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Alpha Upsilon Remembers Carol Meaney

By Mary Jane Kostek, Alpha Chapter

Carol Meaney Alpha Upsilon State Treasurer, passed away on August 11, 2016. Carol was truly the embodiment of a Delta Kappa Gamma sister who was always willing to serve or help at the chapter and state level. Carol joined Alpha Chapter in 1977 and would have celebrated her 40th anniversary in the spring. Within five years of joining, she had worked her way up to being the President of Alpha Chapter from 1982 – 1984. Following her presidency, Carol served as Chapter Treasurer until 1991. She was always willing to help, whether it was serving on the Finance Committee or chairing the Chapter Connections Committee where she acted as a bridge to those elderly members who were no longer able to attend meetings.

At the state level, Carol rarely missed a meeting. She took over the Christa McAuliffe Fund that had been chaired by Marty Barone for many years. She organized the morning walks at the spring conventions to raise funds in a fun, healthy way. In 1994, Carol was the recipient of the Area IV Achievement Award.

Carol was state treasurer this biennium. This office held special meaning for Carol because she had spent so many years helping Georgianna Marshall when she held that position for 40 years.

Growing up in Springfield, Carol made her home in Wilbraham and recently moved to Palmer. After graduating from Westfield State College, Carol taught in Springfield for 35 years retiring as a reading specialist. Outside of her career and her love of Delta Kappa Gamma, Carol had many interests and activities. Along with camping in Maine, she was devoted to the Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, of which she was a charter member. After showing dogs for many years, Carol and her latest canine companion, Lacy, were certified as a therapy team and visited many nursing homes in the Springfield area. Carol had a calm, easy going demeanor which made it so comfortable to have her as a friend. A caring daughter, loving sister and loyal friend, Carol will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.



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Janet will start editing the Winter-Spring edition of the Baystater. Welcome to the Baystater, Janet!

I do want to thank you all for your kind words and help as I end my time as the Baystater Editor.

Sincerely,

Robin Tomasino

International Deadlines

January 1, 2017-Arts & Humanities
Gallery Submission

January 3, 2017- Educational
Foundation Project Application
International Website: www.dkg.org

January 27, 2017-CTAUN Conference,
The UN, New York, NY
"Refugees: The 21st Century
Challenge"
Register at www.ctaun.org

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A Message from Martha.....

I begin this message with a sad note. Since our last meeting, we have lost another dedicated member of Alpha Upsilon State, Carol Meaney. Carol served as Christa McAuliffe Chair for many years and most recently as State Treasurer. She will be dearly missed.

Because we are Delta Kappa Gamma women, we carry on in the face of sadness. I want to thank Carol LaPolice for stepping up as Treasurer. We have gotten the accounts switched and ready to accept the dues and submit the necessary forms for International and audit. Also, thank you Gwen Miller for stepping up as Parliamentarian for this meeting and maybe more.

Well, we had a grand time at the Opry Land Hotel this summer. Our pilgrim hats were a hit and Claire and Marilyn were featured in the daily *On the Record* publication sporting their chapeaus. I want to congratulate Marilyn Spedding and Bette Bridges for their appointments to International Committees. Marilyn will serve on the EEC committee; and Bette will serve on World Fellowship. As always the speakers and entertainment at the convention were superb. We heard Kai Knight get funky on his violin and Mike Figliuolo talk about creating your personal leadership maxims on one piece of paper. One of my favorites was Judith Viorst. You may know her for her book Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good, Very Bad Day. She writes poems for adults as well and shared some of these at her presentation. They kept us amused. The amazing thing she was born in 1931, do the math she is 85 and going strong.

Being an International Convention there were proposed amendments. When Dr. Lyn Schmid was here in the spring she spoke about changing the membership criteria. In a nutshell, the proposed amendment said a member can chose to drop chapter membership and join state membership only. Currently this is only allowed for geographic reasons such as not having a chapter close by. There was much lively discussion and the amendment failed. I feel those in attendance sent the message that chapters are the foundation of the organization and whenever possible members should be part of a chapter.

A review of the work of the Ad-Hoc election committee is being revisited. Proposed

amendments will be prepared to consider the election of international society leaders by including the following methods: all attendees at convention or electronic: one member one vote. Currently State Organization presidents cast a vote for their members. The International budget was approved and if anyone is interested I have a copy for your perusal. **See DKG News at www.dkg.org**

Web sites. I received a memo from Sandra Smith Bull, the Executive director. The memo states that in this biennium the process of linking chapter and state websites to international has been simplified. They simply need just submit a statement of compliance. The necessary forms are due by October 31, 2016 and can be found on the DKG website.

