

Alpha Zeta State News



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Preparing to Lead the Way



Attendees at the June 10 AZS state meeting pause for a photo with President Barbara Smith.

"A Great Team Makes Leadership Easier" was the theme for the June 11 AZS state meeting and leadership training. Led by Dr. Nora Pollard of Lambda Chapter and AZS State Leadership Development Chair, attendees comprised of Executive Board Officers and chairs, chapter presidents and chairs were led through a team-building activity and debriefing. Participants formed teams, were blindfolded, and asked to spin around. They were then tasked to pick up a rope from the ground and to form it into a perfect square. While debriefing, participants felt it was a challenging task but was found to be easy with team communication and effort as well as the emergence of leader(s) and a plan. A delicious lunch and a t-shirt attesting to "A great team makes leadership easier" was given to all attendees and added to meeting's success.

The September 9 AZS state meeting was held at Sayen Elementary School in Hamilton, NJ. State officers and committee chairs met with chapter presidents and representatives using a team approach to conduct business.

AZS's new and veteran leaders recognize and acknowledge that ***"Work is easier to carry if your heart is involved"***, a quote Dr. Pollard shared from Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way by Robin Gerber. AZS applauds the commitment and work of our members. See page 3 for additional photos.



AZS President Barbara Smith (left) and Dr. Nora Pollard (right)



A message from our president, Barbara Smith

As AZS enters the second year of the state biennium, we continue to follow our TEAM theme to move AZS forward. We continue to focus on our membership and inviting new outstanding women educators into our New Jersey organization. All chapters are encouraged to consider sharing the leadership responsibilities with their new members and to provide leadership training experiences whenever possible for all members. I look forward to continuing one of the most enjoyable responsibilities of my presidency, visiting chapter meetings, hoping to visit each chapter at least once this biennium.

A new biennium begins for our chapter presidents. They will continue to build strong chapters, using a "team approach" to achieve chapter goals. It is important to remember, each chapter has a leadership team of officers and committee chairs. No one should expect one person, or even a small group, do all the work of the chapter. We are all leaders and should support our chapter officers to maintain a healthy and productive chapter. It takes us all to move our chapters forward to support women, children and educators this biennium. Never hesitate to hold a chapter position. After all, teachers are quite skilled in organization, preparation, presentation and motivating students and parents. You have the skills and, as always, the available support at chapter, state and international levels. Delta Kappa Gamma is focused on supporting women, personally and professionally.

The new officers attended the June Leadership Session. AZS Leadership Development Chair, Dr. Nora Pollard, provided a fun and informational leadership development session for the new chapter officers and state chairs. 2016 Guidelines booklets were given to every chapter president, treasurer, membership chair and communication/publicity chair as an additional support to our leaders.

The leadership development was also very evident at the 2016 International Convention, where more than 2,000 DKG members from 17 countries from around the world gathered for the week. I was very proud to represent Alpha Zeta State at the Convention. DKG President, Dr. Schmid, asked me to address the international executive board at their luncheon and reflect on *Advancing Key Women Educators for Life*. It was easy sharing the pride I have always felt as a member of DKG for 35 years and appreciated the support that was given to me throughout my career as an educator, as well as in my personal life.

I am proud of my membership. I pose some questions for you to reflect upon: "Why did I join DKG? What have I contributed to the chapter? To the state? Why do I continue my membership? How can I help keep AZS strong? Do I tell others of our organization? Do I seek and invite educators of all walks of life, who are eager to make a difference for women, children, and society?" Be proud of your membership and seek others, who share our vision, mission and passion.

Scholarship/Stipend Committee Presents Stipend

*Jo Anne Applegate, Jean Jaeger, and Faith Steinfert,
Scholarship/Stipend Committee Tri-Chairs*

The Scholarship/Stipend Committee was happy to present a \$1,000 Professional Growth Stipend to Michele Contala. At the September state meeting the committee reviewed all of the applications and voted to give the stipend to Michele to be used to purchase two iPads and other necessary equipment for the Videographer's/Technology Club at Avenel Middle School to film and edit a Veterans' Day event held at the school. Each year the eighth grade class hosts a Veterans' Day program honoring the veterans from World War II through the Iraq War. In the past they photographed the veterans in order to create a calendar and slide show. With this new equipment they seek to expand the involvement of the club by creating videos for the veterans and the social studies department.



Michele Contala thanks AZS for her stipend at September state meeting.

