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# Baystater

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

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## Letter from Lynn

Dear MA DKG Sisters,

I can't believe its August already! I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer. I've had a busy summer traveling, meeting new friends, and learning many new things. At the end of June, I traveled to Japan with 20 educators for professional development. In July I attended the DKG International Conference: Professional Research and Practices in Iceland where I

attended the training for State Organization Presidents and the General Sessions and Workshops where we heard from many inspiring educators. It was great to meet so many educators from our European chapters as well as many from other states in the U.S. Then I drove down to Connecticut to attend the International Conference on Global Awareness. Over 300 DKG members attended the conference, 24 of us from Massachusetts. We heard from many inspiring speakers and workshop presenters, had lots of laughs playing BINGO while we raised money for the Emergency Fund, and engaged in great conversations with DKG sisters new and old. I love attending the Conferences, it's so makes me so proud to be part of DKG! I encourage you to attend the International Convention in 2020 and then an International Conference in 2021.

### Fall State Conference-September 27 and 28th

I hope that you will attend the State Conference this September, we have some great speakers lined up to share information and ideas about women's suffrage, STEM and the Apollo Moon landing. The information about the Conference is on pages 4 and 5 and the registration form is on page 13. We'd love to have you attend both Friday and Saturday, however, it is okay if you can only attend part of the Conference. If anyone has any resources (books, lesson plans etc.) on the topics being discussed please bring them to share with others. Also feel free to invite your colleagues to join you, this is a great way to introduce DKG to prospective members.

### Membership

In honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DKG and the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote I have selected "Honoring the Achievement of Women-Growing our Membership" as the theme of my  
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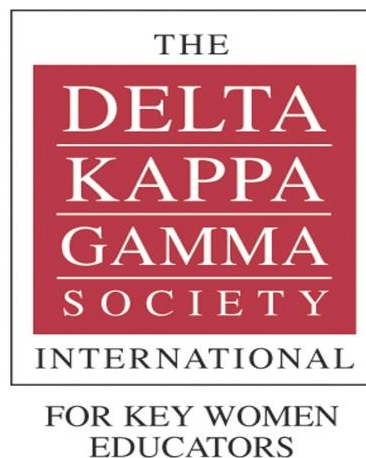
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### **Membership (continued)**

biennium. I hope that we can work together to honor women in our communities and offer them the gift of membership in DKG. Therefore, I am asking that every member reach out this year and find a woman to honor. Possible women to honor might be the school nurse or guidance counselor, a specialist in your school (music, art, physical education), your child or grandchild's teacher, curriculum specialist, an administrator in your building or another key woman educator you know.

### **State Service Project**

I have selected **Reach Out and Read** as our state service project during my biennium. As a primary school educator, I feel very strongly that it is important to help young children develop a love of reading and this will help us continue DKG's mission is to impact education worldwide. Reach Out and Read was founded in 1989 with its first program at Boston City Hospital. Reach out and Read gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together. They currently serve 4.7 million children across the nation. I'm hoping that each chapter will help raise funds to donate to Reach Out and Read and/or hold a book drive to collect new books (board books are recommended). \$20 provides the program for one child for a year. We will have a speaker at our Fall State Conference luncheon to share more information about the work of Reach Out and Read.

### **DKG Educational Foundation:**

The DKG Educational Foundation was established in 1964. Generous contributions from the Society, members, chapters, and friends provide funds to support DKGEF Projects that carry out the Mission and Purposes of the Foundation. Lucile Cornetet bequeathed the largest gift ever granted to the Society. The Cornetet Fund for Professional Development was established in 2005. The proceeds from this investment are administered by The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to support professional development of educators. Gifts to the Educational Foundation are welcome at any time and are tax deductible in the United States. Become a Founding DKG Luminary-a DKG member contributing \$100 or more between June 1, 2019 and June 1, 2020 to DKG Educational Foundation will be designated as a "DKG Founding Luminary". To apply for an DKG Educational Foundation award or to make a tax-deductible donation go to [dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org).