Prior to the convention, I spent nine days in Guatemala at Safe Passage. Certainly, the week of volunteering was an act of good work, but in many ways, more of a gift to me. The visit causes me to count my blessings and not stress over trivial things. We spent most of our working hours at the school, which had roots in an abandoned concrete chapel and expanded to an inviting educational resource center. The school currently houses full day school for grades 2-4 and before and after school programs for middle and high school students.

We took a trip to see the preschool. In some ways, it resembles a preschool here in our community. The classrooms were equipped with sand and water tables, blocks, books and instruments of learning like our schools here in the USA. The difference was the eagerness of the children to approach strangers. When I walked into the play area where a large group was having recess, children ran up to me and without hesitation, grabbed my hand. The little girl wanted someone to push her on the swing. My Spanish was far from proficient, but we were able to communicate. The resilience of the children was remarkable. They played a lot rougher than children in our schools but they didn't complain. They ate up the attention being given. When they sat down to lunch there was barely a morsel of food left on a plate. The Infantile Jardin was an oasis in a very poor area of Guatemala City. Peering over the fences you could see the cinderblock homes with the corrugated plastic roofs.

The smell of the dump would waft in periodically to remind us where we were. What a haven for the children. However, Hanley knew that providing a safe place for preschoolers was not enough and began the process of raising money for an elementary school.

In Guatemala, Middle School Children go to school for four hours in the morning. Then the lucky ones come to safe passage for enrichment. I got to work with 11 year old Ruth Morales. She had the nicest smile and sweet disposition. She lived near the school. We played some getting to know you games and then we interviewed each other. Ruth was so sweet and was intrigued by the information I shared. This was a voluntary activity and I could see how she thirsted for knowledge. She wanted to learn English desperately. In Guatemala if you know English you have much better job opportunities. I showed her pictures of my family, my dog and maps showing where I lived. She had never been out of Guatemala. She

could write beautifully because in the schools, the children do a lot of copying from texts. On the last day Ruth was videotaped introducing me as her new friend from the USA.

In the afternoon, I worked with a very handsome boy named Carlos Lopez. He was a junior in High School. Like Ruth, he wanted to improve his English-speaking skills. Earlier Carlos had sort of drifted away. Drugs and gangs are rampant in Guatemala City and it is easy for a teen to be lured into crime. Carlos, as one staff person told me, had a sort of Epiphany and in the last year became very serious about his studies. Without Safe Passage his young life could have taken another turn.

Thanks, to Hanley, her vision, her dream and countless others who have supported Safe Passage. Thanks to you for contributing to Safe Passage, I plan on sharing some of my experiences with you at the area meetings. So I leave you with “don’t be afraid to dream, you never know where it will lead”.

Workshops



*Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead-Why girls are essential to the process!
Brandy Jackson, Lynn Howard and Gabrielle Montevecchi*



The Pure Joy of Making a Difference-What it takes to be a literacy tutor. Martha Colarmaria and Gail Laffer



Twitter with Gabrielle Montevecchi

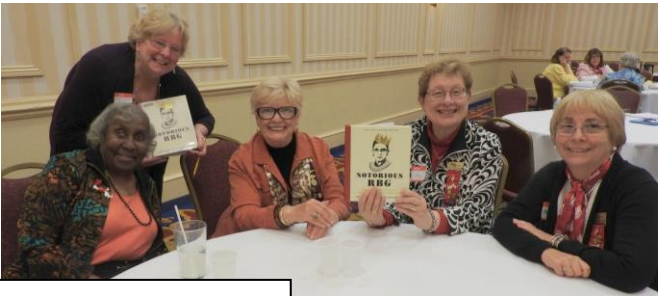




Martha Cotton and Jillian Sceppa-Etienne



What's New in Bullying Prevention; Keynote Speaker Robin D'Antona Ed.D.