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AZS State Meetings in Pictures: June and September 2016

Photos by Michele Contala, AZS photographer



Jersey Girls Share Experiences From DKG International Convention 2016

New Jersey was well-represented this July at DKG's International Convention held on July 5-9 in Nashville, TN. Enjoy the memories of some of our AZS attendees in verse and photographs. Consider being a part of the national convention experience in future years.



Although I have been attending Regional Conferences and International Conventions for a number of years, this was one of the most exciting for me. My roommate, Pamela Chappell lives in the state of Michigan. I have known her for several years because we sang in the choruses together. Pamela was a featured performer to inspire member artists at this convention and to present "DKG Artists Dialogue." We have developed a closer friendship that will continue to grow as we meet at future Regional Conferences and International Conventions. By attending the many meetings, I am able to see and make connections with friends I have made over the years. These are special blessings in my life.

Doris Lambert

My adventure in Nashville was a little different than most of the other AZS members since, as the 2014-2016 chair of the International Communication and Publicity Committee, I was "working". On Tuesday I attended the International Executive Board meeting and presented a preconference workshop on *Using Tech for Convention*, with headquarters staff Nita Scott, Camille Kirkbride, and Judy Merz. Wednesday I was invited to an Appreciation Tea Party for my service on an international committee. I spent most of Wednesday afternoon at the Cyber Center, teaching members, either one on one or in small groups, how to use various technology such as Twitter, Google Forms and creating one's profile on the international website. Thursday I had the honor to present the biennium report of the Communications and Publicity Committee at the general session. Looking out at the assembly of over 2,000 women was a slightly terrifying experience! Friday I presented a breakout session with Judy Merz on *Exploring the new DKG Website!* Members wanting to get a taste of the convention should go to the international website at <https://goo.gl/u3uaWL> to see videos of the opening and Thursday general sessions, one of the keynote speaker's presentation, International President Carolyn Pittman's acceptance speech and a funny skit involving a horse race. You can also find photographs of the convention to view and/or buy at <https://goo.gl/qRGVmd>.

Claire Swanson



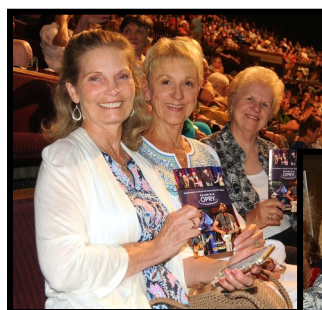
My first DKG International Convention was awesome. Landing at the airport, the Tennessee Sisters were there to greet and welcome you. I thought the Sisters were very friendly and more than helpful throughout the convention. Stepping into the Gaylord Resort was an experience that will not be forgotten as it took one's breath away to see the lush vegetation and water such as the canal. What a perfect place for a convention as a matter of fact there were three conventions going on at the same time! The tour of the Grand Ole Opry was a must and certainly didn't disappoint, it even was within walking distance of the Resort. To see the international flags presented at the Opening meeting was an inspiring moment. One breakout session that I attended was "Humor for the Health of It" presented by Edna Thayer a former RN. She was enjoyable and made you laugh the entire session. She said that the "a" in laughter is a way to dump emotional garbage. Going to the Wild Horse Saloon was an experience that I will not forget. The band was excellent, the food and ambiance were amazing. Where else can you go and see 5 horses embedded in the ceiling by their hooves, or see 300 - 400 DKG sisters line dancing? It was truly a memorable evening! They say that Reba McEntyre had the street closed down and ran a herd of cattle through when the refurbished Wild Horse opened. One way to see Nashville was to get on the Hop-on Hop-off bus. The tour included thirteen stops such as the Ryman Center and the Parthenon. What a way to see Nashville especially if you have a good tour guide!! I found that the camaraderie and friendliness of all DKG members that I met will be remembered by me for a long time! As the departing song at Passages Banquet stated, "I had the time of my life".

Ann Nash

This was my first International Convention and I expected it to be good. I love our yearly AZS conventions and have attended several Northeast Conventions, so I thought I knew what I could expect. I was wrong. Attending the DKG International Convention in Nashville was beyond anything I had imagined. We sang. We danced. We were in Nashville, after all, The Music Capital of the World. "Nashville Night", the opening night of the convention, was spectacular. It started with a very moving presentation of the flags, from 17 countries, of DKG and ended with an amazing performance and message by violinist Kai Knight. If it had started and ended that night, I would have come away "wowed." But it just kept getting better and better. Everything was very stimulating and thought-provoking. We had incredible and motivating keynote speakers every single day, a varied array of breakout sessions to choose from, and the opportunity to vote on amendments to the International Standing Rules. Every time we had a general session, President Dr. Lyn Schmid had one of our young "DKGNext" members speak about what DKG meant to them. Seeing young women with a passion and enthusiasm for our Society was stirring. They represented the faces of the future of DKG and it was a good reminder to me that to keep this society moving forward, we all need to continue to look for and initiate quality women from this generation. Being in attendance with sisters from all over the world was very special but, as always, having time to interact with other AZS sisters that attended was the best. I already have July 16-20, 2018 marked on my calendar for the next DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas. You should mark it on your calendar too.