### **Program Ideas and Speakers:**

Offering informative and relevant programs at our State and Chapter Meetings is crucial to our success. So, I'd like to start a Speaker's Bureau and share our resources with each other. Do you have a special skill or topic you would be willing to share at a meeting? Do you know anyone that is studying for their doctorate or CAGS that might want to share their research? Have you heard a fabulous speaker at a conference or professional development workshop? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please share the information with me or Claire LaBonte at [cdlabonte@charter.net](mailto:cdlabonte@charter.net) so that we can reach out to these people to see if they would be willing to share their knowledge and information at a DKG State or Chapter meeting.

### **Communication:**

It is important that we share information about DKG and our events with each other and with non-DKG members. Did you know that we have a state DKG Facebook Group (Alpha Upsilon MA DKG) and many other states and chapters have their own page too? If you haven't joined them, please check it out today. Please help us spread the word about DKG events and activities by sharing photos and information on these pages so people will hear about the great things we are doing.

I look forward to working with you this year as we impact education worldwide and I look forward to talking with you at an upcoming Chapter meeting, an Area Meeting and/or the Fall State Conference. **Remember as Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"**

Please keep in touch and reach out any time if you have any questions or suggestions. You can reach me at [lynnphoward82@comcast.net](mailto:lynnphoward82@comcast.net) or 781-901-9120.

Best wishes,

*Lynn*

# Fall MA State Conference (September 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>)

*Registration form on page 13*

**FRIDAY, September 27, 2019**

**5:30-7:00 p.m. Registration**

Dinner on your own

**7:00-8:30 p.m. "Tell It! Sing It! Act It! Move It! Mary Jo Maichack- A Minstrel Storyteller**

"A Multiple performing Arts Approach to Literacy": The power of performing arts in the classroom in education. From the Maichack Arts Partnership. [www.MaryJoMaichack.com](http://www.MaryJoMaichack.com)

**8:45 p.m. Christa McAuliffe Fundraiser and Ice Cream Social**

**SATURDAY, September 28, 2019**

**7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Registration**

**7:00-8:00 Breakfast** (please bring your ticket)

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

Lynn Howard, MA State President, Presiding

**8:30-9:30 a.m. Literacy Council Book Sharing**



**Presenter: Diana Grady, Literacy Council Chair**

Bring your favorite book or your indelible memories of it to the Saturday morning Book Share

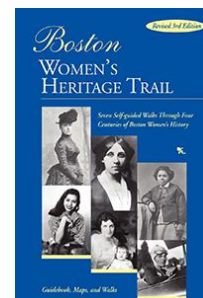
**Break 9:30-9:45 a.m.**

**9:45-10:30 a.m. Boston Women's Heritage Trail-Boston Women Making History**

**Presenter: Katherine Dibble**

Since 1989, the Boston Women's Heritage Trail (BWHT) has worked to restore women to their rightful place in the history of Boston and in the school curriculum by uncovering, chronicling, and disseminating information about the women who have made lasting contributions to the City of Boston.

The thirteen walks throughout Boston commemorate more than 200 Boston women who changed history in a wide variety of settings, occupations, and backgrounds. BWHT has also sponsored the development of several mini-trails in Boston neighborhoods blazed by teachers and students in the Boston Public Schools (BPS) and at a city charter school. In addition, BWHT collaborated with the Museum of Fine Arts to develop a trail, "Women Artists in the Back Bay."



**Break 10:30-10:45 a.m.**



**10:45-11:30 a.m. Honoring the Achievement of Women in STEM**

**Presenter: Katherine Honey-SE STEM Network Director**

"Honoring the Achievement of Women" is part of the program "Looking Ahead to 2020 & Beyond," a historic view of inventive, innovative and industrious people 1620 to 2020 illustrating how perseverance, collaboration, and skills in the humanities and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) contributed to their success. Features the



achievements of racial and ethnic groups as inventors and innovators, women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, and people with disabilities and the impact of technology on their ability to work and participate more fully in their community. Learn more about some amazing women and find out more about how you can replicate this in your classroom or your community.

