



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

## **New Jersey State Organization**



*Reimagining our future...  
Reigniting our purpose*

*Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center  
Somerset, New Jersey*

*April 12-14, 2024*



**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**  
**Organized by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton**  
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**THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

New Orleans, Louisiana - July 29 – August 2, 2025

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

**2024**

National Harbor, Maryland  
(Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

July 9 – 13, 2024

**2026**

Aurora, Colorado  
(Gaylord Rockies)

June 30 – July 4, 2026

**2028**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 4 – 8, 2028

**2029**

Austin, Texas

July 25 – 28, 2029

**Mission Statement**

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

**Vision Statement**

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**International Projects**

DKG/UN

Support Early Career Educators

Schools for Africa

## Purposes

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 interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

# NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Organized February 26, 1938 as Alpha Zeta State

## CHARTER MEMBERS

Virginia A. Adams*	Marou Brown Little*
Elizabeth M. Bozeath*	Anna R. Nelson*
Dorothy K. Cadwallader*	Caroline Staman*
Ora Lee Everts*	Sarah L. Strong*
Jennie M. Haver*	Ruth H. Thomas*
Dorothy S. Jackson*	Frances Beers Tibbits*
Lillian Kane*	Winifred Weldin*
Grace Koerner*	Sarah O. Whitlock*

## STATE PRESIDENTS

1940-1942	Elizabeth M. Bozeath*	Beta
1942-1944	Ruth H. Thomas*	Alpha
1944-1946	Frances Beer Tibbits*	Alpha
1946-1948	A. Virginia Adams*	Beta
1948-1950	Mary Lutz*	Gamma
1950-1953	Ethel Luidens*	Gamma
1953-1955	Viola M. Stokes*	Alpha
1955-1957	Ethel G. Patterson*	Beta
1957-1959	Bess Lewis Gettrich*	Alpha
1959-1961	Sarah L. Strong*	Gamma
1961-1963	Ruth E. French*	Beta
1963-1965	Charlotte E. Patterson*	Alpha
1965-1967	Margaret F. Abel*	Gamma
1967-1969	Dr. Arianna M. Claypool*	Beta
1969-1971	Mary L. Briant*	Alpha
1971-1973	Marie R. Stone*	Delta
1973-1975	Marion L. Ramsbotham*	Epsilon
1975-1977	Jeanette Middlebrook*	Alpha
1977-1979	Ruth N. Freed*	Delta
1979-1981	Sarah W. Lowden*	Eta
1981-1983	Beatrice A. Searles*	Alpha
1983-1985	Anna Marie Amorelli DellAvvocato*	Theta
1985-1987	Mary Ann Mironchik	Lambda
1987-1989	Suzanne H. Hunt*	Epsilon

1989-1991	Dr. Blossom S. Nissman*	Eta
1991-1993	Ruth Forlines*	Nu
1993-1995	Marie McGuire*	Alpha
1995-1997	Patricia L. Rahn	Omicron
1997-1999	Dr. Beth Ann Richey*	Beta
1999-2001	Doris A. Lambert	Iota
2001-2003	Dr. Judith Merz	Alpha
2003-2005	Dr. Marilyn Gonyo	Lambda
2005-2007	Dr. Mary Lee Batesko	Zeta
2007-2009	Carmela S. DeMarco	Gamma
2009-2011	Claire A. Swanson	Alpha
2011-2013	Roxanne Adinolfi	Sigma
2013-2015	Mary Conover	Pi
2015-2017	Barbara Smith	Omicron
2017-2019	Carol Schwartz	Gamma
2019-2021	Ingrid Williams	Nu
2021-2023	Dr. Nora Pollard	Lambda

*\*Our deceased sisters*

## **NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA OFFICERS 2023-2025**

President	Irene Maskaly, Iota
First Vice President	Cathy Fortunato, Lambda
Second Vice President	Diane Roberts, Omicron
Recording Secretary	Chris Musick, Nu
Corresponding Secretary	Luella Vengenock, Beta
Treasurer	Ellen Hahn, Beta
Nominations Chair	Mary Lou LeCompte, Lambda
Parliamentarian	Dr Barbara Glazewski, Lambda
Immediate Past President	Dr. Nora Pollard, Lambda

## STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the 2024 Convention of the New Jersey State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma International. This Convention marks 86 years of promoting professional and personal growth of women, educators, and support of one another. Whether you are joining us for your first convention, or a longtime member, we are glad you are here!

The theme for this biennium is “Reimagining our future, reigniting our purpose to leave a legacy of excellence!” All your work to empower women educators and inspire leadership does not go unnoticed. Every action, every small act of generosity, inspires and uplifts everyone you and your chapter members embrace. I promise that you will have a fun and enlightening experience at this convention.

I would like to thank the members of DKGNJ convention team, state officers, and committee chairs, who have been working diligently to bring you a rewarding weekend of fellowship and learning experiences to broaden your vision and reignite your purpose in our global organization.

This year we welcome society international guest, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid. Lyn was a past DKG international president, 2014 through 2016 and an International Achievement Award honoree. Lyn will deliver greetings from international on Friday night and will conduct a Q&A session after our business meeting on Saturday. Please be sure to take a moment to introduce yourself to her this weekend.

An amazing weekend of events is planned for you! Friday evening festivities start with our silent basket auction and an ice cream social. Saturday, First Vice President, Catherine Fortunato, and the program planning committee have assembled a wide variety of workshops to expand your personal and/or professional horizons. We are also honored to have at our birthday luncheon the DKG international 2023 book award winner, Dr. Denise Ammeraal Furlong. Arts Chairs Patty Curtis and Laura Perrius have organized an Arts & Music Festival for your enjoyment throughout the day. Join us at the amazing statewide induction ceremony of our new members on Saturday and celebrate



the accomplishments of our sisters at the Dinner Banquet on Saturday evening.

We will conclude our weekend on Sunday morning as we honor the sisters we lost this past year at the Celebration of Life ceremony.

By attending our annual convention, you are making the choice to be a contributing member of our state organization, and to help impact education worldwide. Thank you for spending this weekend with the members of the New Jersey State Organization. I'm looking forward to meeting our newest members and reconnecting with the sisters of my heart.

Thank you, all of you for all you do on behalf of DKGNJ and DKG International!

Happy 86th Birthday DKGNJ!

