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

2017 Delta Kappa Gamma Northeast Regional Conference



*Delta Kappa Gamma
2017 Northeast Regional Conference*

*Windsor, Ontario, Canada
July 12-14*

The 2017 Northeast Regional Conference (NERC) was no disappointment to the AZS member attendees. The conference was a platform for education and sharing of ideas, and certainly, entertaining and exciting experiences were there for the taking.

Seven chapters in the state of Ontario worked across 415,000 square miles to host this conference, offering an abundance of professional development opportunities. **Claire Swanson** noted how rewarding it was to see teams of state presidents, membership chairs, and treasurers working together to develop goals for their states.

Angela Belmont found a very informative and interesting presentation on human trafficking illuminating community strategies, education awareness and other outreach activities being conducted by teachers, guidance counselors and others who aid victims of trafficking. **Judy Jordan** stated, "I never tire of learning something new", thus, fully enjoyed the workshops she attended.

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President's Biennium Takes Flight

- *Carol Schwartz*
Alpha Zeta State President



This biennium literally took flight with 18 of our Alpha Zeta State members attending the Northeast Conference in Windsor, Ontario. Several of us attended training sessions which were informative, intense and also enjoyable. The information, knowledge and new friendships that were formed with other NE officers will serve to enhance this biennium.

Barbara Smith helped to coordinate the Emergency Fund Drive. **Dr. Judith Merz** and **Claire Swanson** were on the training teams for new state presidents and membership chairs. **Jessi Oliano** presented a workshop and a *Ten Minute Takeaway* session. **Dr. Nora Pollard** and **Carmela DeMarco** also presented *Ten Minute Takeaway* sessions. Our own "Flash," **Michele Contala**, took amazing pictures, not only for New Jersey, but for most of the conference. **Ingrid Williams** and **Irene Maskaly** planned a wonderful "Jersey Girls' Dinner."

Our members, who were fortunate to attend the Northeast Regional, were energized and returned to New Jersey with a willingness to move our state forward. We will continue to invite key women educators into membership, continue to advance, support and celebrate our successes and build on the foundation of the past 80 years.

The goals of this biennium support the DKG vision and theme of our International President, **Carolyn Pittman**, '*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.' We will continue to support

the DKG *Schools for Africa* project. Our UN Liaison, **Angela Belmont**, has visited the UN and received valuable information about this program. She will share this information at our January meeting.

During this biennium, we will continue to strive to develop leadership within our organization. Our leadership chairs, **Dr. Mary Lee Batesko** and **Patti Rahn**, are planning several leadership workshops for AZS. These workshops will help members further strengthen their leadership skills to become chapter and state leaders. The workshops will enable our members to grow in DKG and in their professional positions.

I have recently reached out to the state presidents of Texas and Florida to offer our assistance as they recover from the devastating hurricanes that hit their states. **Michele Klamerus** and **Joyce Breitwieser**, Theta Chapter, will be coordinating our AZS efforts. They collected almost \$700.00 at our September state meeting. They will be collecting gift cards for chapters in the affected areas. The cards will be used to purchase educational supplies. Watch for future information.

With your help and support, it is my desire to strengthen communication among our membership, provide creative and contemporary topics that will be motivational to current educators and to provide opportunities for leadership development in all aspects of AZS and DKG.

We are quite fortunate to have a very strong executive committee team: **Ingrid Williams**, **Dr. Pam Albert Devine**, **Dr. Nora Pollard**, **Irene Maskaly**, **Ellen Hahn**, and **Dr. Margaret Niemiec**. On behalf of the executive committee and myself, it is our honor and pleasure to serve during the 2017-2019 biennium.

AZS Membership News

Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, Second-Vice President, Membership Chair

AZS as well as other chapters throughout the Society, are searching for new ways to increase membership; we cannot stress enough the importance of recruiting, retaining and reinstating members. Chapters are encouraged to identify schools and/or districts not represented already in their chapters in order to **recruit at least three new members**, or to exceed this state goal. As we are recruiting, we should be thinking about recruiting leaders, not just members!



Please use the *Journey for Life* brochure when recruiting new members. Utilize the *How Healthy is Your Chapter?* and other membership materials available on the state website to continue to re-inspire, reaffirm and rebuild chapter membership.

Information can be found via this link: [Membership Information and Forms](#). Let former members know that their dedication to education is valued and that the chapter would delight in having them back.

Utilize DKG's Recruitment Plan

- **Step 1:** This plan emphasizes the honor of membership in DKG.
- **Step 2:** Each prospective new member should be informed in a special, personal letter that she has been chosen for membership in our prestigious society and invite them to a special meeting.
- **Step 3:** For each new member that you invite to this meeting, invite an existing member as a 'mentor/buddy.'
- **Step 4:** At the orientation, provide social time for current and prospective members and then present the *Pride in the Big Picture* PowerPoint.
- **Step 5:** Then, the mentor/buddy completes the chapter membership form with the prospective member.
- **Step 6:** Invite the prospective members to the AZS Convention on April 13-15, 2018.