**Break 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.**

**11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. One Giant Leap for Humankind: Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing**

**Presenter: Pat Monteith-NASA/JPL Solar System Advisor**

On July 20, 1969 the whole world held its breath and stood still as NASA Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin descended to the lunar surface and erupted in a worldwide celebration as they touched down onto the Sea of Tranquility. Now, 50 years later, the U.S. is still benefiting from the Apollo missions and by 2024, NASA will be going back to the moon and using a new gateway there to fly humans to Mars. Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Learn how NASA's early mission took us on a journey to the moon to fulfill President Kennedy's challenge to have a manned lunar landing. Find out how NASA plans to return to the moon and build habitats to survive there, and then use it as a launch site for Mars.



**12:45-1:15 p.m. Convocation and Rejuvenation**

**1:15-3:00 Luncheon**

Lunch

Awards Presentation

**Guest Speaker: Reach out and Read, Meghan Blomberg**

Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization that gives young children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together. Come and learn more about this impressive organization that is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and find out how DKG is going to get involved this year.



**3:15 p.m. Planning Meeting for the Spring Convention**

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## ***STATE LITERACY COUNCIL: FALL CONFERENCE***

TRY TO REMEMBER...

Think back to those halcyon summer days lying in a hammock reading a great book or curled up in a perfect reading nook on a stormy Saturday afternoon. Picture that book. Was it *Heidi* or *Black Beauty* or an intriguing Nancy Drew mystery? Did the Bobbsey twins' adventures enthrall you? Could you dream of being a nurse like Cherry Ames? Did you pass through the Wardrobe with Lucy, Edmund, Susan, and Peter to do battle with the White Witch? Did you join Charles Wallace and Meg traveling through space and time in *A Wrinkle in Time*? *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, *David Copperfield*.

Try to remember those classics that made you a reader. Bring that favorite book or your indelible memories of it to the **Saturday morning Book Share, from 8:00 to 9:30, on September 28, 2019, at the DKG MA state fall conference in Southbridge**. Do you prefer more modern volumes? Share a book that you couldn't put down. Recommend a read that you think everyone would benefit from – novel, historical fiction, advice, cookbook history, nonfiction, biography – any genre that has captured you. What better way to spend time on a Saturday morning than talking about books with friends and adding to your must-read pile. Hope to see you on September 28 for the Book Share.

# 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

## *Leadership International Conference in Des Moines, Iowa*

*by Marilyn Spedding, MA State Membership Chair*

The Northwest International Leadership Conference was held in Des Moines, Iowa. Des Moines, the state capital, is a beautiful city surrounded by rivers and farmland. It seems everyone I talked to either lives on a farm or had during some point of her life.

The theme of this conference was Leadership. 294 members attended representing 55 state organizations. We started with training for State Organization Presidents, Executive Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership chairs. These sessions were very good. You will be hearing much more over the next few months as we implement some of the ideas, we gathered from both Society leaders and our sisters from other states.

Susan Leahy, our keynote speaker on Wednesday night and Thursday morning, started the conference off “with a bang”, telling us to live and act in the present – “RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!”. Her speech, “Leadership Boot Camp”, was interactive with lots of foot stomping, chanting and hand waving. Look her up online. She has some great programs and materials available. Our other speakers were Cathy Doherty, International President, Nita Scott, Executive Secretary, and Judy Merz, past interim Ex. Secretary and Chair of the Editorial Board for our Society publications. We were all ecstatic that Judy was awarded the International Distinguished Service Award at the closing banquet.

I had the opportunity to attend many workshops during the remaining two days covering everything from Recruiting and Retention of members, Money for Leadership, How Do Women Become Leaders; Real Queens Fix Each Other’s Crowns, Membership: Less Maze, More Amazing, and of course, the US Forum.

With our state members attending three of the five International Conferences, we have volumes of notes and ideas to share. Don’t miss the Massachusetts State Fall Workshop and put the next International Convention in Philadelphia July 2020 on your calendar now. Commit to yourself and to our Society.

## *Professional Research and Practices Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland*



President Lynn Howard, Executive Secretary, Dorothea Maynard, Treasurer, Carol LaPolice, and Epsilon Chapter President Irene Falite attended the jam-packed 2019 DKG International Conference held in Iceland. They left with brains full of current information, ideas, and new friends from Sweden, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Canada, Great Britain, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, and the U.S.A.

