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*Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

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

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## 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.

### *Area I*

This award recipient has been a member since 1991. She has efficiently and meticulously held the office of Chapter Treasurer since September 2012. During that time she has been instrumental in keeping our financial matters in perfect order, making sure our financial paperwork is turned in in a timely fashion, and assisting with the collection of additional sums for Haiti's Orphanage Support Project, "Be Like Brit", and for "Safe Passage". She is present for every meeting within her power and makes sure her report is given at every meeting even when her presence is not possible. In addition to these duties she has willingly assisted in preparing surprise presentations to deserving members for their years of membership in DKG. She also graciously opens her home to host our yearly Book Discussion meetings and oversees the refreshments for these gatherings. It is with great honor that we congratulate Elizabeth Fisk, of Alpha Beta Chapter, because of her caring attitude, her willingness to give unselfishly of her talents, and her meticulous attention to details.

**Area II** - This year's Area II winner has been a member since 2004. This individual is a keen observer, always looking to see what needs to be done. After our chapter meetings, she'll approach you and tell you what she can and will do to help. She takes on numerous responsibilities within our chapter. She volunteers to chair meet-



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## *Reminder*

*Alpha Upsilon State will pay for the registration fee of any First Timer at a state conference or convention.*

## *Planning Ahead*

### *Alpha Upsilon State*

Spring Conference, May 4-6, 2018	Plymouth
June Planning Meeting, June 9, 2018	Southbridge
2018 Fall Workshop September 28-29	Southbridge

### *International*

DKG International Conference, July 16-20 Austin, TX	
Northeast Regional July 29-Aug 1 2019	Foxwoods
International Conference, July 2020	Pennsylvania

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## *The New DKG App is Ready!*

First, please delete the old app!

The new app is free to download and is password protected. Once you have accessed the app, you will be prompted to log in. Please use the email that the DKG has on file for you, then push the 'Email Password' button. You'll receive an email walking you through how to establish the password of your choosing. Once completed, login to the app with your email address and new password and explore! Navigate using the Menu button (3 horizontal lines) in the upper left corner.

To get the Delta Kappa Gamma 365 mobile app :

- iPhone and iPad users--search "DKG 365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Apple App Store.
- Android users--search "DKG365" or "Delta Kappa Gamma" on the Google Play Store.
- Blackberry, Windows, laptops--go to this address on your smartphones or computer browsers (omit www): <https://dkg.gatherdigital.com>

## *Thank you.....*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those women who have contributed to this issue. Without your efforts there would not be a Baystater. Caroline, Kiessling, Irene Falite, Jo-Anne Butler, Gail Saccone, Kaaren Harrington, Claire LaBonte, Marilyn Spedding, G'Tanya Small, Kathy Balakier, Joan Brides, Linda Denault, Mary Lou Francis, Kristine Beaudet, Carol LaPolice, Lynn Howard, Dorothea Maynard, and Bette Bridges.

ings from making contacts, securing a speaker, organizing her committee, provides raffle items and collects and tallies responses and money. This member has found a niche in our group. She attends the Area II meetings and every chapter meeting including the annual Christmas party. A member of the finance committee, she frequently has suggestions for creative financial endeavors. She has revised and distributed our chapter's annual award to a high school senior. Her most important contribution, which may seem rather small, is her ability to keep track of all of us. She keeps track of our names, addresses and emails. In doing this she assures that everyone gets notices about our meetings and that no one is left out. She is genuinely invested in the continued success of our chapter. Phyllis Ambrozewicz of Alpha Mu Chapter, congratulations.

### Area III

For as long as many of us in our chapter can remember, this winner has been there ... ever present to lend a hand, conduct a Necrology service, read an inspirational thought at a meeting or lend her sage and seasoned perspective to her DKG sisters. Her experience at both the Chapter and State level is extensive. She is a past president of our Chapter (serving two consecutive terms), in addition to serving in many other capacities over the years. She consistently attends Chapter level meetings, often with a participatory role and also attends State level conferences. She



### ***State Treasurer Reminder!***

*Please remember that any checks sent to Alpha Upsilon must go into our checking account before distribution to payees including Delta Kappa Gamma. Please make your checks for state functions or dues to*

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*Thank you!*

has inspired our members to attend State conference because of her wonderful description of the quality and value of the experience. A woman of integrity and a dedication to serve, she truly embodies the best of what DKG represents. Congratulations Joan Pepin of Eta Chapter.