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Another benefit enjoyed by those who attended the conference was, “hanging out with my Jersey sisters and getting to know them better...” which included the popular “Jersey Dinner” planned by the AZS executive team, where a scrumptious Italian dinner was enjoyed by all and friendships with members of various AZS chapters were developed.

We were proud to have our AZS photographer, **Michele Contala**, and her assistants, **Mary Lou LeCompte** and **Mary Conover**, take photos of other state organizations. They met sisters from various states and had fun taking their pictures.

One of our “first timer” sisters attending the conference, **Jessi Oliano**, stated, “This was my first regional convention and I was completely blown away from start to finish! This convention allowed me to connect with other like-minded women and share creative ideas, participate in meaningful discussions and observe how big this organization really is. This convention exceeded my expectations, and I am grateful for the friendships I developed during this event! Thank you!”

We invite all our AZS sisters to begin making plans to attend the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas next summer, July 16th – 20th.

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It is also important for all chapters to review and become familiar with the membership components of the **AZS Strategic Action Plan**.

GOAL 1. Support Members

1.A. CREATE NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1.A.1. Research membership trends

- 1.A.1.a. Engage members in conversations about generational issues that impact membership
- 1.A.1.b. Encourage chapters to use Society resources to determine and plan for intergenerational cooperation
- 1.A.1.c. Incorporate appropriate strategies to engage all members

1.A.2. Develop leadership connections

- 1.A.2.a. Offer webinars and/or workshop presentations on current Society and professional issues provided by members knowledgeable in the field/areas
- 1.A.2.b. Schedule professional group web forums for issues of interest
- 1.A.2.c. Host a variety of online and in person professional forums for alike educational areas

1.B. ENHANCE EXISTING MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1.B.1. Promote the mentoring of new educators through the Supporting Early-career Educators Project (SEE)

- 1.B.1.a. Develop materials to explain the AZS Organization and how it relates to DKG: graphics, presentations, handouts

1.B.2. Provide mentoring of new members

- 1.B.2.a. Develop an online community for discussions

1.C. INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AWARENESS

1.C.1. Define roles and responsibilities of members

- 1.C.1.a. Review governing documents

1.C.2. Promote the use of the AZS resources available to members

- 1.C.3.a. Publicize messages through media venues: website, social media, state publications
- 1.C.3.b. Provide opportunities for members to discuss membership issues at society events: state meetings, state convention

Scholarship and Stipend Opportunities

Pam Watkinson, Heidi Tilghman, Faith Steinfert, Scholarship/Stipend Tri-Chairs

Is there a special conference you would like to attend or a special project you are doing, or would like to do, with your students? If so, consider applying for the AZS Professional Growth Stipend. Are you considering graduate school? If so, think about applying for the Elizabeth M. Bozearth State Scholarship or a DKG International Scholarship.

AZS Professional Growth Stipends: Awards up to \$1,000 are awarded for projects related to professional growth, personal development, research, travel or conference attendance related to one's field of work, and educational or community service projects.

Deadlines: **December 15, 2017, September 1, 2018, and December 15, 2018**

The Elizabeth M. Bozearth Scholarship: One scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 is available each year to an AZS member in good standing for three or more years who has been accepted into a graduate degree program in an approved institute of higher learning.

Deadlines: **December 15, 2017, and December 15, 2018**

The Margaret Abel Scholarship Award: One grant-in-aid award of \$1,000 will be awarded each year at the AZS State Convention. It is awarded to an outstanding woman (non-member) who is attending a NJ institution of higher learning preparing to enter the education profession.

Deadlines: **December 15, 2017, and December 15, 2018**

Go to the AZS website <http://www.dkgnj.org> and click on *Scholarships* for full details about the qualifications/requirements and applications.

International scholarships are also available. Go to www.dkg.org and click on *Committees* and then *Scholarships* for all the information. Also go to www.dkgef.org where you will find stipends for both DKG and non-DKG members. Start thinking about and planning now for taking advantage of these special opportunities.

DKGEF Offers Money for Projects, Seminars and Professional Growth

Go to www.dkgef.org and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are on or before:

- **November 1, 2017:** The **Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award** (CSPD) is granted to organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to sponsor professional development seminars open to all educators.
- **January 3, 2018:** Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- **February 1, 2018:** Members and nonmembers can apply for **Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards** (CIPD) to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018.