Lynn and Dorothea had two full days of training with other presidents and executive secretaries. Their days began with training at 8:30 a.m. and finished the first day at 8:00 p.m. Training was led by our International President, Cathy P. Daugherty, Executive Director, Nita R. Scott, and Business Director, Phyllis A. Hickey. Training focused on the concerns of all DKG chapters, states, and countries: Sustainability, Expanding Membership, Supporting and Strengthening Chapters, Business of the Society and State, Strategic Planning, and reviewing our Constitution. On Thursday, Carol had a great full day of treasurer’s training with Phyllis Hickey, Executive Director, updating state treasurers on their responsibilities and the progress with the new online dues processing.

Highlights from the Conference: A keynote speaker shared her research on Action Research in the classroom and its benefits-something to consider for your professional development and developing whole school collaboration. The European Forum shared that they are interested in doing more with teacher exchange programs. What really made an impact on us at this conference was that Health and Well-Being and Global Sustainability are a part of the national curriculum in some of the countries present at the conference. Our first keynote speaker was fabulous, too. He addressed the narrowing of curriculum due to testing! Iceland is now turning around their teacher shortage with an effort on all fronts. Teacher education is now a 5-year master program. In January 2020, all teachers will be licensed under a single license, they are debating school levels.



In addition, to the training, workshops, and General Sessions we took advantage of the many hours of daylight and explored the phenomenal rugged natural beauty of this amazing country. Before the Conference began, we had some time to traverse around the island to view the beautiful waterfalls and mountains, check out the restaurants and shops in the city centre of Reykjavik, visit The Perlan Museum and the Hallgrímskirkja Church. Our Icelandic Sisters hosted many events including Iceland by Night which was held at a new golf course just outside the city center where we enjoyed the crisp clean night air watching golfers on the course with the water and mountains in the background. It was a wonderful setting and a relaxing evening where we could spend time getting to know our new international friends with a nice array of appetizers, beverages and music.

We met lovely, DKG members from Iceland and other countries in Europe and reconnected with many from previous Conventions who were gracious and eager to hear about DKG in the USA. We were on the go from the minute we arrived and didn't have enough time to see all that there is; Iceland's beauty and people are worth another trip!

## *Global Awareness Conference in Mashantucket, Connecticut*

*by Claire LaBonte, First Vice President*



left to right, Carol LaPolice, Megan Clark Torrey, CEO, World Affairs Council of CT; International President Cathy Dougherty; Barbara Bostwick-Quinn, NE Regional Representative, US Forum)

Where do I start?

I arrived at Foxwoods Conference Center Tuesday afternoon, checked in to the hotel, then went to the registration table for our Global Awareness conference. I was immediately and embarrassingly thanked for the big ad MA had placed in the conference manual. I was also, along with every other attendee, invited to a buffet dinner that evening before the opening ceremony and Connecticut Night. The food did not stop all week! Snacks, breakfasts, box lunches, dinners...I gained 2 1/2 pounds (I reluctantly got on the scale this morning...eek!)

But I digress. This conference was probably one the best I've attended as a DKG member. Our theme was global awareness, and this was brought home with the keynote speakers, most especially with Marion Blumenthal Lazan and her recollections on surviving Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp as a child. Donna Dufresne educated us on *The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World* as she portrayed Prudence Crandall, Connecticut's State Heroine, teacher and activist. Monica Olivera from UNICEF USA introduced us to two of the students who have been impacted directly from our Schools

for Africa Project. The Mashantucket Pequot Nation shared with us Native American Inter-Tribal Songs and Dances at our Third General Session.

The workshops and takeaway sessions were informative, helpful and entertaining. I learned how to travel through Europe, how to submit an amendment to our Constitution or Standing Rules online, and how to run the Educational Excellence Committee in Massachusetts! And then there was the US Forum. You'll have to ask Carol LaPolice all about that!

We ate, we danced to big band and swing music, we played BINGO to raise money for the Emergency Fund (our conference raised more money than any other DKG conference this year!) and some of us sang in the conference chorus on closing night! All in all, a simply MARVELOUS time!