### Area V

Enthusiasm, friendliness and dedication describe our Area V Achievement Award winner. You may find her helping at a conference registration table. She will be the one enthusiastically selling state pins and jewelry at one of our mini-marts. Perhaps you have been to one of her literacy workshops or participated in one of her book clubs. Always willing to step forward to help the chapter and state organization, she has planned visits to The Museum of Fine Arts, and The Public Gardens. She gladly chairs our annual fundraising event, the Designer Circus shopping day. While being literacy co-



chair at the state level our nominee was also literacy co-chair for our chapter. When the chapter wanted to do a literacy project, she set up a plan to collect books for area schools. A lover of all things musical, this member has been our music chair for several years. Since she signed the registration book on May 21, 2001, she has truly demonstrated her enthusiasm, friendliness and dedication as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Alpha Zeta Chapter's Gail Laffer, congratulations.

Area VI (There were no nominations.)



## ***Bette's Buzz***

Winter in New England, there is nothing like it. You can tolerate it or embrace it. You can just sit at home and wait for Spring or you just bundle up and go out and enjoy everything it has to offer. I choose to embrace it. I look forward to the sunny days after a storm, how everything looks so clean after a snow, the “teaser” days when the temps are in the 40’s.

I think of DKG like our winter. There is nothing like it. Our members can sit by and let others do the organizing, planning, and executing of their chapter and state meetings. Or, they can embrace our 7 purposes, volunteer to help out at chapter meetings, to do a workshop at a chapter or state meeting or accept a position of committee chair or officer for your chapter, or state. It is like our winter, the more you involve yourself, the more you enjoy it. It is not as difficult as you may think. You were invited into DKG because you are a Key Woman Educator, you have the qualities and skills to make your chapter and state the best it can be.

Become involved! Don’t just sit back and watch while others lead your chapter, embrace the challenges! Learn the joys of membership

On the state and International levels, coming up, there are lots of great activities with which to get involved.

The CTAUN conference at the UN, April 6th, “Stepping Up to Protect the World’s Children”. I went last year and found it so informative and timely. I will be attending this worthwhile conference again this year and would love to see more of our members attend.

Alpha Upsilon State Convention, May 4-6th, in Plymouth. A great program is planned, beginning Friday night when we again have an interpreter from Plimouth Plantation, this time a Native American. Last year, the presentation was amazing, so I am looking forward to this evening. Non-members are invited to join in this presentation. On Saturday afternoon, attendees may choose to have a private tour of Plimouth Plantation. See the registration page for more information.

Our International guest is Agnes Moynihan, Northeast Regional Director. Everyone will have an opportunity to meet and greet her at our Ice Cream Social.

It is very important that chapter officers attend this weekend. New chapter presidents will have full day training, including lunch.

REMEMBER: A first time attendee has her registration fee waived. A great incentive to participate in our convention.

July 16-20th, the DKG International Convention is in Austin, TX. This is a constitutional convention, which means there will be more than 130 constitutional amendments to be voted on. You will have a say on how your society proceeds. Check your next DKG News for the amendments. International officers will also be voted on, they were announced in the most recent News. Tours of International Headquarters will be available.

Don’t just sit back and wait for Spring, embrace Winter! And like winter, EMBRACE DKG, get involved!



### ***Sara E. Chase Scholarship***

Alpha Upsilon State proudly announces that Pamela Larson, of Alpha Zeta Chapter, has been awarded the Sara E. Chase Scholarship. Pam is pursuing a Certificate Of Advanced Graduate Study in Dyslexia from Landmark School through Southern New Hampshire University. Pam has been an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma since October 2005. Pamela will receive \$2,500 to put toward the cost of a course and anticipated fees. The next application deadline is March 1, 2018 for the Summer or Fall Semester or Academic/Writing Year. Regulations and the Application can be downloaded at <http://alupsma.weebly.com/scholarship.html>

Thank you to the committee of Linda Stewart, Constance Kelley, Jane Sherman, and Bette Bridges.