*Irene*



**WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE  
OUR LONGSTANDING MEMBERS OF  
50 YEARS OR MORE!**

**ALPHA**

*Denise Doychak, 1974*  
*Peggy Firtion, April 1971*

**BETA**

*Marion Heath. 1967*  
*Ann Saienni. 1968*

**EPSILON**

*Mary Alice Hosking, April 1972*  
*Elba Lane, April 1972*  
*Georgeanna Lewis, April 1972*

**ZETA**

*Rita Herber, April 1972*

**ETA**

*Harlene Galen, 1974*  
*Faith Steinfort, 1974*

**LAMBDA**

*Mary Ann Mironchik, April 1967*  
*Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo, April 1971*  
*Judith Jordan, April 1971*

**MU**

*Lillie Ham Hendry, April 1967*

**NU**

*Joan M. Smith, April 1971*

**DKGNJ Welcomes International Representative  
Lyn Babb Schmid, Ed.D.  
DKG International President 2014-2016  
International Achievement  
Award Honoree 2017**



We are excited to welcome Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, our representative from International, to the 2024 DKGNJ Convention. Lyn Schmid is an educator that has a passion for people. She started out in her freshman year at Auburn University to be an architect. But her freshman advisor pointed out that her small, rural High School in Roanoke, Alabama only allowed the girls to take

Home Economics, not the requisite Mechanical Drawing that the boys were directed to study. That glass ceiling experience led the way for Lyn to embark upon a career in education. And she agrees that developing her passion for people, rather than buildings, has been a rewarding choice.

After receiving her Bachelor's Degree at Auburn, Lyn earned a Master's Degree at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. Her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies was conferred at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Lyn has taught Secondary English, been a Secondary and Elementary Reading Specialist, a Reading Supervisor, and retired as an Elementary Principal. After 35 years of service in public education, her most recent position was serving as a National Assessment of Educational Progress assessor for the US Department of Education. She was the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International President for 2014-2016 and received the International Achievement Award in 2017.

Lyn loves to watch college football and basketball. She has been widowed since 2004 and loves spending time with her friends, and her two big brothers. Discussing books, movies, and women in leadership over a fabulous meal with a glass of wine is her idea of a great time.

Lyn is positive, reflective, and an enthusiastic leader. She loves humor and its power to change attitudes. As a DKG Past International President and Executive Board member, she believes that the Society is truly moving forward and will emerge as a stronger organization in its current technological evolution. Lyn wants us all to hold fast to our heritage, be creative with our future to realize our purposes, and launch Delta Kappa Gamma as a preeminent professional education organization.

**DKGNJ State Convention on April 13, 2024**  
**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dr. Denise Ammeraal Furlong, Ed. D., ED. M.**

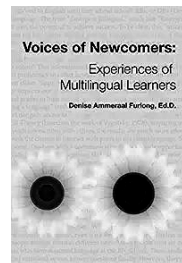


We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Denise Ammeraal Furlong as our luncheon keynote speaker at this year's state convention.

The DKG Educators Book Award Committee announced the 2023 winning book: *Voices of Newcomers: Experiences of Multilingual Learners* by Dr. Denise Furlong. Her book is also the Winner of

Skipping Stones Multicultural Award as an outstanding resource for multicultural education. This book is a practical guide for the early career educator, the seasoned educator, and the administrator looking to meet the needs of Multilingual/English Learners. Dr. Furlong attended the 2023 DKG International Conference in Phoenix, Arizona to accept her book award and while there met our DKGNJ State President Irene Maskaly.

This book gives the educational community time to pause and reflect on classroom activities, teaching styles, approaches to student feelings, attitude toward the Multilingual Learner, and insight into possible family situations or trauma that they have experienced. By amplifying the voices of these students, their families, and their teachers, this handbook includes real-life stories to help educators understand these diverse perspectives.



Dr. Furlong is currently working her dream job as an Assistant Professor/Director of Advanced Programs for Reading Specialist & ESL at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey. She has over 20 years experience teaching diverse learners and coaching their teachers in grades K-12. She lives at the Jersey Shore with her husband Tim, her kids (Ryan, Joey, and Sarah), and their two dogs.

Lambda Chapter will be welcoming her to DKG as an inductee on Saturday evening.

**NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION OF  
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

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| 4:00 -7:00 p.m. | Registration (Main Lobby)<br>Host Chapters: Zeta, Sigma, Nu  |
| 5:00 p.m.       | Set Up for Auction (Ballroom)<br>Host Chapters: Xi, Lambda   |
| 5:00 p.m.       | Past State Presidents' Dinner (By Invitation)<br>Seasonz Restaurant  |
| 6:15 p.m.       | Chorus Rehearsal<br>Chair: Laura Perrius   |
| 6:30 p.m.       | Dessert & Coffee Social (Ballroom West)<br>Host Chapter: Mu  |
| 7:30 p.m.       | Opening Session (Ballroom)<br>Flag Salute<br>Message: Cathy Cleenput, Motivator<br>Welcome: Irene Maskaly, State President<br>Greetings: Dr. Lyn Schmid,<br>International Representative<br>Basket Auction (Ballroom)<br>Host Chapters: Lambda, Xi |

## Saturday, April 13, 2024

- 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
- 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration (Main Lobby)  
Host Chapter: Zeta, Sigma, Nu
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Art/Music Festival, Info display set up  
Chairs: Patty Curtis, Laura Perrius  
Host Chapters: Epsilon, Alpha, Iota, Gamma
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Induction Rehearsal (Ballroom West)  
Chairs: Carol Boehm, Angela Castaneda  
Host Chapter: Delta
- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Chapter Sales  
Host Chapters: Sigma, Omicron
- 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Art/Music Festival/Information Display  
Chairs: Patty Curtis, Laura Perrius  
Host Chapters: Epsilon, Alpha, Iota, Gamma
- 9:00 a.m. 1st General Session (Ballroom)  
International Representative, Dr. Lyn Schmid  
Q&A after the business meeting  
Host Chapter: Beta
- 9:00 a.m. Orientation for Inductees  
Chairs: Theresa Messineo, Megan Connolly
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Chapter Sales  
Host Chapters: Sigma, Omicron
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions

*Enabling Equity: How Every Student and  
Teacher Can Have a Library of Their Own*  
Presenter: Larry Abrams

*AI-Powered Education: Empowering Educators  
to Transform Learning*  
Presenter: Dr. Terri Evans (Lambda)

*Decoding Digital Dialogue: Navigating Current Student Trends on Social Media for Educators and Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams*  
Presenter: Dawn Flanders, ED. S (Mu)

*Line Dancing Class*  
Presenter: Linda Hyland (Lambda)

Book Discussion: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver  
Discussion Leader: Wilhelmina Bryant (Lambda)

11:50 a.m. Banner Carriers Assemble (Ballroom Foyer)

12:00 noon Birthday Luncheon (Ballroom)  
Host Chapters: Eta, Nu, Rho  
Keynote Speaker: Denise Ammeraal Furlong, Ed.D.