Ingrid Williams

Jersey Girls at Convention (continued from page 4)



Attending our International Convention is always a wonderful experience for me. I get to reconnect with old friends and make many more new ones. It affords us the opportunity to network with sisters from many other chapters, states, and countries. The workshops are always informative, helpful, and provide us with new resources to bring back to our state and chapter. This year, I was fortunate to travel to Nashville with my husband. He got to experience our opening ceremony. Now he understands why I come home from regional and international conferences with a renewed and refreshed look at DKG.

Carol Schwartz

This year's international convention was particularly exciting. There was great entertainment and interesting workshops, where you always learn something new. It's always such a good time to spend time with sisters you know as well as make new friends. I renewed my friendship with Fusa from Japan who started her Japanese chapter. She is such a wonderful lady. The Grand Ole Opry was a wonderful sight to see, especially when the storms came rolling in and there were no lights. We were sitting in total blackness until everyone who had a cell phone turned on their flashlights!

Barbara Henderson



Activity Updates for Educational Excellence

Carol Schwartz, First Vice-President, Program of Work/
Educational Excellence Committee Chair

At our September 10, 2016 State Meeting, the Alpha Zeta State Program Chairs/Educational Excellence Chairs met to discuss our breakout sessions for the 2017 Convention. We will be offering ten breakout sessions. Two of the sessions will include book discussions, with one session held in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The committee also discussed all of the proposed programs for the 2017 Convention. Each selection was carefully chosen, using the seven purposes as guidelines, along with the goals set up by our international committee. We also reviewed the evaluation forms from our 2016 convention. All of your comments and suggestions were taken into consideration in an effort to provide the most enlightening and informative breakout sessions for you at our State Convention, March 31 - April 2, 2017.

During the last year of this biennium, our mission remains the same, to promote programs of educational excellence in education. The DKG Society International has asked chapters to promote Schools for Africa, support Early Career Educators and encourage programs which focus on educational excellence and promote the DKG/UN relationship. This year the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference will be held once again at the UN on January 27, 2017. Registration is now open for the 2017 CTAUN Conference "Refugees: the 21st Century Challenge." The deadline to register is January 17, 2017. For more information and a link to register, one should go to CTAUN CONFERENCE 2017 at <http://www.teachun.org/>.

The committee and I look forward to working on our breakout sessions for the 2017 AZS/New Jersey Convention. Our goal is to make the 2017 Convention highly purposeful and beneficial. We look forward to seeing you at the Somerset Doubletree!

AZS Communications Survey 2016

Alpha Zeta State President, Barbara Smith, has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Communications/Publicity consisting of herself and Jan Paxton, Claire Swanson, Margaret Niemiec, Carol Schwartz, and Jessi Oliano. The committee has been given the charge:

1. To investigate the communication and publicity needs of the AZS Organization;
2. To establish the responsibilities of a new communication and publicity committee that will address all areas of communication and publicity, and define the roles of the committee chairs;
3. To establish the responsibilities of a new AZS communication and publicity standing committee that will address all areas of communication and define the roles of the committee chairs; and
4. To draft the language for a comprehensive communication and publicity standing committee for AZS incorporating the AZS Bylaws and Standing Rules, the DKG Constitution and ISR, the DKG Guidelines for Chapter Communications and Publicity Committee Chairs and any other necessary resources the committee needs to accomplish their charge.

Here's where you come in: we need your help! We have prepared a short survey to help us evaluate the present communications needs of Alpha Zeta State members. Please help us to understand your needs. There are only 10 questions, but, as usual with surveys and evaluations, we really need 100% of our members to respond in order to get the whole picture. Make sure your response is in by **November 23, 2016**.