Jersey Girl Memories from the 2017 NE Regional Conference in Ontario, Canada



Photos courtesy of Michele Contala,
AZS photographer

Jersey Girl Memories from the 2017 NE Regional Conference in Ontario, Canada



2017 AZS Convention Evaluation Comments

Jan Paxton, AZS Convention Registrar

Yes, your convention committee, the state officers and the hotel staff read your comments. Last year only 80 of the 250+ members attending actually filled out the online evaluation form. Unfortunately, this is not enough of a response to be statistically valid. Here are some responses to a few of your comments.

Comment: *Perhaps consider booking a hotel more centrally located.*

Response: The DoubleTree has been chosen as the venue as it gives us the best prices for the needs of our organization, better than any other conference facility we have considered. Each year we review all suggestions our members make. If you have a lead on another facility with the same break-out rooms and ballrooms, let us know and we'll look into it. At the DoubleTree, we are fortunate enough to be the only group booked for the ballroom events and have the 'run of the hotel' during our stay. At other venues, this is not always the case.

Comment: *I think we need to find a way to cut the cost of the luncheon.*

Response: A convention luncheon is not as flexible as you might imagine. We are obligated, by contract, to spend a specific amount on food. The cost of the luncheon reflects not only what is served, but the use of the facility, the labor of the servers, the kitchen staff, the gratuity that you would pay at any restaurant and a share of the food expense obligation. Some of you prefer a small salad and others are offended if they do not have a larger meal. We try to maintain a balance for our members and keep the cost to a minimum.

Comment: *Having to look online to find workshop room numbers was a bit inconvenient for the many people who were*

searching. Maybe a poster or a couple of papers at the check-in table, in addition to having the information online, would help.

Response: There seems to be no way to solve this problem. At the registration table this year, we did provide a stack of printed pages which included a map of the facility and the room schedules for all events. This was in addition to the online posting and the phone app. Members are concentrating on making sure their registration is accurate so they may not have noticed the important additional information that was available.

Comment: *Consider offering two healthy workout activities (one each session) as the one offered seemed to fill up quickly.*

Response: The program committee works hard to come up with a variety of workshops that meet the needs of active teaching members, as well as retired members. There are two book discussions offered each session, providing a social and relaxing activity for members. The hotel venue room availability and size sometimes limits what can be offered. Our annual convention is a professional convention requiring us to focus on the seven purposes of our Society.

Comment: *There are sisters who wanted to just come to the basket auction. They didn't come to it because they said it was expensive to register for everything.*

Response: If you were planning to attend a benefit basket auction or tricky tray for a church or other organization, you would pay an entry fee anywhere from \$10 to \$60 and then purchase your tickets to play. Someone who wants to just attend Friday evening for the auction should consider the \$40 registration to be the equivalent of the entry fee, for which you get dessert, coffee, a fun evening with your sisters, and whatever goodies are in the registration packet.

2018 Convention Booklet Ad

Jan Paxton, AZS Convention Registrar



You can put your name and business information in front of 250+ outstanding women educators. This would be a bargain at twice the price!

For \$20, your business card can appear in the annual convention booklet of the NJ Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (www.dkgnj.org).

Send a check for \$20 payable to "Alpha Zeta State Convention" and a business card by February 15, 2018 to:

Jan Paxton, Convention Registrar
Alpha Zeta State DKG
11 Fine Road
High Bridge, NJ 09929

If you prefer, you can email a print-ready image of your business card to alphazetastate@dkgnj.org. Or, visit our website to submit your print-ready file and use a credit card for payment.

Questions? Contact Jan Paxton, Convention Registrar at alphazetastate@dkgnj.org.

SAVE the DATE

Alpha Zeta State's 2018 Convention

Dates: April 13-15, 2018

Place: DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel

Prices: Double - \$135.10; Triple - \$147.10;
Quad - \$159.10

(These prices include taxes and breakfast.)

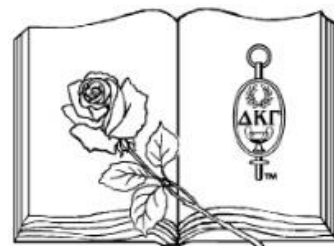
All information can be found on our website,
www.dkgnj.org.

*We look forward to seeing you there as we
celebrate our 80th Anniversary!*

In Memoriam

Ruth Mooney, State Necrology Chair

Since February 1, 2017, the following sisters have died and will be honored at the *Celebration of Life* service on April 15, 2018, during the Alpha Zeta State Convention:



CHAPTER	NAME	INITIATED	DIED
Beta	Christina Hursey Miles	April 1977	2/3/17
Gamma	Mary Elizabeth Reilly	April 1973	2/24/17
Epsilon	Helen Ouellette	April 1967	3/17/17
Rho	Ella Margaret Haver	June 2013	3/1/17

Necrology

Ruth Mooney, State Necrology Chair

Check it out! A list of all deceased sisters of DKG New Jersey is now on the website. From the home page, click on *Necrology* and then the chapter. Only members in good standing at the time of their death are included. Any questions or corrections, please let me know.