2:30-3:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

*Motion is Lotion – Simple Stretches to Keep You and Your Joints Healthy!*  
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Albert Devine (Mu)

*Remembering Pete Seeger – And His Use of Music as a Tool of Education*  
Presenter: Spook Handy

*How to Create Successful Outdoor Learning Spaces*  
Presenter: Tracey E. Holland (Eta)

*Teaching Overseas*  
Presenter: Carol Bastian (Sigma), Diana Gross, and Jennifer Laster (Lambda) / Presider: Jane Murphy (Sigma)

Book Discussion: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray  
Discussion Leader: Lisa Hirkaler (Epsilon)

- 4:00 p.m. Breakdown of Art/Music/Info displays  
Host Chapters: Epsilon, Alpha, Iota, Gamma
- 5:30 p.m. Inductees, Escorts, Chapter Presidents & State  
Officer participants assemble
- 6:00 p.m. Induction Ceremony (Ballroom West)  
Chairs: Carol Boehm, Angela Castaneda  
Host Chapter: Delta
- 6:45 p.m. State Officers, Past State Presidents, Outgoing  
and Incoming Chapter Presidents Assemble  
(Ballroom Foyer)
- 7:00 p.m. New Jersey State Organization of DKG  
Banquet & Awards Ceremony (Ballroom)  
Host Chapters: Eta, Nu, Rho

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

- 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
- 9:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Service (Mirabelle)  
Host: Darci Erikson (Eta)
- 9:45 a.m. Closing Session (Mirabelle)  
Host Chapter: Beta



## **2024 DKGNJ INDUCTEES**

*\*inducted in chapter*

### **Alpha Chapter**

Tamisha McKoy  
Julia Ermatinger  
Eleanor Vick \*  
Diane Blazier

### **Gamma Chapter**

Jessica Eichhorn  
Amy Fisher  
Melissa Reynolds  
Renee McFall \*  
Crystal Watkins  
Maida DePalma  
Elizabeth O'Neil

### **Delta Chapter**

Kimberle L. Bruckno Moore \*  
Barbara A. Cialon-Zuzulock  
Wendy J. Cope \*  
Kelsey A. Greene \*  
Martina Trapani

### **Epsilon Chapter**

Bonnie Sue Bastin \*  
Catherine Goodwin \*  
Melissa Neamand  
Jennifer Van Kirk \*  
Suzanne Belvedere \*

### **Eta Chapter**

Carleen Artusa  
Kimberly Hall \*

**Iota Chapter**

Claudia Kirby \*  
Patricia Sollimo \*  
Margery Walsh \*

**Lambda Chapter**

Lisa DeMarco  
Laura Toto  
Josselin Morales  
Linda Hyland  
Kryisia Duran  
Dr. Terri Evans  
Mariam Altari  
Dana Spano  
Dr. Denise Furlong

**Omicron Chapter**

Lisa Frankle \*  
Kathleen Kelly \*  
Silvia Kirby  
Margaret Smith \*  
Amy Trotta

**Rho Chapter**

Katherine MacQueen  
Elizabet Donahue  
Gargi Adhikari

## Chapter Presidents Reports

### Alpha Chapter

Alpha is ending its biennium dedicated to sharing DKG “Beyond These Walls”. The sisters took part in service programs, speaker presentations and fellowship that brought the purposes and mission of DKG beyond the four walls of our meetings. We learned about a year in the life of a State Teacher of the Year, from our own sister Theresa Maughn. We learned about and started supporting a very worthy organization, “Strength in Our Sisters”, dedicated to supporting battered women and their children. Most recently we were treated to a fabulous presentation by Gail Goolsby about the life of the Director of the International School of Kabul. These were just a few of the wonderful experiences we shared at our meetings as we continue to promote DKG beyond our own walls.

Our ranks also continued to grow with an impressive roster of candidates. Each sister brings a dynamic spirit and list of accomplishments that makes them stand-outs in our profession. We were thrilled to welcome three ladies; Andrea Ritacco, Morris County Teacher of the Year, Emily Blumberg Passaic County Teacher of the Year and Gina DiMaggio Bergen County Teacher of the Year, as our newest Alpha Sisters, in 2023.

As with all things in life there is a season, and a time for every matter. Alpha said goodbye to two very distinguished DKG members Bea Kettlewood and Carolyn (Lynn) Smith. These two ladies became Alphas when their chapter, Kappa, restructured. Their legacy and contributions to education and their community were awe-inspiring.

The sisters of Alpha chapter look forward to continuing to keep DKG a strong presence in its members' lives and in the lives and organizations that we support. We are strong, relevant women educators from Morris, Bergen, Passaic and Essex Counties in New Jersey. We are ALPHA.

*Theresa Messineo*

Alpha Chapter President, 2022-2024

## **Beta Chapter**

With 33 members, Beta is fortunate to have a core number of dedicated sisters, who keep our chapter going as we manage an aging membership. Sadly, we lost three sisters with a total of 173 years of DKG membership this biennium.

Our 75th birthday was celebrated in true DKG fashion, including red boas, a red and white balloon arch for fun photos, and handmade keepsake Beta mugs. A game of “Did You Know?” was enjoyed by all, including our DKGNJ state president, Dr. Nora Pollard, where everyone learned many unknown facts about fellow Beta sisters.

Beta continued our philanthropic activities of generously donating to a local food bank; collecting for BookSmiles, which included 25 boxes of books to be discarded from a nearby school library, that will now be put into the hands of children without the resources to have their own books; delivering Welcome Back goodie bags to over 30 local schools; and making dresses to be delivered to those less fortunate in a foreign country.

A new community outreach program allowed those at a local senior living facility to learn about monarch butterflies and experience a monarch release. The joy shared with the residents was truly an unforgettable event.

Beta’s members continue to be active at the chapter, state, and international levels, attending the state convention and the most recent International Convention in New Orleans.

Celebrating our Most Appreciated, Revered, Valued, Esteemed, and Loved (MARVEL) sisters continues to be an opportunity to share an afternoon with some sisters who are unable to attend evening meetings, and plan the events for the upcoming calendar, all while spending time outside under a perfectly comfortable shade tree.

Beta members are kept up to date through snail mail, emails, newsletters, Remind app, phone calls, text messages, and web news on their website. Check out all the great things we are doing by visiting our website <https://dkg-betachapter-nj.weebly.com>

*Jo Ann Corvino*

Beta Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Gamma Chapter**

Gamma chapter has maintained its mission to support the community at our meetings. Our Vice President for Programs and the Program Committee kept members busy completing service projects while enjoying good food and company. Our first meeting was well attended with current members and five guests from various Mercer County schools. In honor of our 75th birthday, members made Birthday cake kits, which were given to local food pantries because everyone deserves a chance to celebrate their birthday. The winter holiday gathering is always a festive event with a white elephant activity and a pajama collection for the local Lala and Mimi Pajama Project. The Inductees' Tea was a beautiful afternoon welcoming four new members, with additional members joining officially during the convention. Gamma prides itself in supporting local small businesses, so spring meetings will be hosted at local restaurants. We continue to support women by creating period pad packs for the middle and high school girls in our districts.