The survey is online at <https://goo.gl/forms/pHIUKdRcPdIwBVL53> and also linked to the AZS website at <http://www.dkgnj.org/communications-survey.html>. **The a hard copy of the survey is found on page 7 of this newsletter.**



Maskaly's Art to Appear in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts

DKG's Arts & Humanities Jury announced the publication of *A Summer Visitor*, a watercolor painting by Irene Maskaly in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, an online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org. Irene is a member of Iota Chapter. DKG anticipates the unveiling of the new Gallery works on November 1, 2016. There will be an article in the *DKG NEWS* publicizing the new works in the gallery. Irene's work will stay up in the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived. Congratulations, Irene!

Alpha Zeta State Communications Survey

Please answer the following questions to help us determine where communications in NJ need to go as we head forward in the 21st century. Please make your response before **November 23, 2016**. You can snail-mail it to: **Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829**.

1. Do you read our Alpha Zeta State newsletter (the one that comes out 3 times per year printed for those without computer access and linked to our website for everyone else)? ☐Yes ☐No
 A. If you answered "Yes" which best describes your impression of the newsletter:
☐Keeps me fully informed ☐Keeps me fairly well informed ☐Keeps me fairly well informed
☐Gives me only a limited amount of information ☐Doesn't tell me much at all about what's going on
2. Do you use the Alpha Zeta State website?
☐Yes, Frequently ☐Yes, Occasionally ☐Not really ☐Not at all
 A. If you answered "Yes" which best describes your impression of the website:
☐Everything is there and easy to find ☐It is too hard to find what I want/need
 B. If you answered "Not really" or "Not at all" which best describes your reason:
☐I never use websites ☐It is too hard to deal with ☐I didn't know it was there
3. Do you read the e-mail "News Between the News" when it is sent? ☐Yes ☐No
 A. If you choose not to read it, which best describes your feeling:
☐It comes too frequently ☐It does not really apply to me ☐I just get too much email
☐I do not want to receive email from Alpha Zeta State
4. Which of the following communication methods would/do you use on a regular basis to find AZS information if it was available? Check all that apply.
☐Print newsletter ☐Electronic newsletter ☐Website ☐Email (News Between the News)
☐Facebook ☐Twitter ☐Linkedin ☐DKG Communities
☐Google+ ☐Snapchat ☐Instagram ☐Other _____
5. What types of information would you find useful from AZS? Check all that apply.
☐News from International ☐News from AZS ☐Information from state committees
☐Chapter news ☐Successful chapter programs ☐Successful chapter projects
☐Calendar of events ☐Convention news/registration forms ☐Legislative issues
☐Acknowledgement of members' personal achievements ☐Other _____
6. How frequently would you like to be contacted with information from AZS?
☐Weekly ☐Biweekly ☐Monthly ☐Other _____
7. What do you appreciate most about communications from Alpha Zeta State?
8. What would make the Alpha Zeta State website more useful to you?
9. Do you have any suggestions that could improve communication with our members?
10. Select the group with which you most identify:
☐Retired ☐Classroom teacher/educator ☐Special services (CST, etc.) ☐Administrator in the district
☐Other? Please tell us what you do: _____

Now we would like to get some information about your general usage of various forms of communication technologies. Please rate the frequency with which you do each of the following:

	Never	Rarely	At least 1X month	At least 1X week	Daily	Not aware of this technology
Read a blog						
Contribute to a blog						
Listen to audio via podcast or online streaming						
Watch video via podcast or online streaming						
Participate in an online discussion group						
Send/receive a text message from a mobile device						
Receive news via a mobile device						
Use an aggregator to follow the latest postings to websites, blogs, etc.						

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ALPHA CHAPTER:

Deborah Hoeflinger, *president*

Alpha sisters are supporting The Red Hawk Pantry at Montclair State University. The pantry was established to help college students who have difficulties getting healthy food. Throughout the year we will be collecting food and toiletries for the pantry.

Alpha will also take part in the program "Girls Love Mail". At each meeting we will write letters of encouragement to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. The organization will collect our letters and distribute them to women via the caring staff at cancer centers.

Alpha will continue our support for our troops when we meet in December and collect supplies to deliver to Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox of New Jersey is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to collecting donated supplies and shipping care packages to our troops.



BETA CHAPTER:

Jo Ann Corvino, *president*

Jo Ann Corvino has begun her term as president leading Beta's first meeting of the year. She looks forward to a biennium filled with new and familiar things by building on the work of past Beta Presidents. By working together, Beta Chapter sisters will continue to strive to reach its fullest potential as a vibrant chapter of dedicated women educators.

Three Beta sisters traveled on an epic road trip this summer to attend the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, TN. Luella, Kelly, and Ellen had a grand time enjoying speakers, visiting local sites, and meeting DKG sisters from around the world. Many memories were created with all the adventures both during the convention and that monumental car ride.

