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## 2017 MASSACHUSETTS FALL WORKSHOP

If you missed the MA Fall Workshop this year you have my sympathies. You missed a weekend that was packed full of events and information, discussion and awards, good food and a spectacular keynote speaker. Let me just recap:

We began Friday night with some terrific discussion, wine and cheese in the book groups. This was followed by the Executive Board Meeting at which the new slate of officers, chairs, and chapter presidents were introduced. Please see Bette's report for all the exciting things we decided on.

Saturday morning was filled with workshops that included Presidents' Check-In (from which I got excellent suggestions for next year's training); GRIT (which will be repeated for presidents and anyone who missed it at the Winter Board Meeting in Southbridge); communicating within the chapter electronically (we will try to have a session on setting up a chapter e-mail

at Winter Board Meeting); and learning about the importance of self-compassion. These were followed up by a (grand/petit) conversation on the Joy of Membership and an information fair on the state committees.

Our keynote speaker was Jamie Droste of Foxborough Charter School speaking about her school's Holocaust Stamp Project. We were awestruck at how simply this internationally known project started as a fifth grade reading class' extended project about how to envision 11 million murdered people. We are going to be a part of the next phase of this project. I am sooo excited!

Our prime rib luncheon was spectacular and included presenting the Area Achievement Awards. Carol LaPolice of Alpha Chapter (Area IV) was the only recipient present, so I am waiting for the next issue of The Baystater to find out who else got one. They will be presented at the Area dinners this month.



Planning for the Spring Convention, to be held in Plymouth at the Hotel 1620, is well under way and should be just as fantastic. And, IF YOU ARE A FIRST TIME ATTENDANT to a state meeting, your registration fee will be paid!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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## Massachusetts State Organization

*Up Coming  
International  
Deadlines*

*October 31 - Dues to Chapter  
Treasurers  
November 1 -DKGEF Cornetet  
Seminar Application*

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*At the AU Fall  
Workshop Lun-  
cheon, the MA sisters in  
attendance, donated \$600, for  
the Emergency Fund, especially  
for Puerto Rico! So proud!!!  
Thank you all for your  
Generosity!*

# Bette's Message

Happy Renewal!! I know that most people think that Spring is the season of renewal, but as a teacher, I always think that Fall is. I restarted my creativity after a season of “down time” a time to catch my breath and regain my strength. It is always a time to restart, a clean slate, to begin anew. This is so true of our membership in DKG. It is time to recommit ourselves to this fabulous organization. One which is as good as we make it. The more we give to it, the more it gives back to us. Our 7 purposes are the foundation. Here are just a few highlights.

1. Fellowship with other Key Women Educators: Membership in DKG gives us the obvious, the recognition as a key woman teacher, but it is so much more than that, the friendship and support of other women, both professionally and personally. I learned that 1st hand when I lost my husband last year; my DKG sisters were there for me and still are my support. The Emergency Fund which gives \$500 to sisters who have suffered in a natural disaster (fire, flood, etc.) has already given over \$40K to victims of the hurricanes and fires in September alone.

2. Leadership roles and training: The opportunity to be an officer or committee chair in your chapter or on the state level is an opportunity to learn new skills.

3. Opportunities to impact education worldwide: Through our World Fellowship Fund (this year \$100K given to women to study in the USA and Canada), Schools for Africa and CTAUN, DKG is impacting children worldwide through the UN.

4. Professional Development: The Christa McAuliffe Fund exists to support professional development opportunities for our membership. Have you applied? I received 2 and I am grateful for both.

5. Scholarships for Graduate Study: In MA, we have The Sara E. Chase scholarships for graduate studies. Have you applied? On the International Level, there are Scholarships for post-Masters studies.

These are just some of the many opportunities available to you as a DKG member. Take advantage of them!

Be active in your chapter! Come to a State meeting! Plan on going to the International Convention in Austin, TX in July! The more active you become, the more you realize how fulfilling it is being a DKG member! Learn the Joys of Membership!

*Bette*

## ***Message from Our State Treasurer***

Chapter Treasurers are in their busy season right now—please help them by submitting your dues and fees to them as soon as possible and no later than October 31. Treasurers please remember to submit a check written to Alpha Upsilon MA, Delta Kappa Gamma with your completed Form 18 (and form 18A if you have any drops). This information should be mailed to Carol LaPolice, AU State Treasurer, by November 3 to meet the November 10 deadline. Many thanks to the Chapter Treasurers for all their hard work!