**AREA V** Alpha Zeta, Alpha Iota and Upsilon Chapters joined together for the Area V meeting at the Neighborhood Club in Quincy on October 25th, a very rainy Wednesday evening. Alpha Zeta Co-President Pam Larson introduced Alpha Upsilon State President Bette Bridges who commented that every time she has come to Neighborhood Club it has rained. She thanked everyone for coming out on such a dismal night. She elicited many of the joys of being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, particularly the bonds of friendship. She reminded all of the various grants and scholarships available to our members, whether actively teaching or retired. She was presented a gift of jewelry made by Alpha Zeta, the host chapter for the evening. She stated she was pleased to present the Area V Achievement Award to Alpha Zeta sister Gail Laffer, one of her dear friends.

The evenings program was a slide presentation by Suzanne Terry, a former children's librarian, on the amazing life of Beatrix Potter, a British author who wrote and illustrated more than 20 children's books starring Peter Rabbit, Jemima Puddle-Duck, and Benjamin Bunny. Beatrix developed an interest in nature and animals at an early age and demonstrated a talent for sketching animals dressed in clothing. Potter first tasted success as an illustrator by selling her art work for greeting cards. One of her most famous works, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, started out as a story she wrote for the children of a former governess, which was later transformed into a book, which she published privately. She lived a solitary life and had several disappointments. Beatrix also left behind a mystery - she had written a journal in code. The code was finally cracked and the work was published in 1966 as *The Journal of Beatrix Potter*. The Beatrix Potter Society has an adult and childrens program. On request Society members will visit classrooms so children can learn about this renowned author and her delightful little books. (free of charge)

### ***Survey Data Needed***

The Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee has been hard at work studying how to best use our DKG Scholarship Funds to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

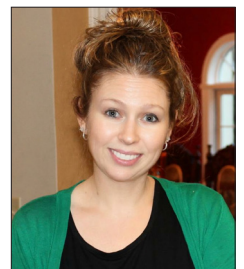
The committee is chaired by Carol LaPolice with members Bette Bridges, Jo-Anne Butler, Natalie Januskiewicz, G'Tanya Small, and Linda Stewart. After some research in the storage facility we found information on how our account has grown to approximately \$36,000.00! Smart investment savings and chapter donation drives grew the DKG Scholarship Fund in addition to the state scholarship fees paid into it from member dues. Periodic distributions to the Sara E Chase Scholarship Fund were made to award large scholarships to members pursuing advanced study in the 1960's. The period of high interest rates has been over for some time and we recommend distributing more for scholarships and grants to fulfill our mission while keeping a base amount. The committee has developed a survey to determine members' wants and needs. After your responses are received a recommendation will be made at the May meeting. Please complete this short survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/8yLhnEz3CImRI2PA3>

This survey closes on March 10, 2018.

If you are unable to access this survey online, contact your Chapter President so she will have enough hard copies available at your March meeting. All printed surveys must be received by April 1, 2018.

### ***The Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund***

The intent of this fund is to offer stipends to Alpha Upsilon members to attend conferences and workshops not affiliated with DKG. Since its inception the fund has bestowed thousands of dollars for members to strengthen and explore innovative teaching strategies. During this past cycle the committee has selected two deserving applicants; Kathryn Dunlap and Kristin Butler. Kit will attend the Winter Poetry and Prose Getaway, in Galloway, NJ. Kristin will be in attendance at the Teaching Social Thinking to Early Learners Through Stories and Play-Based Activities and What does Play have to Do with Classroom Learning? Exploring Social Emotional Executive Functioning and Social Emotional Learning for Early



Learners, in Norwood, MA. Thank you to the committee of G'Tanya Small, Paula Wilson and Jackie Scott.

## 2017 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. 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 email at Winter Board Meeting); and learned 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 was the only recipient present, so I am waiting for this issue of The Baystater to find out who else got one.

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, you're registration fee will be paid!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!