A natural disaster hit our philanthropic charity, the Miracle League of Mercer County. In April of 2023, a tornado damaged the barrier-free baseball field that allows athletes with special needs to play baseball. The membership agreed to donate funds to help MLMC repair their field in record time. The league was able to salvage part of their spring season. Several members became Angels in the Outfield as buddies to the athletes during a game.

Gamma is looking forward to moving into the next biennium with a new executive board. We will continue to motivate our members to take care of themselves and someone else.

*Diana Vasil*

Gamma Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Delta Chapter**

Delta Chapter, located in beautiful Cape May County, is happy to report that we have had another successful biennium and have seen an increase in membership this year. Our chapter has recently inducted five new members from our local school districts. Our meeting participation continues to grow since the Covid pandemic, and we have been able to help several local organizations.

Delta had the opportunity to partner with three wonderful organizations this fall. We were happy to be able to continue Project

Read to Me until our local hospital closed its maternity center. This project placed books in the hands of new parents through donations to our local hospital. Members met several times to pack welcome bags with donated books. Our local hospital and parents of newborns were happy to receive these gifts. We hope to continue this program through another local organization or preschool program.

We were also able to assist ‘Gotsneakers?’ a sneaker recycling organization. This organization's mission is to, “keep sneakers out of landfills and reduce toxic chemicals from being released in our air and soil. All sneakers from our sneaker drive fundraiser program are re-circulated to people who want quality, reusable footwear at affordable prices or repurposed into new surfaces such as playgrounds and tracks.” We were able to collect over a hundred pairs of sneakers to donate. This program also raises a small amount of money to fund our annual scholarship.

Delta’s sisters were also able to collect children’s books for Irene Maskaly’s president’s project. Our books will be donated to the Little Library Program that one of our local teachers, who is battling a rare form of cancer, has established for her district’s students.

Delta hopes to continue to grow in membership this spring and into the new biennium. We also hope to continue fundraising to continue our scholarship program. We are looking forward to a great 2024!

*Donia Mills*

Delta Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Epsilon Chapter**

Epsilon is a vibrant and enthusiastic group of women educators who are dedicated to advancing themselves and their profession by creating opportunities for fellowship, support and leadership. Our unofficial motto, “An Epsilon Sister never says no,” rings true as I look at all the efforts our members put in to make our chapter special. Our members are very generous with volunteering their time for all our chapter projects, and I want to highlight a few of them.

Cynthia Seamans chairs our chapter’s Book Smiles initiative and has done more than her share of door knocking to find places for us to donate books. Northwest New Jersey is too far from Book Smiles itself, so she has gotten creative. She has gone to local businesses and found places where we can put books into the hands of needy children.

Our webmaster, Barbara Edwards, regularly keeps our website up to date with many additions of information and pictures. She also organizes Epsilon's Book Club, keeping track of books we have read or want to read, and preparing for our discussion sessions.

Epsilon has co-chairs for membership. Along with their other duties, Susan Brezina and Maureen McGrath go above and beyond to welcome new members by organizing yearly meet and greets, usually with wine and cheese, and a prospective inductees tea where potential new members can really get to know us and what DKG is all about. It's a wonderful way for new inductees to build relationships with current members and begin to feel like welcome additions to our chapter.

Patty Curtis, Epsilon's First Vice President, has provided Epsilon with many varied and interesting programs during her tenure. The women of our chapter have learned ways to fight back against the horror of human trafficking, and we have formed a handbell choir. We have learned important self-care techniques and how we can support the migration of monarch butterflies in our own backyards. Patty has also found many delightful places for us to hold our luncheon meetings which are no small feat with a chapter of 80 women. Patty will become Epsilon's president for the next biennium, and we are so fortunate to have such a creative and capable leader for our chapter.

Second Vice President, Lorie Jeskey, has been busy with her own responsibilities and has also been working with Patty to develop programs for the next biennium when she will take over the office of First Vice President. Along with the Rose and Key awards which she organizes for the chapter, Lorie runs our Secret Sister program. Those who choose to participate are given the name of another sister, also participating, who they contact anonymously throughout the year, recognizing birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. The Secret Sister program is another way that members of Epsilon form bonds with one another. It's always fun when the Secret Sisters are revealed at the end of the year!

Epsilon is a wonderful chapter due to the efforts of all these women, and Susan Hebel adds to the experience as our Social Committee Chair. She is a former art teacher, and she plans events that provide beauty and culture for our members. Sue has organized trips to art galleries, museums, theater and most recently, a beautiful sculpture

garden. In March, she will host our yearly “souper supper” at her lovely home. This is a fun social event we always look forward to. We all truly benefit from her efforts and her artistic perspective.

Epsilon’s charitable works continue as well. Maija Volk organizes volunteers for a local soup kitchen, Manna House. She usually gets so many that she has to turn some away! We also periodically donate nonperishable goods which another sister, Linda Zwart, picks up and delivers. Our generous sisters also regularly donate gift cards and goods to DASI and DASACC, local battered women’s shelters. Epsilon also funds scholarships for students majoring in education at two local community colleges.

Treasurers are truly the unsung heroines of any organization, and Epsilon is privileged to have an exemplary one in Joan Lucas. She keeps our accounts up to date, keeps track of expenditures and receivables, pays bills, and collects and records dues. It’s a lot of work, and we truly appreciate her efforts.

They say that many hands make light work, and Epsilon proves the point. From the above, you can see much of what Epsilon does and also who helps to do it. This is by no means an exhaustive listing, however. There are many others who are equally necessary for our chapter to run smoothly. I appreciate and am indebted to them all. My second biennium as president of Epsilon is coming to a close, and I know that this chapter is strong as we move into the future. I am so thankful for my tenure as president, and I am grateful to all the many women who have helped me as committee chairs and members, as mentors and as friends. I hope that in the future I will be able to give back at least some of what I have been given through this opportunity.

*Betty Monaghan*

Epsilon Chapter President, 2022 - 2024

### **Zeta Chapter**

During the 2022-2024 biennium, under the tutelage of Dr. Mary Lee Batesko, Zeta Chapter continued to share warm fellowship with our sisters as well as experiencing many informative programs.

Johanna Mc Cauley continued to host our summer Fun, Friendship, and Pizza parties which are always most enjoyable and well attended.



Book discussion led by Judy Pfennig on Raymond Arroyo's book entitled *Mother Angelica* was both informative and lively.

Our annual Holiday Parties found us enjoying good Italian food, good will, and having our annual collection to contribute to Dottie's House, a program that supports women and children suffering from domestic violence.

Melissa Miller graciously hosted our Inductee's Tea where Kathy Francis and Rachel Calhoun were introduced to their future Zeta sisters.

A NJEA representative shared valuable information with our chapter pertaining to retirement, pension, and benefit information at Zeta sister, Christine Morsch's warm and comfortable home.

Sharing our memorable teaching stories, laughs, and uplifting moments at Mallory Kennedy's bayside home was the perfect inspirational setting for this meeting.