Beta member, Chelsea Collins, New Jersey Teacher of the year for 2015-2016, has a new job at the NJDOE. She is an Education Programs Specialist in the Talent Office, working on initiatives that impact the state's most effective educators. Chelsea evaluates ways to increase the impact of our state's best educators. She will shine in her new job!



GAMMA CHAPTER:

Michelle Maruca, *president*

Gamma Chapter has begun the new biennium with gratitude for the past and positivity for the future. Former leadership has worked side by side the current officers and executive board members during the exciting transition. The spirit of hard work, enthusiasm and sisterhood remains strong. All of which Gamma is continually grateful for!

The chapter recently celebrated its Founder's Day by recognizing sisters for their years as a committed member to

Delta Kappa Gamma. The event included a fun and educational tour of historic Burlington City, New Jersey. Gamma is also proud to recognize and support sisters participating in continued studies within their ongoing learning.

Gamma is dedicated to continuing to support its community, our brave military and additional philanthropic causes near and dear to the heart. Members have a wonderful year planned, inclusive of welcoming new membership and attending the AZS Convention! All are looking forward to strengthening the bonds of sisterhood, while promoting excellence in education and citizenship!



EPSILON CHAPTER:

Pam Raynor, *president*

Pam Raynor begins her second biennium as president of Epsilon Chapter. Linda Adams, our past, past president, who was hospitalized this spring is now on the mend and is back to her "new self". The daily "get better" gifts that we collected for Linda brought smiles to both Linda and her husband, Bob. Epsilon sisters went above and beyond in collecting their "Change for Africa". During the summer months they saved their change and collected \$120.57.

This year Merle Tanis hit the ground running and has created our chapter's website. To see her fantastic work, please visit www.dkgepsilonnjweebly.com. Merle places information on the site with regards to events, meetings, and what to bring to each meeting. She has created a photo album on the web site that allows all Epsilon sisters to match faces with names. Due to our chapter's large size, this feature helps one to better know every sister.

Epsilon has struggled to have a project specifically designed to support early career educators, and thanks to our tutoring center in Hackettstown which is staffed by Professor Kathy Turrisi, of Centenary College, Barbara Henderson, Connie Semler, and students from Centenary College who come on Mondays as tutors for students in grades 2nd -6th grade, the Epsilon sisters are able to impart their knowledge to our future teachers.

On a sad note, Nancy Penner, an Epsilon sister since 1993, passed away this September. Nancy was a Special Education teacher at Brass Castle School in Warren County. Nancy leaves a husband, two sons, and a sister who is also an Epsilon sister, Carol Ann Holbrook. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Nancy's family.



ZETA CHAPTER:

JoAnne Applegate, *president*

Zeta Chapter is especially happy and proud to share that Staci Cornelius of Toms River Intermediate South, Beachwood and Lesley Dunham Odgers of the Russel O. Brackman Middle School, Barnegat have been selected as Teacher of the Year by their school community. They are not only an inspiration to their students but to Zeta chapter's members as well.

The inviting fresh salt air of Seaside Park, the camaraderie of friends and the simple delight of delicious pizza were

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some of the great parts of a "Summer Fun Pizza Get Together" hosted by Zeta member, Johanna McCauley, in July. Sisters were able to catch up with each other as well as to collaborate on favorite books that were read during the year. In August, members embarked on a creative journey of promoting and participating in the arts at their "Paint Party". After a delicious seafood dinner at Joe's Crab Shack, sisters explored their artistic abilities while creating a beach scene with instructor, Chelsea Odgers. Both events offered a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company before the busy school season commenced for many of its members.

Zeta members are certainly cognizant of potential "Scams, Frauds, and Solutions". Members were privy to a presentation hosted by Barry Wieck of the Department of Consumer Affairs on October 4, 2016, at the Ocean County Library. During the informative event, a myriad of topics was discussed in detail and members were encouraged to ask questions.

Zeta member, Jennifer Goodwin, found a silver lining in a cloud. She recently published a children's book, *Mom is a Metaphor*, which details her children's perspective of their mom's recovery from surgery after breast cancer. A light-hearted feel, adorable illustrations created by her daughter, and filled to the brim with figurative language, the children's book is truly an inspiration for anyone that is facing any type of adversity in their life.

Zeta members are eagerly anticipating their "Let's Celebrate the Holidays and Our Lives" meeting in December 2016. They anticipate welcoming some new members into the chapter in the winter/spring of 2016.