One of the primary responsibilities of chapter necrology chairs and/or the president is, in the event of a death of a member, to complete Form 6 *Death of a Member* and submit a copy to Member Services in Texas, the state treasurer and the state necrology chair. They are also responsible for ensuring that a tribute is written to honor the departed sister. Members who die before February 1, 2018 will be honored at the *Celebration of Life Ceremony* held Sunday morning at the state convention.

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It is recommended that, as soon as a sister dies, information regarding her life and participation in Delta Kappa Gamma be assembled so that a meaningful tribute can be written to honor the individual. Also, we display pictures of the deceased at the *Celebration of Life* service, usually a 5 x 7, so it is important to try and get a picture as soon as possible.

2018 CTAUN Conference

The next CTAUN conference is scheduled for **Friday, April 6, 2018** at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC. The topic of this conference will be "Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children." Visit www.dkgnj.org for additional information.

2018 DKG Alaskan Cruise

DKG International has partnered with Go Ahead Tours to offer an Alaskan Cruise from August 29th – September 8th, 2018. Booking for this trip is now open. Please note that the prices may increase after December 1, 2017, so consider booking your trip now! A travel brochure and additional information about this opportunity is available at www.dkgnj.org or www.dkg.org.

UN Meeting Highlights

*Dr. Ruth A. Nielsen,
DKG UN representative/ CTAUN officer*

H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajcak, President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly, met with various NGOs on Oct. 7th at the UN. He answered questions from the attendees and spoke about his priorities for the UN. These are the SDGs, which he hopes to promote by making them "commercially attractive." One cannot always ask for donations; one must engage business in the UN goals.

Another priority is migration, for which there is no legal framework, as there is for refugees. Of course, the top priority is peace; stopping wars, as well as preventing them while respecting human rights.

Mr. Lajcak cited the emphases made by all the member delegations at the September UN session. These were the SDGs, climate, migration, terrorism and nuclear weapons. He also mentioned the forthcoming study of *Water*, as a natural and political force. That study will start on March 3, 2018.

The NGOs asked about their lack of access to UN meetings, especially in light of Mr. Lajcak's statement that they are the eyes and contacts on the ground for UN programs. There was no immediate answer to this inquiry.

Important Request from DKG International

Are you receiving postal mail from DKG International? Does DKG International have your up-to-date contact information? If not, please update your information in your "My DKG" account at www.dkg.org.

DKG Education Foundation

The DKG Education Foundation is planning a very special event including dinner and entertainment for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Bullock Texas History Museum. Please visit www.dkg.org for further information.



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ALPHA CHAPTER

Deborah Hoeflinger, *president*

On October 4, 2017, Alpha Chapter celebrated their 70th Birthday with a dinner meeting in Wayne at the Village Inn. The chapter was organized on October 10, 1947 and its first officers were installed at the state meeting in Atlantic City. We acknowledged this special event with dinner and birthday cake at our first meeting of the year.

Several of our members had interesting experiences this summer. **Claire Swanson** attended the Northeast Regional in Windsor, Ontario. There, she presented a breakout session on membership to train the Northeast membership chairs.

Maryann Woods-Murphy attended a conference in Boston on "Question Formulation Technique" presented by the Right Question Institute. She described her experience as 'extraordinary', learning so much about how to engage students in the process of asking their own questions. She especially thanked the *Hoitsma Fund* for providing her with this opportunity.

One of our social chairpersons, **Megan Connolly**, is being honored on November 18th with the Distinguished Alumna Award from her high school, LaCordaire Academy. Another Alpha member, **Gayle Dunlap**, 7th Grade Life Science teacher at Saddle Brook Middle School, is the recipient of the 2017 Teacher Appreciation Award. Gayle and another teacher, Kim Gerken, established a courtyard garden, connecting the students with nature and involving students in the *Audubon Adventures* program.

We are proud to have our members participating in leadership roles, learning new teaching techniques and being recognized by their peers for their unique talents and contributions.

BETA CHAPTER

Jo Ann Corvino, *president*

Beta Chapter celebrates retired sisters "M.A.R.V.E.L.-ously!"

President **Jo Ann Corvino** created a new networking opportunity for BETA sisters. Some of our retired members find attending evening meetings difficult. So, Jo Ann offered a daytime get-together for the chapter. This event is being celebrated as the *Beta Sisters*

"M.A.R.V.E.L."
Luncheon.

Eleven of our "Most Appreciated, Revered, Valued, Esteemed, and Loved" sisters were able to attend. Jo Ann hopes to make this an annual activity.



Peggy, retired Beta member, at M.A.R.V.E.L. Luncheon.