A highlight of this biennium was our open to the public meeting featuring Jessica Cox of the Right-Footed Foundation. Jessica shared her presentation entitled "A Disability is Not an Inability." We were pleased to have DKG-NJ State President, Irene Maskaly in attendance.

We are looking forward to our final two meetings of this biennium. Dawn Flanders, a DKG member will speak and answer questions on scams and prevention. She will also address *Current Trends of Students on Social Media*.

Our final meeting will feature Sarah Nisha Adam's book entitled *The Reading List* led by Johanna Mc Cauley. New officers will be installed for the 2024-2026 biennium.

*Mary Lee Batesko*  
Zeta Chapter President, 2022 – 2024

## **Eta Chapter**

This is the last year of my second biennium as president of Eta. I would not have considered this journey if it were not for the support, encouragement and dedication of the Eta Executive Board and Chairpersons.

Our 1st Vice President, Karen Gamon and 2nd Vice President, Tracey Holland and I worked jointly to assure that our Strategic Action Plan 2022-2024 was compliant with DKGNJ's Strategic Action Plan. Goals that were accomplished this biennium included: creating an online Eta community for discussions and communication through Facebook, utilizing our website to keep member abreast of chapter, state, and international information and resources, holding small group meetings to define roles and responsibilities of the Eta officers and utilizing member talents to encourage participation.

Our 1st Vice President of Programs Karen Gamon and Educational Excellence Chairperson Vicki Warner and I met to brainstorm programs to promote personal growth of our members. I met with our 2nd Vice President for Membership Tracey Holland and Membership Chairperson Dianna Dohrman to discuss our need to electronically update our Biographical Data sheet. This was put in place in February 2023.

Our 2022 October Dessert Meeting featured guest speaker Richard Barrios, cinema historian and author of seven books of the history of musicals. His presentation was on his latest book *West Side Story: The Jets, The Sharks, and The Making of a Classic*. We had the privilege of DKGNJ President, Nora Pollard, and 1st Vice-President, Irene Maskaly join us. Our 2023 October Dessert Meeting presentation was on Agnes Gilkerson Smith, given by Eta member Eleanor Dunker.

Our fundraising was expanded by selling long sleeve t-shirts with the DKG logo on the front left-hand corner and on the back a large rose with the statement "Eta Best of the Bunch". At last year's convention we sold a silver rose keychain/zipper pull that has a small heart engraved with DKGNJ attached to it.

We have continued to support our ongoing projects such as Schools for Africa, World Fellowship, Educational Foundation, and Crossroads.

A chapter favorite, “Dress-A-Girl” was again a success; we completed 51 sundresses to be distributed to African girls through a church organization last year. This year, Eta member, Mary Zaccardi reached out to “Pockets of Hope” to support women fighting breast cancer. Eta’s “For the Love of Book” collection is going strong. We collected 450 books this year; making our total 2,450 books collected.

Our active teaching members receive a “Thinking of You” gift bag filled with school supplies, chocolates, lotions etc., around Valentine’s Day.

This year we supported “Meals on Wheels We Love Pets” by donating pet food, treats and toys to be distributed to Meal on Wheels clients. Providing these items ensures that the clients can keep their beloved “fur babies”.

To strengthen bonds of sisterhood and friendship for our Eta members we started “Christmas in July”. Members gather at our 1st Vice President’s holiday decorated house to make Christmas cards and participate in a cookie swap.

Eta Chapter is proud to announce our new members, Kimberly Hall and Carleen Artusa. Carleen will be inducted into DKG at the DKGNJ Convention and Kimberly will be inducted into DKG at our May Dinner meeting.

The DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury approved Joanne Smith’s “Mountain View” quilt and “Golden Hour” photograph and Annie Wood’s “Rainbow Floating Blocks” quilt. These works of art were displayed in the DKG International Fall 2022 Fine Arts Gallery. We are so proud of these ladies!

Speaking of proud moments, our 1st Vice President, Karen Gamon, received the DKGNJ Key Award 2023, and Tracey Holland was the recipient of the 2023 Elizabeth M. Bozarth Scholarship. Darci Erickson is now the DKGNJ Chairperson of Necrology and Tracey Holland is the DKGNJ Chairperson of Grant-in-Aid.

As you can see, we are a very active group of dynamic women, and we are proud of it.

*Jacquie Long*

Eta Chapter President, 2022-2024

## **Iota Chapter**

Iota Chapter continued our tradition of service, growth, leadership, and achievement. Our chapter supported so many causes including Community Care Food and Clothing Pantry and Veteran's Haven. Margaret Jackson accepted a tribute from Veteran's Haven on behalf of the Iota chapter. The chapter is enthusiastically supporting state president, Irene Maskaly's project donating books to BookSmiles. In addition to creating and maintaining our dynamic Iota website and Facebook page and serving at the state level, Shannon Pizzuta invited Iota sisters to join her service project making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a local shelter. She also spearheaded a fundraising campaign in her district which raised \$25,000 for various cancer charities.

Irene Maskaly serves as DKG NJ President and chairs the DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury. She will present a workshop at the DKG International Convention 2024 in National Harbor, MD this summer. Shannon Pizzuta serves as state editor and Denise McDermott is the UN liaison for DKG NJ. Our membership chair and 2nd VP, Sharon Gardner, organizes a monthly book club which meets in person at local restaurants. Sharon plans the annual recognition for active sisters at the beginning of each school year. Sharon continuously plans chapter activities, for instance, retiree lunches, cookie exchanges, museum visits and bowling that offer opportunities for fellowship and friendly competition.

In March 2023, Iota sisters visited Doris Lambert for her birthday. The occasion included presentation of Doris' DKG 40th anniversary pin. Doris has served DKG NJ in many capacities, including as state president.

Jeanne Whalen volunteers with CASA, advocating for children in the foster care system. These are only a few examples of the wonderful work our Iota members engage in. We are so proud of all our members' dedication to education and to the well-being of people in their communities and across the globe!

*Camy Kobylinski*

Iota Chapter President, 2022-2024

## **Lambda Chapter**

We would like to thank the members of Lambda Chapter's Executive Board for working together seamlessly to create a successful biennium. We have had fun social events, informative meetings and speakers, holiday gatherings, picnics, and fundraising events. And a big thank you to all of the members who have supported Lambda Chapter in various ways: donating for fundraisers, attending meetings, supporting other members, and so much more.

We have had a number of speakers at our meetings who shared their knowledge and experiences with us. We learned about Organ Donations and Transplant Programs, and about Eye Diseases and ways to care for your vision. Recipients of the Early Educator Award shared some of their experiences as new teachers. Members shared information about potential new service projects.