Book Discussion Groups: 10% Happier (left) and the Notorious RBG (right)

Photos from Nashville



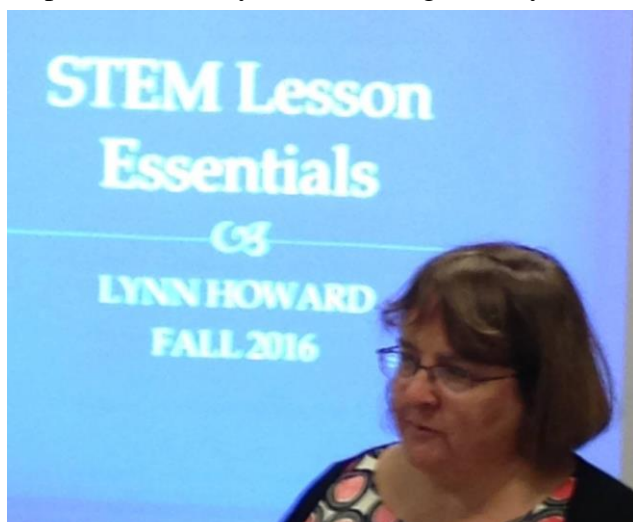
Christa McAuliffe Report

Lynn Howard, Alpha Iota Chapter

This past July I attended the NSTA STEM Forum in Denver along with over 2,000 other educators from across the country. What a wonderful way to spend a few days in July! The conference started on Wednesday afternoon with a panel of students and educators who shared information about STEM activities that they have done in their schools and why they think it's important for educators to incorporate more STEM lessons and activities into their classrooms. Then the Exhibit Hall opened where there were rows and rows of vendors on hand to demonstrate and share information about their products. Many of them had giveaways and catalogs which I

couldn't resist; I picked up so many things I thought I

might have to check another bag on the flight home.



Lynn Howard, Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund awardee, makes presentation at DKG 2016 Fall Workshop.

spinning after this session but I was so excited to bring back these ideas to try in my classroom this year. I'd like to thank the Committee and the Executive Board for awarding me the Christa McAuliffe Scholarship. I enjoyed the conference and I look forward to sharing the information with my DKG sisters, my colleagues and my students.

Congratulations to Donna Brown winner of the DKG Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund "Everything's Pumpkin Basket!" Raffle.

*Go to the DKG State website;
<http://alupsma.weebly.com> for more information
about how you can become a Christa McAuliffe
Fund stipend recipient.*



G'Tanya Small, DKG Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Chair (left) awarded \$500 to Lynn Howard at the 2016 DKG Fall Workshop. Lynn received the stipend to attend the STEM Expo & Forum sponsored by NASA in Denver, Colorado this summer.

We were on the go the next two days going from workshop to workshop gathering new ideas and resources to bring back to our colleagues and our classrooms. There were hundreds of different workshops to choose from, it was hard to decide which ones to go to. Some of the workshops I attended included: STEM Projects for the Science Classroom, Reading and Writing in the STEM Classroom, Planning a STEAM Night for your School, and Tinkering in the Classroom. However, the one I liked the best was the STEM Showcase for Elementary Educators. In one of the ballrooms there were at least 30 different tables set up with hands-on activities that teachers have used in their classrooms. Many of the lessons presented included a literature or real world application. My head was





2016 Area Achievement Awards

Marilyn Spedding, Coordinating Council Chair

The Alpha Upsilon 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 heroine of the chapter. Congratulations to the following recipients.

Area I - Our candidate is a most special but unassuming sister. She

has served the chapter in many capacities, holding numerous chapter offices and committee chairs. She is gifted with a sense of humor and an easy “sure, I’ll do that” willingness. Hers is often the warm welcoming voice at meetings, especially greeting new members. The chapter is fortunate to have someone so reliable, someone to count on in any situation.

She has hosted executive board and finance committee meetings in her home. As a member of the executive board, she has suggested programs, places to meet and ways to boost our finances. In chapter planning meetings, she is the “what if” or “maybe” idea person. In recent years she has served on the Ways and Means Committee and currently chairs our Finance Committee as we work to remain solvent. She is often the first to step forward and respond to our needs such as chairing an Ad Hoc committee. As an integral member of our chapter, her contributions would constitute a lengthy list. Do you need a raffle basket? Someone to help with the silent auction? Just ask **Denise Pizura, Alpha Theta Chapter**.



Area II - It is with great respect and no reservation that we make this nomination. Our chapter would not be the



same without her. She is a constant presence at all board and chapter meetings. In addition, she seeks out and regularly attends workshops, regional and international conventions. She is supportive to all members and frequently goes above and beyond to make our chapter an exceptional one. For example, when our chapter was having financial difficulties and our budget was slim, she thought outside the box to find a solution. She created our own line of DKG products to raise money. Singlehandedly she created the products, sought out a way to manufacture them, and then set

about to sell these products at our chapter meetings. She then went on to “set up shop” at the conventions and not only broke even but was able to turn a profit. This woman is a perfect example of what DKG stands for. I am proud to serve with her and even prouder still to call **Natalie Januskiewicz, Alpha Gamma Chapter**, my friend and my DKG sister.