Thank you to the Finance Committee Chapter Presidents: Kristine Beaudet, Chairman; Jillian Sceppa-Etienne and Dr. Mary Louise Francis who completed the financial review. Reports have been sent to International Headquarters and the books are with the CPA for tax filings. If your chapter has not completed their 990 tax filing it is important to note the November 1st

deadline by the IRS and please send me your confirmation so I may notify headquarters.

Thank you!

*Carol LaPolice*

## ***DKG's App: Smart Phone Tools***

Do you have the DKG app? It is free by going to the “store” for your device. Download the app by searching for “delta kappa gamma society international,” and then watch the instructional webinar. This App's for You. Tools on the home page of the app will inspire and connect you to all things DKG and include direct links to announcements, DKG News articles and other publications, member and project spotlights, blogs, and social media. The “My DKG” tab is a direct link to your profile and membership information. You will find more tools when you select “More” from the home page. The “Postcard” lets you take, save, and share a picture with a DKG-related logo. Discover more about this powerful tool.



# Northeast Regional Conference July 2017 Windsor, Ontario



## *First Experience Attending a Regional Conference*

I had my first experience attending a DKG Regional Conference this summer. It was great. Definitely more happening there than I expected.

On the day of my arrival I was meeting a friend who lives in Windsor. I was waiting outside the hotel to meet her, and that was my first experience of enjoying the hospitality of our Canadian chapter. Two women came up to us and offered their assistance. That really made us feel welcomed immediately.

That night was the Ontario reception. I was impressed with the Presentation of the flags along with the speakers.

Day two was the DKG Luncheon. I have attended many conventions, conferences and this was the first time I was assigned a table. At first I was really disappointed that I would not be seated with my friends, but what a great way of meeting other members and hearing how other chapters are doing.

The hardest portion of the Conference was choosing the workshops. The variety was impressive and turned out very interesting.

I left the Conference with a better understanding of the purpose of the DKG and how other Chapters are organized. If you haven't attended a Conference I highly recommend it.



Submitted Mary Gaughan, Alpha Iota Chapter



*Massachusetts was well  
represented at the  
Northeast Regional  
Conference*



## 2017 AREA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS!

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 heroines of the chapters. Congratulations to the following recipients. Marilyn Spedding, Coordinating Council Chair



**AREA IV** - This nominee epitomizes what it means to be a true Delta Kappa Gamma sister. Through her tireless dedication, this nominee has proved she is a selfless leader who has held many positions on the state and chapter level. Over her 12 years as an active member of DKG she has received awards such as the Chapter Rose Petal Award and has held numerous positions including Chapter President and several Committee Chairs. She has also authored an article, A Critical Moment, published in the Spring 2016 Collegial Exchange magazine focusing on educational policies regarding test assessment systems and the use of data. She has represented our chapter at the Area, State, Regional and International meetings and conferences. This nominee finds value in all members and strives to mentor and include new and seasoned members in the decision-making of the local chapter and state organization alike. When the position of state treasurer became vacant due to the passing of a fellow DKG sister, this nominee stepped up to fill this position. This action is the kind of inspiration I refer to when I speak highly of her character. Our members have had the privilege to learn by her example of leadership and dedication to our Society. She is a true inspiration and mentor to all. Carol LaPolice of Alpha Chapter, you are the 2017 Area IV Achievement Award recipient.

*The following presidents received recognition for increasing chapter membership.*



*Alpha Iota*



*Alpha Theta*



*Alpha Mu*

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# Baystatements

## Alpha Gamma

At the May meeting, Alpha Gamma Chapter was pleased to welcome four new members. They are Danielle Graham of Auburn, Rachel Montville of Charlton, Erica Rodriguez of Southbridge, and Donna Wayman of Dudley. Each is a valued teacher in her school district and will add her educational commitment, energy, and enthusiasm to our organization. In addition to initiating our new members, Alpha Gamma also recognized three long-time



members. Honored for twenty-five years of membership and service to the chapter were Carol Laska and past chapter presidents Maureen Clifford and Pamela Graves.

For the past several years and in conjunction with Harrington Memorial Hospital in South-



bridge, our chapter has provided new mothers with books to help promote early literacy in our local area. Although our focus on literacy initiatives will continue, with the closing of the hospital's maternity ward, distribution of the books in the spring of 2017 marked the final phase of this successful project.