ETA CHAPTER:

Irma Lorenz, *president*

The Grant in Aid Committee of Eta Chapter will award a project enhancement grant up to \$1000 to a woman educator, in Burlington County public schools, for a classroom project which benefits her students and provides for student participation. Completed applications are due on or before December 9, 2016. Further information may be obtained from Mary Zaccardi at memary927@aol.com.

Tracey Holland currently has a 4.0 for two Orton Gillingham Dyslexia courses taken at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She has received an academic scholarship from the Masons and will continue with MSR 3 and 4 this year. In July, Tracey volunteered at the Burlington County Farm Fair, where she won a second place ribbon for her photograph of Harry, one of the family's goats.

Leona Maffei has been involved in all aspects of town politics while aiding her husband, who is mayor of their hometown. She writes and edits his speeches, and is able to attend many functions with him.

Lorraine Harnish returned from a ten day business trip in Iowa as a Certified Services Technician for American Profession Quilting Systems (APQS) in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. She is also a sales representative and educator for the organization. Lorraine writes "one of the hardest written and technical tests I've had to take!"

We welcome Brooke Vermes who was initiated at our October meeting. Brooke is a Middle School Special Education Educator in Beverly, NJ.

In January The Arianna Claypool Grant in Aid will be given to two former Cinnaminson High School senior women who have successfully completed their first semester of college.

At our October meeting, Mr. Bob Kopcho, Volunteer Coordinator at Crossroads Programs, Inc., presented a program concerning the varied programs offered by Crossroads to the youth of Burlington County. For the 20+ years, our chapter has donated material goods and money to support Crossroads.

We wish our active teachers a school year that is professionally and personally fulfilling.



KAPPA CHAPTER:

Mimi Weiss, *president*

Betty E. Hoehne has been selected to receive the "Spirit of the Arc" award by the Arc of New Jersey at their 2016 Annual Awards Dinner on December 6, 2016. Betty is receiving state-wide recognition for her long association with the Bergen-Passaic Arc, serving as an officer on the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board and also contributing her expertise on numerous committees. Now a trustee emeritus, Betty continues to give many hours in support of the organization's work with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Two years ago, Butler High School, in Butler, NJ, created a Hall of Honor and invited selected alumni who have been successful over the years in their careers. Bea Card Kettlewood, a member of Kappa Chapter since 1972, was chosen as one of six alumni to meet with current high school students at a moderated panel discussion about their careers. The distinguished alumni from a wide variety of fields discussed the requirements and the importance of education needed for achieving their own success. The panel discussion was followed by a Q and A time for students to seek more specific information to help them make their career decisions.



Bea Kettlewood

Bea, a high school art teacher for thirty-three years, has a doctorate in creative arts from NYU, has had 54 solo shows of paintings, and is the FRC-PP Art Gallery director in a church. She designed stained glass windows for five multi-denominational hospital chapels. Bea continues to give lectures to organizations on art history and art possibilities. Many of Bea's former students have chosen a variety of art careers from fine arts to commercial designer positions. By referring to their successes and her own, Bea will to influence a new generation of students to pursue education and to contribute to society over their lifetimes.

For 17 years, Kappa's Colleen Tambuscio has organized and led New Milford High School's Holocaust Study Tour program. This unique educational opportunity takes students to Germany, Czech Republic and Poland for a 15-day intensive study of the Holocaust at authentic sites. Through an application process, students are selected to participate and are largely funded by generous donors to the program.

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Colleen, who is the Tour Coordinator and program founder, states that the goal of the study seminar is to provide students with an in-depth onsite learning experience that will encourage them to understand the value of human life and challenge them to examine their own personal attitudes and behaviors. Students are deeply moved by the reality of the experience and serve as credible spokespeople upon their return, discussing their knowledge of the atrocities that were caused by exclusivity, the conscious actions of some, and the inaction of others.



LAMBDA CHAPTER:

Dr. Barbara Glazewski and Noreen McHale,
co-presidents

Though DKG members and officers for some time now, Noreen McHale and Kimberly Falcone finally attended our first International Convention this past July in Nashville. They had a southern fried adventure! They found the people of Nashville helpful and full of suggestions to enjoy their city. The Grand Ole Opryland was a sprawling venue with beauty at every turn. The waterfalls and foliage inside was a sight to behold. Spending time with their fellow sisters from our state at Jersey Girl night was an enjoyable evening. An amusing fact was that their waiter was actually from NY! They learned Nashville is a growing city filled with transplants and of course musicians. Music pours out of the doors of the honkytonks downtown where many have a dream of being discovered. Over all no matter your age or experience in DKG the convention has something for everyone.