A number of Lambda members were recognized for achievements and awards during this biennium, some of which include: Jennifer Laster received the Teacher of the Year Award in 2022 and Dr. Marilyn Gonyo was honored by the dedication of the Dr. Marilyn E. Gonyo Early Literacy Center at the Monroe Library. Michele Contala's photographs were selected to appear in the DKG International Fine Arts Gallery. Cathy Fortunato won the DKGNJ 2023 Rosebud Award and the chapter's Key Award, and Wilhelmina Bryant was appointed Board President for the Town Clock CDC in New Brunswick. Lambda member Marie-Luise Weiss recently published a children's book entitled "Let's Move Like the Animals in the Forest". Take a look at the state website to see a short video of Marie-Luise reading from her wonderful book!

Through numerous fundraising efforts, we have been able to generously support our service projects. After supporting the Kilolo School in Tanzania and the James O. Bryant Food Pantry in Piscataway, Lambda members have chosen The Rutger's Student Food Pantry and The Town Clock CDC Scholarship Fund in New Brunswick for this year. We also continue to be involved with the Pen Pal Program, a letter exchange program with students at the Bridges Learning Center in Akron Ohio. Members also continue to support fellow member Linda Walton's annual fundraiser, Jason's Run, a summer event which raises scholarship funds in memory of Linda's son Jason. Some members also continue to support a previous chapter project, Dina's Dwellings, which provides safe housing and additional services for women survivors of domestic violence. Thank

you to all members for your generosity in support of our service projects!

Lambda Chapter continues to take great pride in our Early Educator Award Program. This yearly award provides funds to a college senior majoring in education, to assist with meeting the expenses of completing a state approved Teacher Education Program. We have recently chosen a fourth recipient for this award, and it gives us great joy to provide assistance to early educators and to have them share with us their experiences and excitement as new teachers.

Lambda Chapter continues to grow, and we welcomed seven Inductees at our Tea and Orientation Program in February 2024, and have an additional inductee to welcome for a total of eight new members this year. We are honored and excited to have these extraordinary educators join our chapter, and look forward to getting to know them better and working together in the coming years.

On a final note, this summer we said goodbye to a cherished chapter member, Annabelle Boehm, who passed away on August 21, 2023. Annabelle was a dedicated, hardworking and generous member of DKG and Lambda Chapter. She held many positions at the chapter level and most recently served as Second Vice-President of DKGNJ. Annabelle is dearly missed.

*Joan Stuart, Barbara Pollex*  
Lambda Chapter Co-Presidents, 2022-2024

### **Mu Chapter**

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as president of Mu Chapter during the 2022-2024 biennium. We have tried to schedule activities to encourage more members to attend. Our members seem to be divided into two categories – younger members busy with job, home and frequently additional education and retired members who have moved on to more exciting personal endeavors. We continue to work on the challenge of getting and keeping members.

Mu Chapter has worked on various philanthropic endeavors – Court Street School, Sister's Academy, and contributions to Ghana. The chapter has donated many goods including books, clothes, furniture, and household things to Ghana. They are transported by a service

through the caregiver of one of our members who has Alzheimer's disease.

We have a couple of members who have worked hard in the community. Cathy Longano presented her book and writing process at one of our meetings. She is presently published on Amazon. At the present time, Dawn Flanders is Co-Chair of the Membership Committee and Co-Chair of the Leadership/Professional Affairs Committee for the State. She is very engaged in getting her doctorate and has recently applied for one of the international scholarships through DKG. Dawn also conducts many speaking engagements at the chapter, State and International levels. She has retired from the police department and aspires to teach at the University level for her next phase.

Elizabeth Flynn and PJ Madreperl continue to serve as State Chairs for the Historian Committee.

I would like to thank all the members of Mu Chapter who contributed to making our chapter successful and who are always there when needed. It has been a rewarding experience. I would especially like to thank Puddy Flynn for her enormous support in my role as President. She continues to offer very much appreciated assistance and guidance. Other special thanks to Louise Gorsegner, Donna Clause, and Teresa Cuesta for their support and guidance on the Executive Board.

*PJ Madreperl*

Mu Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Nu Chapter**

As my biennium draws to a close, I want to thank my officers for their support. They were a great sounding board to discuss ideas to benefit our Chapter's growth and vision. I also want to thank the previous Nu Chapter presidents for their support, encouragement and guidance. I had hoped to step into my second biennium this spring, but fate threw me a curveball. Medically, I am unable to continue in a leadership role.

This biennium Nu Chapter began two programs to support teachers in the classroom:

1.) SEE - We provided support for 120 new teachers in the K-8 schools of the Lenape Region through \$25 Staples gift cards.

2.) A Teacher Grant Program – Teachers in the Lenape Region can apply for classroom support grants to support classroom projects, supplies, or education. The math department of Olson Middle School in Tabernacle received a grant to support their implementation of Peter Liljehdahl’s research in his book *Building Thinking Classrooms*.

Nu Chapter also continued to support philanthropic causes that are important to our chapter. We did this by providing programs at our meetings and collecting donations. We also look forward to continuing to support these organizations in the future.

1.) The Unforgotten Haven – We gave our president’s project funds to this organization which provides support to community members, veterans and animals who are sick, abused, or homeless.

2.) The Seneca High School Food Pantry – We gave food and grocery gift cards to this Seneca High School program that provides food and support to students in need, while also providing retail work experience for our special education students.

3.) The Crossroads Program – We gave toiletries, games and movies to this residential program that provides housing and support for homeless, neglected or abused children and teens.

*Vicki Shoemaker*

Nu Chapter President, 2022-2024

## **Xi Chapter**

It’s so hard to believe that my second biennium as President of Xi Chapter is coming to a close. Our chapter has been busy with fundraising, volunteer work and social events. Every October we hold a full day event called Scrappy Saturday in which folks sign up and pay to work on their scrapbook projects, uninterrupted for up to 11 hours! We provide the space, tables, Wi-Fi, and three meals. We also had vendors who sold their scrapbook related items. We start months ahead of time to secure permission from the Northfield Community School in Northfield to use their cafeteria. This past year was especially challenging when we discovered they disposed of most of the long tables that we so desperately need. We got permission to borrow tables from another school and rounded up a pickup truck or two to get them. During this event our sisters donate baskets for a silent auction. Some items are donated by local businesses. This year



our newest member, Arlene Roller, made a beautiful quilt that netted over \$400 from chances. Most members donated food, money and/or their time to prepare and serve the three meals. In 2023 we gave away 7 Teachers Helping Teachers classroom grants, each valued up to \$250. The winners came to our February 2023 meeting and enthusiastically explained their projects. They enjoyed food, pictures and conversation with our members. All were given information about DKG. We also awarded a female student at Stockton University who is currently student teaching a \$750 Book Award to help defray tuition and the expenses incurred while student teaching. The Dean of Education from Stockton attended our meeting as we presented this award. We are giving away Teachers Helping Teachers grants again this year as well as a Book Award to a student teacher.