## Epsilon Chapter

Welcome Autumn!! We are off to a great start for our DKG Chapter!! On a beautiful sunny day in June, our sister chapter Alpha Eta joined Epsilon at the home of Irene Falite for a Chinese luncheon. It was a great afternoon eating and getting to know one another. While sitting outside on the patio, we had a wonderful conversation sharing our ideas, concerns and future events for our chapters. We are planning to combine activities throughout the year after our Area VI meeting in October. At our Area VI meeting, we will be introducing our State President Bette



Bridges and look forward to having her fill us in on the State level. We also have our guest speaker Captain Raymond Bates Jr. who will speak on the "Shipwrecks North of Boston, Vol. 2 Cape Ann." He also will have his second book for sale.

It will be an exciting evening for our two chapters!

Wishing all of our Sisters a wonderful 2017-2018 year!





*Alpha Zeta*



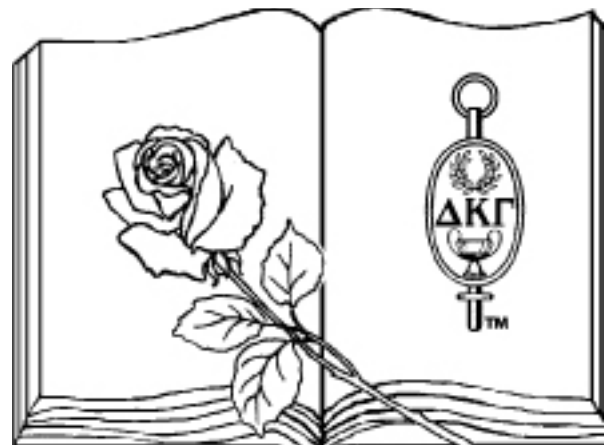
*Communications and Publicity*

*More pictures of the  
Fall Workshop in Boxboro*

*Jamie Droste,  
The Keynote Speaker, of Foxborough  
Charter School speaking about her  
school's  
Holocaust Stamp Project.*



*The Joy of Membership Presenters*

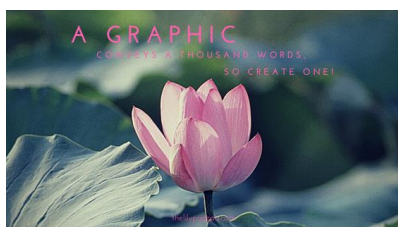




## Creating Graphics

**A graphic conveys a thousand words...so create one!**

If you are creating a newsletter, blog, or web post and need a hard-to-find graphic, Canva helps you build your own work of art.



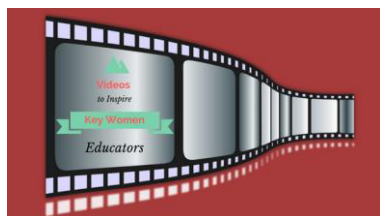
Learn about Canva from the [August 6, 2017 post from Communications and Publicity](#). Click the picture above to see samples of what Canva can do for you. This free tool allows you to create your own copyright-free graphics for print and the web.

<https://www.canva.com/>

## Videos to Inspire

See this collection of half a dozen videos about DKG and the pride you can feel as a member. Videos provide a great way to share DKG with potential members.

**Videos to Inspire Key Women Educators**



These videos are also great for celebrating Founder's Day and orientations. [See the blog.](#)

## Best of the DKGSI Blog

Founder Annie Webb Blanton (i.e., a voice representing Blanton's perspective) and six international committees are blogging with gusto to reach out to inspire all members to connect and engage. The DKG Society International (DKGSI) blog was born in 2015 and gained steam in 2016. In 2017, the number of blog posts more than doubled. Currently, close to 100 posts are available to view and spark your thinking. **Control + Click on the pictures or links** anywhere on this page to see examples of the outstanding blog posts available.

**Why We Founded DKG**



[Annie's Blog](#)

**45 Publicity Ideas to Create Buzz: Part 1**



[Communications and Publicity](#)

**PROPOSE TO ME –The JOY of De-Cluttering**



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**BLOG**

## For All Members: Be Brave

What did Annie say? "BE BRAVE. Use your voice. Use your conviction. Use your resources for the benefit of all. When you create and ensure opportunity for others, you will grow, too." With Annie as your guide, begin the conversation to strengthen your chapter and member participation. This blog post empowers you to reflect with powerful questions to ask all your members and to guide your way—forward moving ever.



[Annie Web Blanton Post, Wednesday, May 17, 2017](#)



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**Next Deadline is:**  
**February 1, 2018**



### *Holocaust Stamp Project*

Collect all your cancelled stamps for this biennium's service project. Bring them to a chapter meeting or mail them to President Bette Bridges. Your students and family can all participate.



### *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.