Area IV - This nominee has given support to our chapter since her initiation. Her ready smile when asked to take on a task is indicative of her love of our chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. She has made wonderful contributions with her ideas and work on many committees. Called upon to serve in many capacities, she has always done so without hesitation. Working at our major fundraiser, the tag sale, she does what is needed: weeding through the donations for the best items, setting up, selling and taking down. Reliable and going above and beyond the duties of her position, she developed her computer skills to become our recording secretary, filling in for an additional year when the need arose. Beautiful interactive necrology ceremonies were written so that all members could take part. She volunteered to chair the committee while holding the office of recording secretary. Taking on the chairmanship of the Educational Issues Committee when asked, she helped us meet our goals to research and write an important letter to legislators and develop a member survey. Attending conventions at every level, she has served as a fabulous book talk leader at the 2015 State Spring Convention. Congratulations to **Maureen Kellman, Alpha Chapter**, the Area IV Achievement Award Recipient.

Area V - Our nominee has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2002. She has been 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, Chapter President, Scholarship Chair, Legislation Chair and is currently our Recording



Secretary. She has been on many committees too numerous to mention. She realized that many members didn't understand the procedures for scholarships available and put the information together in a compact form which is much easier to understand. Her hard work is now available for our members on the state website. She has volunteered for very possible task, including learning how to make jewelry for our chapter fundraising projects.

She also volunteers at regional and international conferences to sell items at the Massachusetts table. She has been a presenter at our chapter meetings and at several of our state conferences. She is truly much of the glue that keeps us together. She is constantly telling everyone how wonderful regional and international conferences are and is getting more of our members to attend. Her home is always open for our meetings and her genuine warmth and passion for the Society has surely influenced new members to join. **Gail Saccone, Alpha Zeta Chapter**, you are DKG in action in every way and are very deserving of the Area V Award.

Area VI - It is with the greatest enthusiasm and admiration that we nominate a most deserving member of our chapter. This member is described by many as our "ambassador". She exemplifies the leadership qualities of organization, outreach and commitment as well as the personal qualities of kindness, friendship and compassion. As a dynamic president, she facilitated the use of technology to upgrade the communication within our chapter with the goal of going paperless and she implemented a "Care & Concern" bulletin to inform members of both happy and sad occasions in each other's lives. She supported the development of a robust website. Our nominee continues to understand the value of participation in state meetings as a means of keeping our chapter informed and visible. She attends as many state and area meetings as possible and was chair of our area meeting in 2010. She demonstrates enthusiasm and energy for DKG. Under her continued mentoring new members have taken on significant and ongoing leadership roles. Although she has become a snowbird, our nominee has not missed a meeting. She sometimes takes her seat via FaceTime and continues to be a significant contributor to our chapter. **Esther Wikander**, you are our "go-to" person of **Alpha Xi Chapter**.



Mark your calendar!!! Upcoming Dates for Alpha Upsilon State

Winter Board Meeting- February 4, 2017, Holiday Inn-Boxborough Woods
242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719

Spring Conference- May 5-6, 2017 at the Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor

Planning Meeting- June 4, 2017 at the Holiday Inn at Boxborough Woods
(see state webpage; <http://alupsma.weebly.com> for room rates and phone numbers for the above meetings)

International- Northeast Regional Conference July 12-14, 2017 in Ontario, Canada
Caesar's Resort and Convention Center

ALPHA UPSILON STATE-MASSACHUSETTS

Recommendation for Nominations 2017 - 2019 State Officers, Finance and Nominations Committees

The Nominations Committee has begun the process of soliciting the names of potential candidates for state leadership positions for the 2017 – 2019 biennium. It is our responsibility to prepare a slate of officers for the positions of State Organization President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Finance Committee (three members) and Nominations Committee (six members). Nominees for the Finance Committee must be current Chapter Presidents (2016 – 2018) according to our state bylaws.

The name of the consenting nominees will be presented to the Executive Board at its winter meeting. The proposed slate with individual photos and biographical information will be printed in the Spring issue of *The Baystater*. Election will take place at the Spring Convention.