## *My First International Conference*

*By Rosemary McEachern (Alpha Iota)*



Though I have been a member of Alpha Iota Chapter for several years, the International Conference on Global Awareness held at beautiful Fox Tower at Foxwoods in Connecticut was a first for me. I can describe it as informative, fun and with great food. I was greatly impressed by Connecticut Night, which included a delicious buffet dinner followed by a great speaker and wonderful entertainment. Donna Dufresne's performance as Prudence Crandall, Connecticut's State Heroine, was outstanding. Prudence risked jail and ostracism in her efforts to bring equal educational opportunities to African Americans. She would surely have been a DKG sister if our organization existed in her day. The all-

female band that provided lively Swing Era music was also great. A subsequent speaker who I greatly admired was Marion Blumenthal Lazan who related her childhood experiences in a Nazi concentration camp. The workshops on exploring the DKG web site for information about membership recruitment and on tips for traveling in Europe were very informative. Great fun and laughter were the themes of Bingo Night, though most of us were like fish out of water in this venue. All in all, it was a marvelous experience with luxurious accommodations, delicious food, new friends from other states and Canada and many ideas on improving the lives of people around the world. I look forward to Philadelphia in 2020!

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## *MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE TREASURER*

Kudos to our chapter treasurers for taking the leap into cyberspace with minor turbulence (it's the summer of space, you know)! Favorable comments have been received with our new online process. I will learn more at the Treasurer's Training and share the news with you. Almost half of all 990 tax filings have been completed as of this writing. Treasurers please make sure you send me a copy of the Confirmation sheet, thank you. Members if you receive a payment reminder and paid, don't worry. There's a lot of processing to be done at International. The notices are automatically generated. As always, if you have a question don't hesitate to send an email to me or use the chat line feature at the dkg.org website- it's great!

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## *BY-LAWS UPDATE*

At the 2018 International Convention in Austin, TX many changes were made to the DKG Constitution and Standing Rules which means that we must update our State By-Laws and Chapter Rules to be in compliance with the International Constitution, therefore we will be proposing the following By-Law addition and change at the Executive Board Meeting in September.

### **1. Proposed By-Law Addition**

Rationale:

In order to update our by-laws to be consistent with those of the DKG Society International Constitution without voting on each change made, we need to add the proposed by-law (wording from the DKG Parliamentary Toolkit on website): Under Parliamentary Authority add "These by-laws and standing rules shall be amended automatically by the bylaws committee to comply with the DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules. Notice of the automatic amendments shall be published the fall or winter issue of the **BAYSTATER**."

This recommendation will be proposed to the Executive Board for vote at the September meeting. If approved by 2/3 attending, it will be voted on at the Annual Spring Convention. Then all updates will be made to our by-laws.

### **2. Change to current bylaw:**

Rationale:

Every two years the US Forum holds a National legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C. This program gives representatives to the US Forum information on pending federal legislation effecting women, children, and education. It provides speakers on current issues voted on by members of the US Forum and an opportunity to work nationwide with our state organizations to voice our concerns. Our bylaw states the state president appoints "a" representative. I propose we strike the word "a" and change representative to representatives. This reflects the current practice of sending two representatives and the possibility of additional representatives as funding permits with the increased interest shown in this lifelong learning activity fitting DKG purposes 4 and 7 (as evidenced by the workshop presented by Gail Saccone and me, Spring Convention, 2018). This bylaw is found in Section C. Composition and Duties of Committees, Section 3.e, page 11.



## NEW GOLDEN GIFT SEMINAR ANNOUNCED

Headquarters has announced the new Golden Gift seminar to be held next summer from July 19th to the 26th, in Austin Texas. 20 members will be selected, and as always, the deadline for applications will be December 1st, 2019. The application, which is promised to be shorter and easier than previously, is being worked on and should be available later this summer. It will be available on the DKG website. It is hoped that an article in the News will explain exactly what this new seminar will contain. As you know, we have many Massachusetts members who have taken advantage of the Leadership/ Management Seminar which has been held since 1980. All have had nothing but rave reviews. Although this seminar may prove to be very different, it is sure to be a winner. I hope that our Massachusetts members will apply!

