one gifts were collected for the *Mary McGrath's a Child's Wish* activity for the children of the Family Center at the Springfield Boys and Girls Club. Finally, over \$700 was raised from the annual holiday raffle to benefit future women educators through the Grants in Aid program. Dinner was delicious, the entertainment was great, and a wonderful time was had by all!

### Epsilon

We hope our Sisters have had a warm winter, a great start to the New Year and look forward to Spring and longer days.

The holiday season began at the end of November with some members of our Chapter joining our Alpha Eta Sisters in Salisbury, MA. at the Seaglass Restaurant with dinner to start our evening followed by strolling through the Sea Festival of Trees at the Blue Ocean (same location). Each tree was decorated so exquisitely. So much fun observing and placing tickets for the tree(s) we hoped to win. It was a great evening for all.



Our annual holiday Celebration took place on December 9th at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA. This venue is so beautifully decorated. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, shopping at the Holiday Boutique and engaging in warm conversations. Talented Sisters baked goods, made creative items to sell, raised live plants and donated items for the Boutique which benefits our Scholarship Fund. We also look forward to our Chapter Yearbook which is comprised of all of our meetings and events for the year. We thank the Committee for compiling this. It is such a great booklet to have for our memories.

It is with great sadness to have lost one of our long standing Sisters, Phyllis Tanen who passed away on December 22nd at the age of 89. She was a Retired Teacher in the Revere Public Schools for 41 years. She will be remembered at the Necrology Service in May in Plymouth, MA. May her memory be eternal. We look forward to a productive Spring filled with more interesting meetings and events.

## *Alpha Epsilon*

We are delighted to let you know that Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Hampshire and Franklin Counties), is alive and well, and growing!

After an energizing Area IV Meeting last fall, we planned to meet together with our sister chapters in Western Massachusetts, share our meeting calendars, and begin a more open collaboration between the three chapters way out west.

In December, five Alpha Epsilon members joined our Alpha sisters at their holiday celebration and initiation. We were warmly welcomed, included in the program, and made connections for area members to join us in February 2019.

On Groundhog Day, February 2nd, Helen Clark hosted a lovely brunch meeting at her home in Sunderland. We officially welcomed Heather Oldford, a transferring member from Pennsylvania, and initiated Linda Tiley, Special Education teacher in the Greenfield schools. We will be welcoming another new member, Barbara King, at our next meeting. After the initiation, we spent our time discussing the successes of our past years: awarding scholarships to a number of young women entering the field of Education from South Hadley High School, and holding interesting meetings with activities in paper folding, painting, literacy and poetry. We began planning for our next meeting where we will be assembling baskets of school supplies for the elementary schools represented in our membership.

We are pleased to note that we have members interested in attending the Spring Conference in Plymouth, and looking forward to connecting with other state members.

Finally, in other news, we are delighted that Jillayne Flanders has agreed to be considered for the State Executive Board position of Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations!



## *Alpha Gamma*

Members of Alpha Gamma Chapter returned to the Heritage Country Club in Charlton on December 13, 2018, to enjoy the beautiful decorations and a delicious meal together. The theme of the evening was giving. Donations were collected for the local food pantry. The chapter collected over \$1000 worth of school supplies to fill backpacks for our service project with Head Start WCAC.

President Nancy Coderre conducted the business meeting. Members are reminded there are funds available for conferences and professional development from the state association. Applications are online. We are reminded of the state planning meeting in February and the spring meeting in Plymouth in May. Plans were made to notify area high schools of our chapter Grant-in-Aid to be awarded to a deserving student this spring. The applications will be sent to area schools.

Our speaker, Kathleen Dow, Co-Director of Head Start, WCAC,



presented a video about the children and adults involved with the program. Head Start will be moving to a new facility in Webster soon. We learned more about the services Head Start provides to area families in need. At our Fall meeting, member Maureen Clifford had shared how Head Start provides school backpacks full of supplies to all the young students “graduating” to kindergarten each spring. Chapter members came prepared with school supplies for the backpacks. In addition, the Literacy Committee project will donate books to Head Start this year.