Photo credit: J. Cirelly

Beta sisters also met to sew pillowcase dresses for the Dominican Republic. Guest L. Miles, mission project leader, sewed dresses as well as presented details about the project and its impact on the community. In addition to donations of shorts and flip flops, the group completed 52 dresses.

On that first sewing day, June 26, 2014, seven sisters completed 46 dresses (shorts and purses were also included). We donated 50 dresses and eleven purses in 2015; fifty dresses were donated in 2016. We value our special helpers, D. Claypool and M. Vengenock, whose contributions made the event a success. Beta Sister **Kathy Hoglen**, does an outstanding job organizing this successful project! So far, we have donated 198 dresses.

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DELTA CHAPTER

Terry Morris, *president*

Technology infiltrates Delta Chapter

Deciding to use email instead of the phone chain or US mail was a well debated decision for Delta Chapter over a decade ago. Since then, however, technology has crept into our daily Delta lives. Our members now have access to our chapter's history, rules, Strategic Action Plan, committees, calendar, newsletters, and more at our website at <http://deltachapter-dkg-nj.weebly.com/> or by scanning our QR code above.



In addition, our chapter now has a *Facebook* page for posting events and news for those using social media. Information, suggestions, opinions or voting results are quickly gathered, tabulated and shared in real time utilizing *Survey Monkey*. This year we started using the *Remind* app for communicating to our sisters though text or email for those without smartphones.

Technology even kept Delta chapter running at our 15th Annual "Beat the Clock Against Breast Cancer 5K Run – 2 Mile Walk." Using an electronic timing company, we designed a race website with online registration. Also, race participants were scanned at the finish line instantly determining the winners. However, with all this technology at our fingertips, our Connection committee still keeps in touch with our reserved members the old fashion way via phone calls, cards, and home visits!

EPSILON CHAPTER

Pam Raynor, *president*

The sisters of Epsilon just had their fall meeting, where we had the highest attendance ever. We had 40 sisters and initiates gather for a brunch meeting. Our fall meeting had us collecting school supplies, diapers, baby wipes and gift cards from Walmart, and local food stores for three organizations that we have adopted. We collected over 15 backpacks and many gift cards that were divided up and are being delivered to *Family Promise*, a Newton based organization that supports families that are homeless, the women's shelter in Sussex County called DASI, and the women's shelter in Warren County called DARCC. The sisters continued to support the Tutoring Center at Centenary University, which is our *Early Career Educators* project, by donating \$100 for supplies for the upcoming year.

The sisters were still so very generous, by reaching into their wallets and putting cash into the bag we passed around. \$200 was collected and we will be sending gift cards to AZS for the chapters in Texas and Florida, hit by the hurricanes.

Epsilon sisters are offering prayers and warm thoughts to our treasurer, **Sue Green**, who is currently in Newton Medical Center. We wish her a speedy recovery.

ZETA CHAPTER

JoAnne Applegate, *president*

As the leaves begin to grace our days in the autumn, new experiences at school, full of vibrant colors that mimic the foliage, welcome students, teachers, and

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administrators to their respective school buildings. Zeta member, **Mallory Kennedy**, will be welcoming students at Joseph A.



Citta Elementary School in Toms River. Mallory is the Seahawks' new principal for the 2017-2018 school year. Mallory brings a vast 'sea' of innovative ideas, a dedication and love for learning, and a spirit of excitement for her new faculty.

What do delicious pizza, a myriad of salads and appetizers, and great conversation have in common? They were all part of the Zeta chapter summer get-together on July 13. Hosted by Zeta member, **Johanna McCauley**, Zeta sisters enjoyed catching up with one another's lives - whether it was an engagement, a marriage, a new baby, a new grandchild, a child's graduation, a new degree, a new position in education, a retirement, or a great travel experience. The night was full of happiness and laughter, and Zeta sisters got to 'have their cake, and eat it, too!'

Zeta sisters also enjoyed a night of painting pottery at *Color Me Mine* in Silverton. Each member chose a piece and paint colors. They all enjoyed good conversation while equally enjoying the therapeutic medium of painting. It was an evening of a little dabbing (the paint) and a little gabbing!

Zeta Chapter has some very exciting meetings coming up for the 2017-2018 year. In October, members will learn to be more mindful while learning about and

practicing the concept of mindfulness; in December, members will celebrate and enjoy the upcoming holidays at a dinner; January's cold weather will be the perfect time to warmly welcome new initiates at the Initiates' Tea; the winds of March will bring about Zeta's book discussion of *The Windfall* by Diksha Basu. Zeta members anticipate a great 'fall' into the new Zeta calendar of events!