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### CHRISTA MCAULIFFE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

Natalie Januskiewicz (right) received her Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund award from committee members Paula Wilson (left) and G'Tanya Small (center) at the DKG Massachusetts State Planning meeting in Southbridge MA on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Natalie used her award to attend 2019 Lacire Design Spring Fling Quilt Retreat in Rhode Island this past March. She very generously donated the beautiful quilt pictured below to be raffled off at the DKG Massachusetts State Fall 2019 Conference September 27-28, 2019 at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center. For more info and application go to <http://alupsma.weebly.com>



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### CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE, CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The following people were honored at the State Convention in May:

<b>Epsilon</b>	Phyllis Tanen
<b>Eta</b>	Lenore Luiz, Anne Hopp, Lucille Kolbeck
<b>Kappa</b>	Mary Alice Post, Gertrude Murphy
<b>Upsilon</b>	Jacqueline Scott
<b>Zeta</b>	Brenda Doran
<b>Alpha Alpha</b>	Joyce Kent, Margaret Duren
<b>Alpha Beta</b>	Jean Santos
<b>Alpha Iota</b>	Janet Manning
<b>Alpha Kappa</b>	Mildred Adams, Marian Nelson
<b>Alpha Lambda</b>	Rita Bretto
<b>Alpha Theta</b>	Shirley Reeves
<b>Alpha Zeta</b>	Ruth Fay

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### SARA E. CHASE FUND

Application Deadline Dates by Semester: The Maximum Award is \$2,500 per semester.  
Spring Semester – December 15, 2019  
Summer Semester – April 15, 2020  
Academic/Writing Year – April 15, 2020  
Fall Semester – June 1, 2020  
Download the Application Form at: <http://alupsma.weebly.com/scholarship.html>

Mail your Application to: Linda A. Stewart Sara E. Chase Scholarship P.O. Box 564 Hyannis Port, MA 02647
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# BAYSTATEMENTS

## ALPHA MU



**Celeste Torraco (on right), 2019 graduate of Athol-Royalston High School receives her Alpha Mu Scholarship Award from Sue Tandy-Songer.**

Williams Restaurant in Gardner, MA was the site of our April 2019 meeting. A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all attending. We had a book swap as well as time for a few ladies to share a recent or favorite book. Our final gathering for the school year 2018-2019 was held at Hartman's Herb Farm in Barre, MA. The committee had a sign up board for those attending to choose sub committees for our next school year. Our "ice-breaker" activity involved tossing a beach ball around to table mates while music was played. When the music stopped, the ball holder was to respond to the question printed on the ball, sharing a bit about themselves. A lovely "Remembrance Time" was shared in memory of our sister, Betty Snyder, one of our founding members. Karen Melanson was reinstated as a member of Alpha Mu with a ceremony that included all of us renewing our commitment to DKG. It was announced that Celeste Torraco was the recipient of our Scholarship Award this year. She is a 2019 graduate of Athol-Royalston

Regional High School. She was not able to attend our gathering that evening, so Sue Tandy-Songer presented her award to her at a later date. We discussed inviting our scholarship recipient to become an "intern member" of DKG/Alpha Mu. It was decided to give a generous scholarship award to a Clinton High School graduate next June using the money received from the Alpha Nu members who recently transferred to Alpha Mu. A themed basket raffle of summer activities was held to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

## EPSILON

The weather has been just beautiful....time for traveling, relaxing and getting together with family and friends. Our Chapter will have our Planning Meeting/Social in August. On May 5th, a small group of Sisters participated in the 6th Annual Step Up for Colleen 5K walk/run in Andover, MA to celebrate Colleen Ritzer's life and her commitment to help and inspire others. Each year this walk/run draws more and more people dedicated to honoring her legacy. Since its inception in October 2013, the scholarship fund has awarded nearly \$190,000 in college scholarships to 48 future teachers. May her memory be everlasting.