## *Alpha Iota*

Alpha Iota’s Annual Holiday Boutique and Fundraiser was held at the Victory Grille in Dedham on December 1, 2018, a bit earlier for Alpha Iota this year since December can be so busy! There was a silent auction table and the items were displayed beautifully. The “Boutique Table” is always a draw and a fun way to “yard sale” holiday items. We were happy to add to our Amelia Armstrong Grant-in-Aid, and chapter through this annual December event. Our most recent recipient of the grant from Billerica,



Shawna Crowley, (pictured below with the committee: Terri Maffeo, Rosemary McEachern, and Ruthanne Kennedy), was able to attend with her Mother. Joan Rego, Anne Marie Adduci and Karyn Greene were the lucky winners of the Grant-in-Aid raffle baskets. A fun time was had doing the 12 days of Christmas song (table style with our own lyrics). Thank you to the Boutique Committee and everyone who attended, donated, set-up, sold items, baked or helped in anyway. The Holiday Boutique is always a yearly highlight for the chapter. Photo taken and article written by Jillian Sceppa-Etienne, Chapter President.

## *Alpha Mu*

Here we are...catch-up time!

In September, 2018, 20 or so members of Alpha Mu gathered on the shores of peaceful North Spec Pond at the Hunt Camp in New Salem, MA. Old friendships were renewed and news shared. We enjoyed a delicious Italian Buffet provided by committee members and suggestions for future meetings were solicited. There was a discussion regarding the need to have a Cancellation Policy formed in case the need to do so should arise (particularly if it involves reservations at a restaurant).

November found us enjoying a yummy buffet at The Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster, MA. We learned much about Elder Care and preparing for our own needs as we age from Attorney Brenda Rivard. Our DKG-State President, Bette Bridges was our guest.

We continue to support our CLIC boxes for the Gardner and Orange courts. Members are encouraged to donate books, games, activity books, crayons, etc. for children to be used and taken home when needing to be at the Courthouse for any reason. A canned food drive was held in November for Ginny’s Food Pantry in Leominster.

Phyllis Ambrozewicz continually keeps our Membership Directory updated for us and our Co-Presidents, Helene Carroll-Pascale and Cheryl Derr are busily working on our behalf and leading our meetings. Ann Hyer makes sure we get our dues in on time and efficiently keeps track of our funds, while Michelle Hall records the business of our meetings. We offer our gratitude for all that they do!

We will gather in March at the King Phillip Restaurant in Phillipston, MA. An “ice-breaker” event (The Five Senses) will be presented as well as the theme, “Appealing to Our Senses” for our Scholarship Fund Raffle. Current members are encouraged to bring a guest who may be interested in becoming an Alpha Mu sister.

Submitted by: Gail Pease



## Alpha Theta



Alpha Theta Chapter members enjoyed a delightful Christmas banquet in December at the home of our recording secretary, Pauline Madenjian. A White Elephant Sale fund-raiser and the collection of children's books, crayons, markers, and coloring books for donation to the Pediatric Unit at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro were held after our business meeting. On January 31<sup>st</sup> our retired members met at the Colonel Blackington Inn in Attleboro for a luncheon with DKG sisters Sharon McArdle and Ellen Bollweg. Our March Literacy meeting at the Attleboro Library will feature the author of fourteen books, Steve Manchester of Somerset, MA.

## Alpha Zeta

Sunday afternoon, November 4<sup>th</sup> twenty-three DKG members and friends met for a wonderful afternoon of shopping at the Designer's Circus store in Boston. The private event complete with refreshments and a personal shopper helped members find just the right styles and outfits to purchase. This event was our first fundraiser to aid the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless in Kingston, which is our Chapter President Pam Larson's charity for her biennium. Alpha Zeta would like to thank all who participated in making this fundraising event such a success. Later in the month Pam Gould and Mary Ellen Connor delivered a carton of desperately needed nonfiction books for teens to the Coalition. Suzanne Giovanetti, Chief Executive Officer, gratefully accepted our book donations.



On December 4th fifteen Alpha Zeta sisters gathered together to celebrate the holidays at Disch's Tavern in Pembroke, where everyone enjoyed a dinner of their choice. Members attending contributed either a toy or monetary gift for the children serviced by the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless. We also had a Yankee Swap which was a lot of fun. The evening was a wonderful way to kick-off the holiday season!