NU CHAPTER:

Christine Musick, *president*

Nu Chapter is very proud of member Amy Mosser, who was recently awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Amy has been teaching math at Seneca High School for 10 years where she also serves as the Mathematics Department coordinator. Amy is a leader on district, state and national levels. In the Lenape Regional High School District, she has worked on curriculum revisions, presented at in-services, and served as a mentor teacher. She is on the Board of Trustees for the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey. Amy has also had extensive involvement with the National Council for the Teacher of Mathematics, serving on advisory boards and presenting both at regional and national conferences. Amy was in Washington, D.C. September 7-9, where she and other PMEAST awardees from across the country were recognized.



Amy Mosser



OMICRON CHAPTER:

Gail Starr, *president*

Dr. Judith Nappi recently had a book chapter published entitled "Strengthening the Lead: Supporting

Teachers in the Teaching of Critical Issues" in *Leveraging Social Capital in Systemic Education Reform* (Ian Haslam and Myint Khine, Eds), 2016. She has also been selected to review Olivia's text on Curriculum Development and articles for the Journal of Professional Capital & Community (Andy Hargreaves, Ed) as well as the Roeper Review (D. Ambrose, Ed).



PI CHAPTER

Kathryn Albertson, *president*

How do you make a book lover extremely happy? Give her the opportunity to meet one of her favorite authors! That's exactly what happened to 13 Pi Sisters from our book group who were invited to attend the 11th Annual Book Club Party at the home of author Lisa Scottoline and her daughter and co-author, Francesca Serritella, on October 1, 2016.

Each year, Ms. Scottoline holds a contest for book groups as a way of showing her gratitude to her readers. Book clubs submit a photo of their members holding copies of the author's most recent novel and winners are chosen randomly. Since the Pi Book Club read and shared books written by Ms. Scottoline in the past, her novel *Most Wanted* was an easy pick. This particular story revolves around a young teacher (this spoke to our hearts!) and her husband who are trying desperately to have a baby. The couple's efforts are realistic and heart-wrenching. Based on that realistic theme and hoping to improve our odds of being chosen to attend the party, we posed our group around a table decorated for a baby shower. Ms. Scottoline was so impressed by our picture, she posted it on her Facebook page.

The gates to Ms. Scottoline's lovely historical home "Willow Farm" (deeded in 1684 by William Penn) in Chester County, PA opened at 11:00 a.m. We enjoyed a sumptuous lunch and wandered the downstairs of Ms. Scottoline's home, admiring her huge book collection. Lisa and Francesca met with the group in a large tent set up in the back yard for an informal talk about their dedication to writing as well as their often hilarious escapades as mother and daughter. Their chat was followed by a question and answer session with the audience. Eager fans lined up for a book signing as the afternoon drew to a close. Thirteen very happy members of Pi Chapter's Book Club journeyed home to New Jersey with many memories of a delightful day spent in the warm presence of these two wonderful professional women.

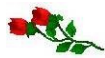


Pictured L-R: D. Mills, R. Atkins, J. Gould, L. Scottoline, B. Priggemeir, D. Kain, B. Siti, L. Behm, F. Serritella, M. Conover, H. Musumeci, C. Friedrich, K. Albertson, B. Wise, P. Francis.

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RHO CHAPTER:

Patricia Garay, *president*

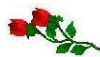
Mary Jean DiRoberto, a Rho member, former chapter president, and current AZS convention chair, was recognized by The Center for Great Expectations (CGE) as their Volunteer of the Year at the annual Gift of Hope Gala. The Center provides residential treatment programs for homeless, pregnant adolescents and their children and support for homeless, pregnant women with substance use disorders and their children. At The Center you will find Katy's Place, a child development center for the children of residents, as well as outpatient treatment services and permanent supportive housing for the families. Mary Jean currently manages CGE's daycare facility, has written the curriculum for the pre-k program and also volunteers to work and play with the babies at The Center. She has been active in their fundraising endeavors. Rho Chapter is proud to have such a devoted, caring woman as a member. Rho has supported CGE through donations of supplies as well as producing no-sew fleece blankets that are distributed to the clients.



Mary Jean DiRoberto

One of Rho's longest serving members passed away recently. Margaret Sturm, who was initiated in 1987, one year after Rho was founded, had recently been a reserve member. She worked as a learning disabilities teacher consultant (Idtc) in the Alexandria Schools for 20 years before retiring. Margaret leaves her husband of 61 years, James, seven children and nine grandchildren. She will be sadly missed.