ETA CHAPTER

Irma Lorenz, *president*

Eta Chapter will award the *Harriet DiLeonardo Active Teacher Grant in Aid* up to \$1,000 to a woman educator(s) in Burlington County public schools, for a classroom project which benefits her students and provides for student participation. Completed applications for the 2017-18 school year will be due on or before December 15, 2017. Further information may be obtained from **Mary Zaccardi** at memary927@aol.com. At our May meeting, the *Harriet DiLeonardo Active Teacher Grant In Aid* was presented to Jill Gilardi from Riverside Elementary and to Sherri Miller from Maurice & Everett Haines Sixth Grade Center of Medford.

Congratulations to **Jeanne Del Colle**, who has been accepted as a fellow of the 2018 class of *LeadNJ*. LNJ develops well-informed leaders, known as fellows, who are prepared to work effectively with people of all backgrounds, and find common ground with those who may think differently about the cutting-edge issues facing New Jersey. Further information can be found at www.LEADNJ.ORG.

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Tracey Holland completed a Pinelands short course at Stockton University. She describes her experiences as wonderful and she recommends these courses. Further information about this Stockton University short course is available at <http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=107&pageID=500>.



Tracy also had another successful year volunteering at the Burlington County Farm Fair. Kudos to Tracey, who won first place with her papier-mâché chicken and second place for her fox photograph at the fair.

Leona Maffei has been keeping her mind and writing skills active with scheduling and speech writing for her husband who is the mayor of Lawrenceville. She has been asked to join the *Mercer County Disabled Committee* to write some new policies. This new commitment will begin in 2018.

At our October meeting, after spending time catching up with one another regarding summer activities and health concerns, Ms. Jenna Fenstermacher, from the Girls Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, brought us up to date about the current goals and activities of the Girls Scouts.

Eta chapter continues to support *Crossroads Programs Inc.* with material goods, gift cards

and monetary donations. We also provide monetary support to *Literacy Volunteers of America in New Jersey* located at the John F. Kennedy Center in Willingboro. In the winter of 2018, we will begin to make dresses for *Dress a Girl*.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Mimi Weiss, *president*

Colleen Tambuscio, as president of the Council of Holocaust Educators (CHE), will give the welcoming speech at the 16th Annual CHE Conference on December 1, 2017, at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. The theme of the conference is "Memory into Memoir: Teaching Through Personal History."

It has been a year full of honors for Colleen Tambuscio. In April, at the New Milford Education Foundation's spring gala, she was honored for being the teacher who has made a significant difference in the lives of New Milford students. In June, Colleen was one of four teachers in New Jersey cited by Princeton University as an outstanding teacher. She received her award and accolades at Princeton University's Commencement. For more than a decade, Colleen Tambuscio has organized and led a Holocaust Study Tour offering New Milford high school students an opportunity to study the Holocaust at authentic sites in Europe.

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LAMBDA CHAPTER

Dr. Barbara Glazewski,
Noreen McHale, co-presidents

Lambda sister and Red Bank Education Association President **Carol Boehm**, also serving as AZS initiation co-chair, is proud to



announce that *Classroom Close-up* has selected her district to be featured for an upcoming episode of the Emmy award-winning show. The segment entitled, "It Takes a Village," will focus on the

outside partnerships that have assisted the district and students with various programs or donations. Look for the segment on March 8 or April 4 on NJTV at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. It can also be viewed at www.classroomcloseup.org.

All of Lambda Chapter would like to congratulate **Dr. Nora Pollard** as she takes on the AZS Recording Secretary position for the 2017-2019 biennium. We also congratulate her on her recent publication in the **Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Journal**. Her article, "*The Genetics of Dyslexia: An Interview with Dr. Jeffery Gruen*," was included in the 2017, Volume 83-5 issue.

Congratulations to **Dr. Gonyo**, newly elected president of the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education Alumni Association. Gonyo attributes her ability to oversee a professional organization with a membership of more than 16,000 to Delta Kappa Gamma. She recalls that as a young member of Alpha Zeta State, her Lambda sisters recognized her leadership potential. Through the mentoring and encouragement of **Mary Ann Mironchik**, Alpha Zeta State president 1985-87, and Lambda founders,

Mary Filosa and **Marion Houser**, Gonyo was selected to participate in the first Leadership Management Seminar sponsored by our International Society. Spending two weeks at the Hankamer School of Business on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, Lynn recalls being one of 30 members from across the country to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Later, she was selected to participate in the second class sponsored by the Society to become trained in Parliamentary procedure and along with 32 members from across the country, sat for her national exam in Chicago.

When not working for the Alumni Association, Lynn spends her time meeting the challenges she faces as president of the Rutgers Club at the State University. Leading a membership of 2,000, Gonyo has overseen the expansion and relocation of the club. With the help of Lambda sister, **Dr. Susan Mansfield**, the club recently celebrated its 60th anniversary, and Marilyn proudly states that she is the third woman to be president of this group in its 60-year history. In her spare time, Gonyo serves in her appointed position on the *Strategic Action Planning Task Force* for the College of Education at Rowan University.