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## Friend of Education Award

Massachusetts State Organization of DKG has been trying to revive its Friend of Education Award for the last year and a half, with little success. We want to recognize outstanding service, commitment, and/or contributions made by individuals, civic groups, organizations, businesses or corporations to education here in Massachusetts. I have been asked to make some suggestions about who can be nominated.

1. Any individual (male or female) who is NOT a teacher;
2. Civic organizations like the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Rotary, etc;
3. Local service groups like Friends of ECOS, Springfield School Volunteers, Big Brothers/Sisters, etc.;
4. Local businesses or corporations like Friendly's, Big Y, etc.



Anyone who helps out schools and/or education, teachers, students is a possible award recipient. Here's a way to show them we care and are grateful for their efforts.

Any chapter or committee can nominate someone. The nomination form should be sent to the state president, state leadership chair, and the chapter president. One follows this article below. Let's get those nominations in so we can tell someone how much we appreciate their efforts toward educations and educators!

**Nomination Application for Friend of Education Award is on page 16.**

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## *Who is a DKG Educator?*

A DKG Educator is someone who is....

- A potential leader
- Able to bring out the best in others
- Results oriented
- A conceptual thinker
- Motivated to make a difference

Do you know an educator that meets these criteria? If so, invite her to a meeting and then ask her to join your chapter. Remember new members can be inducted at any time and she becomes a member as soon as she pays the dues.

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## **ALPHA UPSILON STATE MASSACHUSETTS**

### **SPRING CONFERENCE---MAY 3-4 2019**



### **HOTEL 1620 AT PLYMOUTH HARBOR**

**[HTTP://WWW.HOTEL1620.COM](http://www.hotel1620.com) 508-747-4900**

**Check in: 4:00 PM Check out: 11:00 AM DKG Room Rate \$149.00**

**Rooms online list at \$169.00 for these dates-DKG Rate is \$149.00! Available to book now!**

**To book online use Promo Code Delta2019**

**Cutoff Date: 4/3/19**

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## *Spring Conference Schedule*

*Friday Night, May 3rd*

**5:00-7:00 p.m. Registration and Mini-Mart**

**6:30 p.m. *Mystery Geek, Sarah Hodge Wetherbe***

Sarah will take us on a mysterious tour through Massachusetts from seaside ghosts to UFOs over the Berkshires.

**8:30 p.m. Necrology Ceremony**

Join us as we celebrate the life of eighteen of our Alpha Upsilon sisters that passed away during the last year

**9:30 p.m. Meet and Greet Ice Cream Social**

End the night with a tasty treat as you relax and catch up with your DKG sisters from around the state

*Saturday, May 4th*

**7:00-8:00- Breakfast****8:00-9:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting**

President Bette Bridges, will conduct the Executive Board Meeting with the State Officers, Past State Presidents, Chapter Presidents and State Committee Chairs

**9:45-10:30 a.m. Workshops****A. *Plymouth 400: An American Story-A National Legacy (Michele Pecoraro)***

The arrival of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower in 1620 began a story that significantly shaped the building of America. In 2020, a most special event will occur in Massachusetts-the 400th anniversary of the founding of "America's Hometown." On May 4th, Michele Pecoraro the Executive Director of Plymouth 400, will preview the current events and future programs honoring this commemoration - a story of exploration, innovation, self-governance, religious expression, immigration and thanksgiving.... legacies that continue today.

**B. *Classroom Management (Maureen Maderos)***

Do you find yourself losing a lot of instructional time redirecting students, tracking behavior, and disciplining students? Maureen will share some tips she learned at the Time to Teach training she attended in Washington DC this fall. The ideas can be adapted to differentiate for all learners and different educational settings.

**10:40-11:25 a.m. Workshops****A. *Mass Commission on the Status of Women (Nina Kimball)***

Commissioner Nina Kimball will share information about the work of the Mass Commission on the Status of Women and the new regional commission in Plymouth County. She will also present information about legislation and policy regarding women in the workplace, sex discrimination, and sexual harassment.