We also donated money to several area charities, including the Atlantic City Rescue Mission and “A Night to Shine”, a Tim Tebow very special prom for adults, young and old with developmental disabilities. One of our sisters organizes and volunteers at this event every year. While we have supported an Atlantic County Women’s center with personal care items and clothing, our focus has shifted to books for children at the Atlantic City Day Nursery. We donated new and gently used books as well as individually wrapped new board and picture books as a holiday gift for each child, from infants to preschoolers. Other areas where our sisters volunteer include South Jersey “Field of Dreams” baseball program for children with physical and developmental disabilities. We continue to maintain a Little Free Library (LFL) and participate in Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep and beach plantings in Strathmere, NJ. Speaking of Strathmere, a little known seaside town just south of Ocean City, for about 10 years now we have an annual beach day. Another event we enjoyed was a high tea at The Pleasant Tea Room at Graycewyns Gardens in Hammonton. We’ve organized dinner and a play at the Eagle Theater. We are in the process of organizing a tea in Tuckerton and possibly a winery tour in Cape May.

Finally, due to the generous nature of our chapter we found that our budget was getting low. Money raised at our scrappy event can only be used for scholarships and teacher grants. So we came across a great fundraising idea. At the last minute a malfunctioning craft machine sent us back to square one. At our February meeting a sister came up with an idea for a “Pin Ribbon”. Some of our retired sisters got together and went to work making these to attach to the DKG badge that many sisters all over New Jersey order. We have a variety

of fabrics to choose from. We are hoping they are a success at convention. I am very excited to say that attendance at convention will be significantly higher than last year when only two of us could attend. We have a newly retired teacher who has rejoined our chapter and quickly signed up to go to convention. We have a very diligent treasurer, Jane Flanagan, who keeps us on target for spending. Our membership chair, Lisa Goodwin, has worked hard on print and digital materials to encourage new members. Finally, I must make note that when planning food for a recent meeting, everyone pitched in with some fabulous “fixings”.

*Rose Rhine*

Xi Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Omicron Chapter**

Omicron Chapter is in Southern Ocean County at the Jersey shore. There are 31 members at present, including three new dynamic and active members who joined in 2023. In 2024, five outstanding women have decided to join Omicron, and one will transfer. We are very happy that three of our charter members still belong to Omicron: Betty Gill-Bailey, Joanne Hill, and Patricia Rahn. Our members are active or retired teachers, counselors, administrators, university professors, child study team members and other education-related professionals.

At our meetings, we try to include interesting, topical programs. In March 2024, our member, Dr. Barbara Wheeler, will present a program on Music Therapy. Dr. Wheeler travels all over the world presenting workshops on this topic. In addition to informative topics, we include a fun topic in meetings. During this biennium, we enjoyed trying to guess our members by looking at their childhood pictures. This year, we are planning to add an Educational Tidbits feature at every meeting. These will be short, informational segments about current trends in education.

Omicron’s charities are very important to us. This year, we have added an additional charity – Providence House – which helps families during difficult times. We have been able to restart our Books for Babies program and provide baby bags to the maternity ward of Southern Ocean Medical Center. These bags contain a baby book and suggested readings for infants through preschoolers. At Christmas, we donated a basket to the devoted staff of the hospital in thanks for their support of Books for Babies. We continue to support

Schools for Africa, Book Smiles and local food pantries. We give a five-hundred-dollar scholarship annually to a female high school senior who intends to major in education in college. During this biennium, Omicron has also started a project called The Mitten Project. At our December meeting, members bring winter hats, gloves, scarves and mittens, which are donated to Providence House for their needy families. We have also begun a committee called Caring Sisters, which provides help to fellow Omicron members in need of transportation, shopping, or other help.

We are very sad to report that Omicron lost three hard-working, caring, and much-loved sisters during this biennium: Alice Hazeltine, Joyce Salow, and Joan Tatur. They will be missed by all.

*Beth Selfridge*

Omicron Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Pi Chapter**

Pi Chapter continued to be a vibrant, active chapter during the 2022-2024 biennium. We had one new member inducted into our Chapter with DKG NJ President Irene Maskaly presiding over the induction along with our membership chair. As a group, we remained focused on serving the community and staying connected as an organization.

We held four general membership meetings: Fall Dinner, Holiday Dinner, Annual New Member Tea, and our 40th Birthday Celebration Dinner. Each of our business meetings included an opportunity for sisters to share and catch up with each other and included our exciting “Brag Bag” news for all to share news about themselves and/or their family.

We continued to support very important community organizations through various donations. We donated funds to the Annual Breast Cancer Walk, fruit cups for Kids Backpacks in Glassboro, wrapped gifts for the Ronald McDonald House in December, provided personal care and beauty items for Mothers Matter, collected school supplies for children, and provided the Rowan Shop with feminine products for college students. Collecting books for *BookSmiles* remains a project that will continue. Pi Chapter’s book club continues to select relevant books and meets for lively discussions.

Membership milestones are recognized each year at our Birthday Dinner. We were excited for the following sisters who were

recognized for 25 years of membership: Joan Geraci and Joan Walsh. In addition, *Years of Service* pins were presented to the following Pi Sisters: 20 years – Linda Behm; 15 years – Cynthia Moyer, Helen Musumeci, and Rebecca Schwartz; and 5 years – Kathy Cartwright and Michelle Marhefka. We look forward to continuing this recognition program each year.

Pi Chapter has held some wonderful fun activities for our sisters, including a presentation by Jane Eyre, a fencing instructor and author, a presentation by the Gloucester County Prosecutors, a card-making project hosted by one of our Sisters, and a ceramic project to name a few. We also look forward to installing our officers who will continue to lead the Pi Chapter.

*Dr. Amy Fratz*

Pi Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Rho Chapter**

Share the love was the message that I gave to my chapter and share the love we did. We have inducted four new members: Liz Donahue, Katherine MacQueen, Tiffanie Summers, and Hunterdon County Teacher of the Year, Gargi Adhikari. Members reached out hoping to include a collegiate member in our group and now have a potential collegiate member! One of our sisters, Kate Zimmerbaum, a recipient of the Elizabeth Bozearth scholarship, is in the final stages of her Doctorate in Literature entitled, “In extremis: An Aesthetics of Excess in Fiction of the Troubles”. The chapter can’t wait to celebrate her accomplishment.

After much inactivity, our chapter website is near completion with the work from various members as well as the updating of our chapter rules. To promote State President, Irene Maskaly’s President’s Project, children’s literacy book donations, Rho connected with the Harvest Success program in Flemington to enrich their teen library as well as support their early readers with bilingual books. Also, a chapter pamphlet which highlights our chapter has been created.