*Join these Mayflower Passengers  
in Plymouth, May 4-6, 2018*

## Membership

September was a busy month for DKG sisters. With new school beginnings and the transition from summer to fall, we met as a State Membership on Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th at the Regency Hotel in Boxborough, MA for our annual Fall Conference.

Upon my appointment as Membership Chair, I was asked to present on the Joy of Membership, along with our State Vice President, Lynn Howard. Lynn and I were excited to share ideas to further expand membership in the Chapters of our state.

After a presentation of the graphic facts of state, regional and national membership, we were surprised to note that our International Membership has dropped 4.08%, where on a state level, we currently have 759 sisters. 109 members dropped this past year but we should be very happy with the initiation of 28 new state members in this past year. Alpha Xi Chapter was dissolved in June 2017, bringing us down to 21 Chapters.

At the Fall Conference, we were able to recognize seven Chapters with an increase in membership: Alpha initiated 6 new members; Alpha Gamma 4; Alpha Iota 5; Alpha Theta 1; Eta 6; Alpha Zeta 3; and Alpha Mu 3. We offer a special congratulations to these chapters and hope for continued success in membership this year.

At the Fall Conference, State Vice President Lynn Howard and I sent a CHALLENGE out to all Chapters to increase membership by ONE member or for those chapters mentioned above, one new member in addition to the number last year. WE CAN DO IT!!!! If we challenge our chapters in creative thinking, we can reach this goal. Let's think outside the box. New members are woman who have touched others lives through education. That educator can be a leader in the schools, K-12, college level, pre-school level, educators as leaders in a Girl Scout Group, WW meeting, CCD or Religious Ed instructor, Counselors, Coaches; the list is endless. Any woman who educates can be a DKG Sister!!!! New thinking expands our membership within our chapters. Let's get ourselves out in the public. Media is looking for us, let it be through newspaper articles or TV coverage of an upcoming event. We also show exposure through photos on our new DKG website and of course word of mouth.



## *Are You Going??*

Are you going to NTCM? NSTA? ISTE? or perhaps some other conference, workshop or educational gathering? The Delta Kappa Gamma Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Committee would like to help you by providing a stipend to recoup some of your registration and/or traveling expenses.

It is so easy:

- 1) Fill out a short application on the state DKG website <https://alupsma.weebly.com/>
- 2) The committee will review the application to determine funding and amount of the award.
- 3) You go to the event, learn and have fun.
- 4) Submit required receipts upon return.
- 5) Write an article for the Baystater about your experience.
- 6) Come to a state DKG meeting to get your award.

Don't Delay, Apply Today!

MassCUE, Massachusetts Computer Using Educators Spring Conference "Lead Like A Pirate"  
Worcester, MA, March 9, 2018 <http://www.masscue.org/>

NSTA, National Science Teacher Association National Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 15-18, 2018  
<http://www.nsta.org/>

NCTM, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting & Exposition, Washington DC, April 25-28, 2018 <http://www.nctm.org/>

ISTE, International Society for Technology In Education  
The Epicenter of Edtech Chicago June 24-27, 2018  
<https://www.iste.org/>

NCTE, National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Houston Texas, November 15-18, 2018 [www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org)

## *Are You Going??*

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### *Alpha Upsilon State Convention At the 1620 Hotel in Plymouth*

#### *Friday Night, May 4th*

##### **7:00 p.m. Trivia Challenge a DKG Christa McAuliffe Living Memorial Fund Benefit**

Come match wits with fellow DKG members. Test your knowledge of Delta Kappa Gamma, Space and more. Which Chapter will prevail? Which team will win the prize? Who will wear the Trivia crown? \$5.00 per person entry fee will be collected at the door. Teams of three will compete. Please join us for an hour of fun with friends!

##### **8:00 p.m. Darius Coombs, Director of Performance Research and Interpretive Training for the Wampanoag Indigenous Program**

Darius Coombs will speak about the history and culture of the Wampanoag, his people in the present day and the language project that has brought the Wampanoag language back from near extinction.

##### **9:00 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 5th*

**7:30** Breakfast (ticketed event)

##### **8:30-10:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting**

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

##### **Workshops**

##### **8:30-9:30 a.m. Get Ready for Summer Reading** (Presented by Jill Flanders and the Literacy Council)

Come and share what you have been reading this year and make a list of books to read for the summer.