**B. *TAKE JOY! Bring the joy back to the teaching of writing! (Diana Grady and Margo Moore)***

Through practice and participation, workshop attendees will experience ways to help not only their students but also themselves to bring the joy back to writing.

**11:30-12:30 p.m. *A to Z Literacy Movement: Spreading the joy of books and literacy around the world!*  
(Betty Trummel)**

Join DKG member Betty Trummel, as she takes you on an educational journey to Zambia through her work with *A to Z Literacy Movement*. *A to Z Literacy* is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose current activities are focused primarily in Zambia, Africa, and in local areas. This includes the northern Illinois region where the organization was founded, but also in Betty's new hometown area on Cape Cod.

**12:35-1:15 p.m. Convocation and Rejuvenation**

We will gather together to for an update from President Bridges followed by the election of 2019-2021 State Officers.

**1:15 p.m. Luncheon**

**\*\*Training for Chapter Treasurers/Presidents will take place immediately following the luncheon\*\***

**ALPHA UPSILON MASSACHUSETTS  
2019 SPRING CONVENTION**

**REGISTRATION**

*Friday-Saturday - May 3-4, 2019*

*Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor*

*180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 508-747-4900 [www.hotel1620.com](http://www.hotel1620.com)*

Directions: Please use Goggle Maps/MapQuest/Waze or your GPS for specific directions from your location. If you are unable to access directions, email [dorotheamaynard@comcast.net](mailto:dorotheamaynard@comcast.net)

**ROOM RATES: Single \$149.00; Double-(2 beds) \$149.00; Triple \$164.00; Quad \$179.00 (Plus 11.7% state/local taxes) \*\*NOTE: ROOM DISCOUNT CUT-OFF DATE: APRIL 3, 2019**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: (508-747-4900) (CODE: DELTA2019)**

**(Please use separate form for EACH person registering)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter Office/Committee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, My First State Meeting (FREE REGISTRATION!)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **2016-2018 Chapter President**

**(Registration includes Friday Cheese Board Reception 5:00-6:00 P.M. & Ice Cream Sundae Social 9:30 P.M.)**

Early Bird Registration (**Received by (4/12/19)**) \$43.00

Registration (**Received** after 4/12/19) \$48.00

Saturday – Plymouth Breakfast Full Buffet (**Final Meal Count 4/23/19**) \$23.00  
(Juices; Fresh Fruit Salad; Oatmeal w/Toppings; Scrambled Eggs; Bacon; Sausage; Home Fries; Asst. Pastries, Jams, Jellies, Coffee & Tea)

Luncheon - Tossed Salad, Native Turkey with Stuffing Chef Choice Potato & Veggie, Cheesecake \$26.00

**Note: (All meals include 20% House/Service Charges and 7% Massachusetts State Tax)**

NON-DKG ATTENDEES, FAMILY OR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND BUT HAVE A MEMBER WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED AT THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY FRIDAY NIGHT MAY ATTEND CEREMONY ONLY AT **No Charge**.

Ice Cream Sunday Social following Ceremony..... \$20.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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

**“Total” Check payable to: Alpha Upsilon MA Delta Kappa Gamma**  
**Mail to: Dorothea Maynard, 661 Pearse Road, Swansea, MA 02777**  
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**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL  
ALPHA UPSILON STATE**

**FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD NOMINATION**

Alpha Upsilon State recognizes the outstanding service, commitment, and important contributions made by many individuals, civic groups, organizations, businesses and corporations throughout Massachusetts to advance education and educational opportunities.

In recognition of these various contributions, Alpha Upsilon State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, proudly offers the "Friend of Education Award".

1. Deserving individuals who are not educators (male or female), groups, or businesses may be nominated by any chapter or state committee in Alpha Upsilon State.
2. Complete the form in triplicate.
3. Send one copy to the Bette Bridges, State President; Claire LaBonte, Leadership Chair; keep the third copy for your files.
4. Submit on or before April 1, 2019.

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominated by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide a Summary of no more than one page.**

**Please make reference to as many of the Criteria as possible.**

**Bette Bridges: babridges1@verizon.net**

**Claire LaBonte: cdlabonte@charter.net**