With the success of our fundraising projects, Rho has increased the dollar amount of our scholarship given to a recipient in each of the county schools: North Hunterdon Regional High School, South Hunterdon Regional High School, Voorhees High School, Central High School, and Del Val Regional High School. We hope to increase our scholarship fund with the selling of pashminas at the

State Convention. Each year our chapter starts with a diaper collection for Harvest Success, and we continue to partner with Center for Great Expectations and recently donated \$300 in gift cards.

This past summer we toured the Dawn Warner Book Room at Milford School. Dawn had been a member who succumbed to cancer. Another member who is no longer with us is Joan Johnson. Joan was one of the founding members whose voice was so distinguishable, full of joy, and had served as our treasurer for many years. We look forward to celebrating her life at the State Convention's Celebration of Life.

I have learned so much as my chapter's president, felt the love of my fellow sisters, and look forward to serving Rho Chapter in a new capacity.

*Joanne P. Hyland*

Rho Chapter President, 2022-2024

### **Sigma Chapter**

Sigma sisters were happy to bid farewell to pandemic restrictions! We met in September for a backyard picnic, to catch up and plan for the year. In the fall, we enjoyed tea at Jane's Tea House in Haddon Heights. Our holiday dinner was held in a member's home. In March, we gathered to share books and enjoyed a pizza dinner. In April, we joined Beta, Eta, and Nu for a delicious lunch and interesting program at The Riverwinds Restaurant in Deptford.

In May, we met for a backyard picnic. We had hoped to award our annual grant-in-aid to a female studying to become a teacher. Unfortunately, we did not have any applicants. We identified that a change was needed and spent some time discussing the changes to our application process. It was suggested that we change the focus of our support from aspiring teachers to selecting those who are just starting in their careers. It was agreed that we should change our chapter rules to use our grant funds to provide professional development for teachers. A need for this was identified in the Delanco Schools where one of our members teaches.

Meetings were held with the principal in Delanco to identify areas that could use support. Teachers were surveyed to share areas in which they would like assistance. In the meantime, we collected

school supplies to share with those teachers, to let them know we are creating plans to help them. The funds we raised in the Friends Helping Friends event at Boscov's were added to our Grant funds.

During the summer of 2023 we had a few informal meet ups In September, we gathered to reminisce and look through past Presidents' Books. A survey was taken to try to identify members willing to take on leadership roles in the chapter for the next biennium. Unfortunately, the survey did not find a full slate, so the current executive committee called each member to try to complete a slate. In October, a group of us met for lunch at Amici in Cherry Hill, and then we caravanned to Haddonfield Plays and Players to see a delightful musical – *Something's Rotten!* Our holiday dinner was held in December at Allora Bistro. At this meeting, we would typically have elected a new slate of officers, but since we were unable to come up with a slate the chapter will have to dissolve at the end of this biennium. Since this announcement, surrounding chapters have welcomed our members to join them. Many of our sisters will continue to serve DKG as members of another chapter.

Sigma will meet for a book talk and the Combined Meeting in March. In April, two of our members, Carol Bastian and Jane Murphy, will present at the state convention. In May, we will have our last Sigma meeting.

*Jane Murphy*  
Sigma Chapter President, 2022-2024



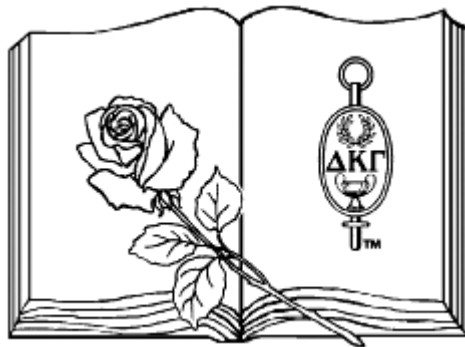


## *In Memoriam*

	<b>Inducted</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
<b>Alpha Chapter</b>		
Dr. Bea Card Kettlewood	1972	May 10, 2023
Carolyn Smith	1977	July 2, 2023
<b>Beta Chapter</b>		
Dr. Beth Ann Richey	1970	September 27, 2023
Doris Salati	1957	May 3, 2023
<b>Lambda Chapter</b>		
Annabelle Boehm	2007	August 21, 2023
<b>Omicron Chapter</b>		
Joyce Salow	1982	May 12, 2023
Alice Hazeltine	1990	September 16, 2023
<b>Pi Chapter</b>		
Babette Wise	1993	June 18, 2023
<b>Rho Chapter</b>		
Joan Johnson	1986	August 24, 2023

## RULES OF ORDER FOR THE 2024 CONVENTION

- A quorum for this convention meeting consists of the majority of the members who have registered at the convention.
- Committee reports are limited to three (3) minutes.
- Every registered member may make motions, add to discussions and vote.
- All persons addressing the chair shall stand and state their name and chapter.
- All motions, amendments and resolutions shall be presented to the chairs or presiding officer in written form before a vote is taken and shall be signed by the individual or chair of the group presenting such a motion.
- No second is needed when the motion comes from the committee.
- All motions shall become part of the Recording Secretary's file.
- On speaking to a motion, each person shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
- The discussion time for any proposed amendments to the governing documents will be limited to ten (10) minutes.
- No person shall speak more than twice to the same motion.





## 2024 DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2024 International Convention will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, U.S.A. The Gaylord National Resort overlooks the Potomac River with waterfront terraces at its back door and the bustling town of National Harbor at its front. From malls to boutiques, live entertainment to casinos, wine bars to restaurants, and ferry terminals to Ferris Wheels, National Harbor has whatever might be your interest. And, if you desire, take the short trip over the river to Washington D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia.

Of course, the convention will also offer all the excitement you have come to expect and more: enjoying keynote speakers, engaging in breakout sessions, networking with members, connecting with old friends, and using your member voice when you vote on proposed amendments to the Society's governing documents.

Save the date! July 9 – 13, 2024.

Register here:

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/Events/2024\\_Convention\\_DC/2024\\_International\\_Convention.aspx#register](https://www.dkg.org/DKGSI/Events/2024_Convention_DC/2024_International_Convention.aspx#register)

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Women teachers to the calling,  
Firmly Rally never falling,  
Duty ne'er upon us palling,  
Staunch, courageous we!  
Loyalty and trust e'er heeding,  
Mindful of our sisters needing,  
Aid and guidance from those leading,  
Helpful may we be!

Oh Delta Kappa Gamma  
Faith we pledge forever!  
Hand in hand our loyal band,  
Forward moving ever!  
Onward! tis our sisters need us,  
Courage, Faith, and Honor lead us!  
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us,  
Firmly shall we stand!

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,  
For our sisters watch e'er keeping,  
Deeds of others now we're reaping,  
We for others stand!  
To us pioneers have given;  
We return their gifts to heaven;  
Work for others is the leaven,  
That inspires our band!

Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma,  
In the fold we gather!  
Unity and Liberty,  
Shall be our watch words ever!  
Education e'er we'll further,  
Each is bound to each as brother,  
With this faith in one another,  
We shall win, for aye!