Workshop (TBA)

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# Baystatements

## Epsilon Chapter

Happy New Year to all our Sisters! Wishing you much happiness, good health and success with our DKG sisterhood in the year ahead. We had a wonderful Area Meeting on October 19th at the Wardhurst Restaurant in Peabody with our sister chapter Alpha Eta. We were pleased and honored that our State President Bette Bridges could join us for our meeting, dinner and speaker. After dinner, Captain Robert H. Bates Jr. (Cyndy Morrisette's brother) who is a commercial diver and

has been researching Maritime disasters along Boston's North Shore for a very long time, shared with us his findings and his second book entitled "Shipwrecks of Boston Vol. 2" which was released in January 2017. A fascinating evening of exploration for all of us. We were also

able to purchase his books. The evening also included raffles with the proceeds going to our Scholarship Fund and drawings of names for our fun fall centerpieces. Our Holiday celebration took place on December 9th



at the Hawthorne Inn in Salem. Some of our Alpha Eta sisters joined us at this festive event. A lovely luncheon and holiday boutique with our very talented sisters

baking and making items to sell was enjoyed by all. The proceeds from the boutique will also go towards our Scholarship fund. Food and paper good items were once again collected and brought to the Lazarus House in Lawrence. Food and school supplies were brought in again at our fall meeting and donated to the

Community Services of Newburyport and the Petten-gill House in Salisbury. All three organizations were once again very pleased and appreciative of all the donations. Thank you to all our Sisters for your generosity, kindness and dedication to assist in our Outreach Organizations! Step Up for Colleen 5K walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 6th from 8:30 in Andover. We are walking once again as a team called the "Ladies of DKG." All net proceeds from the race will benefit the Colleen E. Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund. We would love to have more members join us. If you are



interested, please contact our Sister Captain Kathe Hyland at 978-774-6451 or bcfootfan49@gmail.com.

## Alpha Gamma

Members of Alpha Gamma Chapter enjoyed a special evening of fellowship and holiday cheer at their December meeting held at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. Dinner was served beside the roaring fireplace next to the Christmas tree providing a perfect holiday setting. Adding to the festivities and as part of the chapter's recent decision to try to bring in new members annually, perspective members were also our guests at this meeting. In thinking of others at the holiday season and trying to serve our wider community, members made an important outreach to our local foodbank with donations of nonperishable food items to help sustain families in need. Sadly, this meeting also included a memorial service to honor two long-time members of our chapter, Helen Colling and Florence Shaw. This service was especially meaningful in that Helen, a remarkable woman and educator, was the last surviving charter member of our chapter. Florence, also, was a devoted member of Alpha Gamma, supporting our chapter for over thirty years. Our chapter is grateful to each of them for their service and devotion to education. Alpha Gamma looks forward to a happy, healthy, and productive 2018.

## Alpha Theta

Three of our members presented workshops at the State Fall Workshop held in Boxborough. Dorothea Maynard's workshop was on Self-Compassion and Healing Through the Darkness of Loss. Through a 26-item questionnaire on how one typically acts towards one's self in difficult times with a scale of almost never to almost always we had a chance to know ourselves better. Through closing our eyes, we also had a chance to imagination certain items or scenes and what they meant or how they related to us. Scary at times! Anita K. Newman and Kathryn C. Dunlap's workshop was on Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth. There are 4 elements of grit:

1. Interest; 2. Capacity to practice; 3. Purpose; 4. Hope. People, who have a real passion even though they may fail several times, will with these 4 elements usually succeed. One perfect example is Tom Brady. Chosen last in the NFL draft, he did not give up, worked hard and today is considered the best quarterback in the history of the NFL. A questionnaire was given and those in attendance had an opportunity to find out just how much grit they had. Both workshops were very interesting and gave all an opportunity to know one's self a little better.