On June 12th, our Sisters enjoyed a lovely dinner and collaboration in the Nathaniel Room at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, MA. After a delightful dinner, we ventured to the rooftop to continue our conversations, have dessert and wine and look out at beautiful Salem. This has become a popular event for our Chapter to celebrate a productive year in DKG.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Northeast Regional International Conference.





## ALPHA ETA & EPSILON



In November members of Alpha Eta and Epsilon Chapters gathered at Sea Glass Restaurant in Salisbury to celebrate the start of the holiday season with dinner and a visit to the Sea Festival of Trees. Before leaving, members had their picture taken with Santa Claus. One of our own, Diane Green, won the equestrian themed “Horseshoe Tree.”

During the winter months, members interested in a “Winter Break” spent an evening at the Muse Paint Bar in Peabody where we painted a monogram sign on wood and shared in fun and laughter.

At the home of Pat Lohnes, Plaistow, New Hampshire, members enjoyed lunch, held a business meeting, and then took part in a spring auction. Funds raised support our literacy project.

Our final meeting at the end of June included planning, lunch, and fellowship. Members became enthusiastic about planning for next year,

and we have an ambitious schedule of events for the coming biennium. Assuming that all goes as planned, it will be a full and interesting year. In addition, our chapter has added one new member and has reinstated a former member.

## Alpha Zeta



In September 2017 the US Virgin Island of St. Croix was devastated by Hurricane Maria. Seven elementary schools were destroyed, and tons of books and materials were lost. Our chapter member, Mary Ellen Connor, resides in St. Croix six months of the year. She has worked with many others on the island over the last two years to distribute books to a group foster care

home, to a friend who plays a Santa who gives books to children, and to help supply books to a junior high reading teacher and a school librarian. After collecting 262 books this year, she enlisted the help of three Alpha Zeta chapter members, Pam Gould, Ava Grimason, and Jeanne Ivas to help pack up eight cartons to mail to St. Croix. A great example of how DKG impacts education worldwide!



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## FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD

We want to recognize outstanding service, commitment, and/or contributions made by individuals, civic groups, organizations, businesses or corporations to education here in Massachusetts.

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 are 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. Let's get those nominations in so we can tell someone how much we appreciate their efforts toward educations and educators!

# **THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

## **Massachusetts State Organization**

### **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 State President Lynn Howard, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Claire LaBonte, and the President of your chapter. Please also keep one copy for your files.

**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.**

**Send copies to:**

- **Lynn Howard:** [lynnphoward82@comcast.net](mailto:lynnphoward82@comcast.net)
- **Claire LaBonte:** [cdlabonte@charter.net](mailto:cdlabonte@charter.net)
- **Your Chapter President**



**FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**  
**Alpha Upsilon, Massachusetts**  
**Friday and Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019**  
**Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center**  
**14 Mechanic Street**  
**Southbridge, MA 01550**

**FROM the Cape:** Take US-6W to MA-25W to 495N/I-90W to MA-12S to Exit 10 Auburn. Rt. US-20W/MA169S to Mechanic St. **FROM Boston:** Rt. 93S to I-90W to MA-12S to Exit 10 Auburn. Rt. US20W/MA-169 to Mechanic St. **FROM: Springfield/West:** Rt. 291E/US 20 Ramp to I-90E to Rt. 20W Sturbridge/Rt. 84. Take 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.

**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 & would like a receipt at the Workshop, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| 2. Registration <b>received after 9/7/19</b>         | \$ 35.00 |
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| 4. Awards Buffet Luncheon**                          | \$ 25.00 |

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Breakfast Buffet – Assorted Sliced & Whole fruits, Granola & Yogurt; Hot Buffet to include Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Waffles or Pancakes, & Home Fries. Fresh Breakfast Breads. Assorted juices, Coffee & Tea.

\*\*Lunch Buffet – Salad Station & Cold Deli Station; two hot Entrees Selections; Two Sot Side Selections include one vegetable & one starch. Chef's Seasonal Dessert Selections. Coffee & Tea.

**Note:** Meals includes 22% Service & Administration Fee and 13.25% Town & MA Sales Tax  
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**If you have the disability of hearing loss, loss of vision, or mobility, please let me know and I'll reserve a table close to the microphone at our luncheon.**