At our October Harvest Gathering, Dena Breslin from Touchstone Jewelry provided a demonstration of many lovely Touchstone pieces. She arranged for a signature piece that many Rho sisters purchased. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support Rho academic awards and other charitable programs.



SIGMA CHAPTER:

Susan Yoder, *president*

Sigma chapter has two new projects we are pursuing this biennium. The first project is called "Read Aloud 15 Minutes". It is a national campaign to reach as many parents as possible to help them understand that reading aloud is the single most important activity parents can do to prepare their child for reading and learning. We are asking every member to go to the website www.readaloud.org and sign up. It is free. Joining enables you to download many free materials and videos that we are planning on sharing with teachers, PTA's, nursery schools, pediatricians etc. We are still in the planning stages of this important project.

Our second project is also a national program called "The Perry Initiative". The goal of this program is to encourage

young women to become leaders and pursue careers in engineering and orthopedics. The program is advanced by sponsoring hands-on outreach programs for high school girls across the country. The project encourages educators to make young girls aware of all the possible future careers in engineering and orthopedics from which they can choose. In addition, the project has a comprehensive hands-on free science curriculum available for teachers to use in their classroom.



2016 International Convention Voting Results

The results of the Proposed International Standing Rules Amendments are:

Passed:

- The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin may include abstracts printed in languages other than English.
- Endorsement forms supporting the official recommendations are acceptable and helpful only if they provide pertinent information and are submitted on official endorsement forms with a postmark, or the date or the electronically submitted form, no later than September 15th.
- The recommendation form shall be sent to the chair of the nominations committee with a postmark, or the date of the electronically submitted form, no later than September 15th.

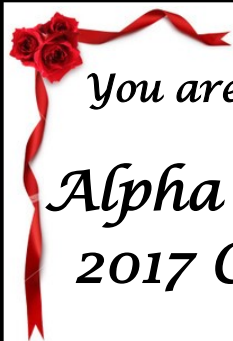
Failed:

- To allow a member to resign her chapter membership but retain state or international membership.
- To mandate Europe Regional Director's visit to each of the 8 Europe Region state organizations

Additionally, there was a motion from the floor "that a review of the work of the 2012-2014 DKG Ad-Hoc Elections Process Committee be conducted and proposed amendments be prepared to enable the 2018 International Convention to consider the election of international Society leaders by one of the following methods: All DKG attendees at convention, or One member, one vote electronic method". This motion passed.

Scholarship/Stipend Committee Reminders

December 15 is the deadline for submitting applications for the Elizabeth M. Bozearth Scholarship, the Margaret Abel Scholarship Award and the Professional Development Stipend. All the information and applications can be found on the AZS website under Scholarships and Stipends. Also visit the DKG International website at www.dkg.org and the DKG Educational Foundation website at www.dkggef.org for information about other scholarships and stipends that are available to you.



*You are cordially invited
to
**Alpha Zeta State's
2017 Convention***

Dates: March 31 - April 2, 2017

*Place: DoubleTree by Hilton
Somerset Hotel*

*Prices: Double - \$131.10;
Triple - \$143.10; Quad - \$155.10
These include taxes and breakfast!*

*Save the dates!
We look forward to seeing you there!*

Dates and Deadlines

November 2016:

- 1 - Submission deadline for CTAUN's Excellence in Education Award
- 23 - Communications Survey due to Jan Paxton by mail or on-line

December 2016:

- 15 - Application deadline for AZS Professional Growth Stipends (second round)
- 15 - Application deadline for the Elizabeth Bozearth Scholarship and Margaret Abel Scholarship Awards

January 2017:

- 7 - AZS Executive Meeting at 10 AM, Sayen Elementary

- School, Hamilton, NJ
- 17 - Deadline to register for CTAUN's Annual Conference at the U.N.

March - April 2017:

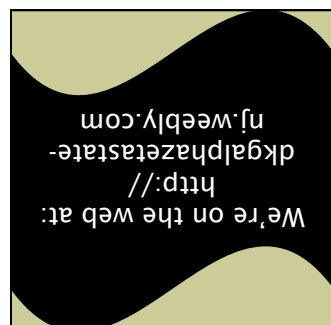
- 31- 2 - AZS Convention, Somerset, NJ

June 2017:

- 10 - AZS Committee Chairs Transition Session

July, 2017:

- 12-14 - Northeast Regional Conference, Windsor, Ontario



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