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## Alpha Zeta

On November 16th Alpha Zeta was pleased to have Rosalind Cuschera, author of the book *Journey from San Rocco*, meet with us to share her family's story and to discuss the genealogical research behind her book. The book traces Rosalind's Italian family from 1918 to 2006 and explores the dynamics of a family separated and rejoined as they search for the American dream. Rosalind was raised in Quincy and is a retired Day Trip Coordinator for the UMASS Boston's Osher Life-long Learning Institute. We invited our sister chapter Alpha Iota to join us for this interesting evening. We all enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the commonality of families of various ethnic and religious backgrounds and to learn about how to start our own genealogical research. Thanks to Rosalind for inspiring us to start our family story!

## Area III

The Area III meeting was held on October 26, at the Century House in Acushnet. In addition to Eta Chapter, which hosted the meeting, there were members from Alpha Lambda, Beta and Zeta Chapters. Also in attendance was Bette Anne Bridges, Alpha Upsilon State President. A gift was presented to her from Area III. The presentation for the evening was "Hetty Green - The Witch of Wall Street," with speakers Dr. Susan Kramer, who portrayed Hetty, and Janice Warren, Handwriting Analyst, shedding an interesting light on Hetty's background and some of the myths surrounding her life. Congratulations that night went to Joan Pepin from Eta Chapter, who received the Area III Achievement Award. It was co-presented by State President Bette Anne Bridges and Area III Coordinating Council Representative Jo-Anne Butler. It was wonderful that Joan was able to receive the award in the presence of so many of her Eta Chapter sisters!

We also all had the honor and privilege of wishing Janet Ratcliffe a very Happy 100th Birthday at the meeting.



What an incredible milestone and cause for celebration! Janet was also recognized for her 66 years of DKG membership and service. Janet received a standing ovation as she walked with Eta Chapter President Dr. Mary Louise Francis to the podium to receive a certifi-

cate of recognition from the State, birthday cards, and a bouquet of red roses presented to her by Jo-Anne Butler and President Bridges. It was an extremely memorable moment. What an honor and privilege it is to have Janet as a member of Eta Chapter, and we all wished her many happy returns of the day.

## Alpha Iota

Alpha Iota's Holiday Boutique was held at the Victory Grille in Dedham on December 10, 2017, a bit of a snowy day. There was a lot to catch up on with fellow members and much to discuss. The items for the silent auction were plentiful and the boutique table was a hit, especially those baked goods! We were happy to raise money for our chapter and the Amelia Armstrong Grant-in-Aid. We were very pleased to have our most recent recipient, Julia Biagiotti, present with her Mother. Thank you to the Boutique committee and everyone who donated, set-up, sold items, baked or helped in anyway.



## A Non-dues Revenue Opportunity

All Massachusetts chapters who are represented at the International Convention in Austin are invited to join together to raise funds for their activities. In September the Alpha Upsilon Executive Board approved funds to rent a table at the "Marketplace". Participating chapters display their merchandise and members work in shifts to staff the booth freeing up everyone else to attend workshops. The profits earned from your items stay with your chapter. We have found in the past that jewelry and rose-themed items are very popular. Members are always looking for something to bring home to their friends.

So start thinking. If you or someone from your chapter will be attending the International Convention this summer consider joining in the fun. Contact Marilyn Spedding [gcs200@aol.com](mailto:gcs200@aol.com) with any questions and to reserve your space before June 15.

## ***Alpha Upsilon State Convention continued***

**9:35-10:35 a.m. Journey from San Rocco** (Presented by Author, Rosalind Cuschera)

Rosalind Cuschera will discuss her book “Journey from San Rocco” that traces her Italian family history from 1918-2006 and explores the dynamics of a family separated and rejoined as they search for the American dream. In addition, she will talk about how she started her genealogical research. The book is available through local library and on Amazon if you’d like to read the book prior to the workshop. She will have books available for sale at her workshop.

**“You are What You Write”** (Presented by Janice Warren)

What can handwriting analysis do and what are its limitations? After presenting us with some background information, Janice will use handwriting samples of the rich, famous, and infamous to illustrate some basic personality traits along with suggestions for providing an appropriate learning environment. The audience will have the opportunity to compare their own handwriting to the samples and perhaps discover something about their own unique personalities.

**10:50-11:50 a.m.**

**Incoming Chapter Presidents Training (Part 1)**

Vice President, Claire LaBonte will conduct a training session for all incoming Chapter Presidents.