We ask that you consider placing your name or the name of one of your Alpha Upsilon sisters in nomination for a statewide position. Perhaps you might discuss potential nominees at your chapter or area meeting. The nomination form is included here and has been posted on the Alpha Upsilon State website, <http://alupsma.weebly.com>

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any questions or concerns regarding the positions or the nominations process.

H. Kay Simms, Chair

Gail McGrail

Ava Grimason

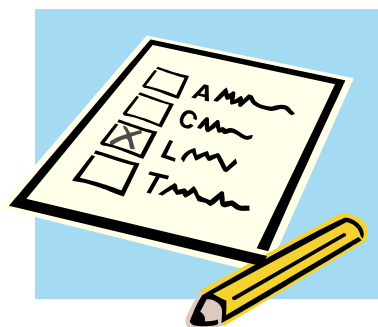
Annette Shaw

Audrey Smith

Dianne Swistak

Instructions: Please complete a recommendation form/self-nomination form for each person interested in serving as an officer or member of an elected committee. Additional forms are available at the Alpha Upsilon Website www.deltakappagamma.org/MA

**Important: PLEASE SEND by November 15, 2016
Nominations Form on page 10.**



Baystatements

Alpha Mu—The Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met for the last time during the 2015-2016 school year at The Harding Allen Estate in Barre, MA. After a time for fellowship, the sisters were asked to consider signing up for a committee or two, make recommendations for future meetings and fundraising possibilities. The annual award to a high school senior (from one of the districts represented by our membership) was given by Phyllis Ambrozewicz and Catherine Revell to Paige McCrary. Paige is a senior at Monty Tech in Fitchburg where Phyllis and Catherine formerly taught. Sue Tandy-Songer was recognized for her 36 years of teaching and congratulated on her well-earned retirement. After a delicious dinner, Danielle Beaudry and Kristine Beaudet were installed as our Co-Presidents. This ceremony was followed by the Installation of three new members: Marie Coates, Jody Hayne, and Christine Miranda. Ann McCrone will be installed at the first fall meeting as she was unable to attend this evening. Sue Enko was welcomed back to Alpha Mu during a Recommitment Ceremony. After the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song, the meeting was adjourned with good wishes for a wonderful summer.

ALPHA UPSILON STATE, MASSACHUSETTS
Recommendation for Nominations
2017-2019 State Officers,
Finance and Nomination Committee

Instructions: Please complete a recommendation form/self-nomination form for each person interested in serving as an officer or member of an elected committee.

Important-Please send by November 15, 2016 to:

H. Kay Simms, Nominations Committee Chair
P.O. Box 32
Petersham, Ma. 01366

Name _____ Address _____

City/Town/Zip _____ Home Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Chapter Name _____ Area _____

Present Professional Position _____

Present Position in Delta Kappa Gamma _____

Position Nominate For (Circle One)

State President State First Vice President Second Vice President

State Recording Secretary State Corresponding Secretary

Finance Committee* Nominations Committee

Delta Kappa Gamma Experiences (with dates if available)

Use additional page if necessary.

*Must be a current (2016-2018) chapter president.

WINTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

Continental Breakfast 8:15 A.M.

Meeting 9:00 A.M.

Lunch 12:00 NOON

Holiday Inn-Boxborough Woods

242 Adams Place

Boxborough, MA 01719

DIRECTIONS: From the North (NH/Northern MA) – Route 3S, or 93S to 495S - Exit 28 to Rt.

111(Boxborough/Harvard) Turn Right off ramp, travel over the overpass, and take first road on right - Adams Place

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

FROM the West – Rt. 290E to Rt. 495N – Exit 28 to Rt. 111 – Left off ramp to first road on right – Adams Place

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 attendee \$27.00 (Includes Breakfast)
2. Luncheon \$28.00

TOTAL \$55.00

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

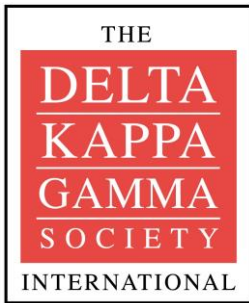
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Rooms are available at a courtesy discount. Please contact Holiday Inn Boxborough 978-263-8701 to reserve your room at \$109.00 plus 11.7% taxes per night for a double room.

****NOTE:** If weather is extremely inclement, please check with the Holiday Inn-Boxborough 1-978-263-9701 after 7:00 a.m. to check on meeting cancellation.



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Next Deadline is February 1, 2017

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The Purposes of the Society are:

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.