Initiated in 1971, Dr. Gonyo served Alpha Zeta State as its 32nd president and has continued to be actively involved in Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state, and international level during her more than 45 years of membership. Marilyn is proud of DKG, and Lambda salutes her as our sister.

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Lambda Chapter sister **Arlene Novick** went to Lisbon, Portugal, Madrid, Cordoba, Seville, and Toledo, Spain from October 21-31st. Her five-year-old grandson, Elfyn, just began his first year of learning at the Waldorf School in Hereford, England. Arlene has begun lecturing at St. Helen Church in Westfield. She has been keeping very busy in her retirement, while settling matters pertaining to the devastation of her home caused by water damage. This event taught Arlene some valuable lessons: Never take life for granted. Seize the moment. And, always be grateful for God's love.

MU CHAPTER

Elizabeth Flynn, *president*

Kathy Froriep, former Mu president, member since 2006, and current AZS archivist, continues to work at Georgian Court University as an associate professor and tenured faculty member in the School of Education. Her duties at the university now include an exciting new venture as Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. With the help of a steering committee and input from colleagues, she is designing the new center as a resource for faculty development in the areas of teaching, service and scholarship. Professional development topics for this year include: student/faculty research and teaching and learning online. We wish Kay well on her new venture.

Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Mu Chapter since 1982, is celebrating 40 years in Little Silver School District. She taught K, 1st, 2nd, and 7th grades from 1977-1998, was supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction from 1998-2005, and since 2005, has served as Principal of

Little Silver Point Road. Pam has served as president as well as many other chapter leadership roles. She is presently serving as second vice-president of Alpha Zeta State. We congratulate her on her success and are very proud to have her as a Mu sister.

Lillie Hendry, a member of Mu Chapter since 1967, will step down from her active role as president of the Court Street School Education Center in Freehold and become the president emeritus of the organization. Mu Chapter, along with an Alpha Zeta State Professional Growth Stipend, provided the funds for Lillie's project which produced a successful mini documentary of a community National Registry Landmark "*Court Street School*" as a permanent record of its history and to commemorate its 100th anniversary in 2015. We applaud Lillie for her enthusiasm and honor her in her new position.

NU CHAPTER

Christine Musick, *president*

Debra Bunn, member of Nu Chapter, was one of three business teachers from Shawnee High School whose Personal Finance students took part in the H&R Block *Budget Challenge*. By participating in this national, online competition and learning experience, students practiced real life financial skills. Proudly, 52 Shawnee students were nationally ranked in the top ten percent among 20,500 students. Additionally, two of **Debra Bunn's** Personal Finance classes ranked second and fifth in the nation in the class competition category. Congratulations to this fine educator who is a true example of a key woman educator.



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XI CHAPTER

Jane Flanagan, *president*

Wow, after nine months of planning and preparation, the "Acceptance Wall" is finally on display at the George L Hess Educational Complex. **Lisa Goodwin**, Xi member, planned, organized, and yes, even cemented the wall over the Memorial Day weekend. The idea behind this artwork is acceptance.



Left to right: Vice Principal David Neff, Basic Skills teacher Lisa Goodwin, and Principal Melanie Lamanteer, standing in front of the tile project.

Photo credit: J. Flanagan

Mrs. Goodwin wanted the fifth grade students to express what acceptance meant to them, and how they see it, as 10 and 11 year olds. Since fifth grade is the highest grade level at the school, she felt that they had more experience and could leave their mark in the hallowed halls of the school as well as be an inspiration to the younger students. The wall contains 360 tiles of fifth grade student artwork. The artwork was sent in to *Original Works*, where the artwork was transferred onto the tiles. Once it was shipped to Mrs. Goodwin, she then had to organize all 360 tiles. It was a success and Mrs. Goodwin plans on continuing the wall with the idea of "Believe in Yourself." Well,

we believe this was a great example of Mrs. Goodwin believing it could be done.

OMICRON CHAPTER

Gail Starr, *president*

Congratulations to **Dr. Judith Nappi** for being published in the 2017 Volume 84-1 issue of **The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin**. The article is entitled, "*The Importance of Questioning in Developing Critical Thinking Skills*".

The abstract for the article states, in part, "Questioning is an important component of the teaching/learning process and is embedded in quality instruction and strategic thinking. The capacity to ask and answer questions is essential to obtaining knowledge and understandings. Teachers ask questions of students to guide them in the acquisition of information and promote the ability to think critically. Questions are used to teach as well as to assess student understanding. Questioning cannot be discussed without referring to the work of Socrates dating back over two thousand years. Socrates spent most of his life asking questions about people's beliefs and values and examining the same. Through questioning, Socrates encouraged his students to explore prior held beliefs and subsequently to build stronger, scholarly views. The Socratic approach involves posing



a succession of systematic and prearranged questions designed to help students to reflect and therefore, improve their thinking and gain a better understanding of their own beliefs and ideas."