**Identity Theft and Scams** presented by Plymouth Sheriff’s Office (Presented by Liisa Budge)

Liisa will present the dangers of identity theft and financial scams and she will offer suggestions on how to protect yourself from both.

**U.S. Forum** (Presented by Gail Saccone and Carol LaPolice)

Carol LaPolice and Gail Saccone will present an overview of the 2018 National Legislative Conference held in Washington, D.C. They will provide an update on the five areas that were chosen at the Regional Conferences as significant issues that are currently impacting education, women and children. Suggestions will be made for learning how to be an effective advocate.

**11:55-12:45 p.m. International Guest: Agnes Moynihan**, Northeast Regional Director (all attendees)

Lunch on your own (except for Incoming Chapter Presidents)

**1:00-4:00 p.m. New Chapter Presidents’ Lunch and Training (Part 2)**

**\*\*2:00-4:00 p.m. Plimoth Plantation Guided Tour\*\*** (optional/\$36 per person)

Plimoth Plantation offers a fascinating and personal look at the lives of the Native Wampanoag People and the Pilgrims, the English who lived in early Plymouth Colony. During the two-hour guided tour, you will visit the Wampanoag Homesite, the 17th-Century English Village and the Craft Center.

**4:30-5:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Banquet** (incoming and outgoing Chapter Presidents)

**Saturday Evening-Red Rose Banquet “Wear your Kentucky Derby Hat”**

Convocation, Rejuvenation and Dinner (ticketed event)

We will gather together for a lovely dinner to welcome our incoming Chapter Presidents and to show our appreciation to the outgoing Chapter Presidents. Our International Guest, Agnes Moynihan, Northeast Regional Director will share some words of inspiration and we’ll have some fun with some Kentucky Derby activities. There will be a prize for the best hat, we’ll have a Kentucky Derby contest, and then we’ll end the evening with some line dancing! So, remember to bring your Derby Hat and dancing shoes.



***Sunday, May 6th***

**Area Meetings and Necrology Ceremony**

We will wrap up the weekend with Area Meetings for Chapter Presidents (incoming and outgoing) and then at the Necrology Ceremony we will celebrate the life of seventeen of our Alpha Upsilon sisters that past away during the last year

**ALPHA UPSILON STATE MASSACHUSETTS  
2018 SPRING CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION**

**Friday-Sunday - May 4-6, 2018**

**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 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 \$139.00; Double-(2 beds) \$139.00; Triple \$154.00; Quad \$154.00 (Plus 11.7% state/local taxes)

**\*\*NOTE: ROOM DISCOUNT CUT-OFF DATE: APRIL 4, 2018 FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: (508-747-4900) (CODE: DELTA2018)**

(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

1. Early Bird Registration (Received by **(4/13/18)**) \$ 38.00

Registration (Received after 4/13/18) \$ 43.00

Non-member Guest Registration for Friday Evening Only \$ 20.00

2. Saturday – Plymouth Breakfast Full Buffet **(Final Meal Count 4/23/18)** \$ 24.00

(Juices; Fresh Fruit Salad; Oatmeal w/Toppings; Scrambled Eggs; Bacon; Sausage; Home Fries; Asst. Pastries, Jams, Jellies; Coffee & Teas)

3. Presidents Training Lunch – Circle: Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap; Grilled Veggie Wrap; Roast Turkey Club No Cost

3. Red Rose Banquet - Circle: Cedar Plank Salmon w/Saffron Cream or Flat Iron Steak w/Port Wine Demi-Glaze

Baby Spinach & Roasted Pecan Salad; Vermont Maple Glazed Carrots, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes; Carrot Cake \$ 48.00

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

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**Sunday 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Ceremony Registration Only \$ 30.00**

**Arrangements have been made to offer attendees A Guided Tour and Admission to Plimoth Plantation for \$36.00 on Saturday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**A minimum of 15 people is required to have the guided tour and maximum space is limited. If you wish to attend, please include a separate check for \$36.00 to Alpha Upsilon State Delta Kappa Gamma.**

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### Next Deadline is

June 1, 2018



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