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Dr. Nappi is the program director for Teacher Leadership and Principal Leadership at Rider University, and currently serves as Omicron's first vice-president, and the AZS legislative chair.

Michele Cucinotta, guidance counselor at the Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School in Barnegat Township, was instrumental in attaining a therapy dog to visit students



Therapy Dog, Tink.
Photo credit: M. Cucinotta

during the course of the school day. Tink, a Shih Tzu, is a licensed therapy dog through *Therapy International* and will work with students as a positive motivator. Tink has been well received by both students and staff!

PI CHAPTER

Kathryn Albertson, *president*

September saw *The Formers* (retired Pi sisters) creating and delivering "Welcome Back to School" gifts to our working sisters. The annual fall membership dinner meeting was held at the Telford Inn on October 16. During the meeting, knitted squares made by Pi Sisters were collected for *Warm up Across America*. The squares will be sewn into various sizes for distribution to homeless persons and others in need. Pasteboard picture books, clean paint brushes and non-toxic markers will also be collected for the *Chimpanzee Literacy* project. The *Crayola Crayon Initiative* will continue this year.

Pi Sisters Helping Sisters will walk again this month at the Cooper River Park to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The Pi book club was invited back to **Lisa Scottoline's** home for lunch on Oct. 8.

During November, Pi Chapter will participate in a fall flower arranging class at Rose Bud Florist. The annual holiday social will be held in December. *The Formers* will wrap Christmas gifts at the Deptford Mall to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Future activities include the Initiates Orientation and Tea. Also, at a future general membership meeting, a presentation entitled *Scams, Fraud and Solutions* will be the topic for discussion.

RHO CHAPTER

Patricia Garay, *president*

The sisters of Rho chapter have enjoyed our chapter project, *Blankets for Babies*. We gather once or twice a year to make knotted fleece baby blankets for the *Center for Great Expectations*, a center for homeless, pregnant or parenting adult women, adolescents and their children.



Left to right: Pam Watkinson, Linda Ormosi, and Susan Grassi holding a knotted baby blanket.

Photo credit: P. Garay

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The center strives to help these women break the cycle of abuse, addiction, and homelessness.

Our very own Rho sister, **Mary Jean DiRoberto**, has been serving the center as the manager of *Katy's Place*, a child development center that provides individualized care for each child in residence. Recently a group of Rho retirees met at the county library to make blankets. It was a wonderful morning of friendship and service.

Former Rho sister and treasurer, **Laura Hartner**, sheltered from Hurricane Irma with another former Rho member, **Joan Matula**. Laura and her husband, Fred, relocated to Key Largo last fall. Joan and Marty Matula retired to North Carolina several years ago. It was good to know that Laura was safe and sound!

SIGMA CHAPTER

Susan Yoder, *president*

Sky McClain, Sigma's corresponding secretary, has been instrumental in orchestrating some recent activities.

Her second annual *Sigma School Supplies Garage Giveaway* was a big success, greatly appreciated by teacher recipients. Sky, once again, reached out to local classroom teachers at the end of the school year and collected boxes and boxes of any new or lightly used materials that would have otherwise been thrown out.

After testing, organizing and sorting all the items with the help of other Sigma sisters, she advertised the day her home garage would be "open for business" and grateful teachers came by to take advantage of the offerings.



*Sky's garage full of collected school supplies, ready for free pick up.
Photo credit: Roberta Sallee*

Sky, a retired art teacher, also volunteered to teach a roomful of Sigma sisters how to weave. All attendees were pleased with their final results and the camaraderie enjoyed during their time working together.

Annette Harris, Sigma's first vice president, has been busy, too. She is promoting our *Help Our Sisters in the Classroom* project whereby our retired sisters are offering their time and energy. Additionally, she is running the third annual "*Bus Trip to Broadway*" fundraiser. (May 5th if anyone is interested!)

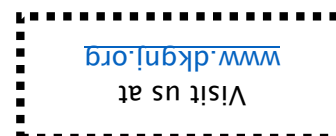
We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding year.

Date and Deadlines

DECEMBER 2017	15 - AZS Elizabeth Bozearth Scholarship applications due 15 - AZS Professional Growth Stipend applications due 15 - AZS Margaret Abel Scholarship applications due
JANUARY 2018	6 - State Meeting – Location to be announced (Snow date: 13th) 9:30 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. meeting
APRIL 2018	6 - CTAUN Conference: United Nations, NYC, NY 13 - 15 AZS Convention: Somerset, NJ
JUNE 2018	9 - State Leadership Workshop 9:30 a.m.
JULY 2018	16 - 20 DKG International Convention: Austin, Texas 18 - DKGEF "Sounds of Austin": Austin, Texas



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