

Alpha Zeta State News



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2017 – 2019 State Officers Elected at State Convention

2015-17 AZS Nominations Chair Roxanne Adinolfi

Elected to the position of AZS President is **Carol Schwartz** of Gamma Chapter. Schwartz currently serves as AZS First Vice President. She was 2013-2015 State Recording Secretary and 2011-2013 State Corresponding Secretary. Schwartz served as tri-chair for the AZS convention from 2008-2011 and as 2004-2006 Gamma Chapter President.

Schwartz retired after 37 years as an elementary school teacher in Trenton Public Schools. She played an active role in the Trenton Education Association. She held TEA positions of Vice President/Membership Chair, Recording Secretary, Public Relations Chair, Newsletter Editor and Chief School Delegate.



Left to right: Irene Maskaly, Nora Pollard, Pam Albert-Devine, Carol Schwartz and Ingrid Williams.



Her Gamma colleagues write, "As Carol begins her biennium as president, we recognize that the positions she has held at the chapter and state level have prepared her for this moment. She has been a vital member of Gamma since 1998. Carol has moved the Society forward through her Gamma Chapter committees, offices, presidency and her AZS committee positions and offices. She has touched the lives of many DKG sisters along the way through her encouragement and willingness to share her knowledge and talent."

Daughter and Gamma member Amy Weinstein states, "Mom, words cannot express how happy I am for you. I know during the next two years you will do amazing things just as you have done as a teacher and a mother. Thank you for being a role model and an inspiration."

Ingrid Williams, a member of Nu Chapter since 2003, has been elected to the office of First Vice President. Williams presently serves as AZS Corresponding Secretary. She served from 2009-2015 as AZS Finance Committee Chair. Williams served as 2008-2010 Nu Chapter President. She held chapter offices of both First and Second Vice President as well as Motivator, History and Archives Chair. She currently serves as Nu Chapter's Co-Chair of Rules.

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A message from our president, Barbara Smith

It has been my honor to serve as your Alpha Zeta State President for the 2015-2017 biennium. My deepest appreciation is extended to the entire Alpha Zeta State Executive Committee and Board for their outstanding dedication to our membership as well as our chapter presidents who, with your help, led the way to increasing our membership and helping more educators realize the impact that a Delta Kappa Gamma membership can make in their lives. Working with such a collective group of talented women leaders has been a privilege.

We worked as a team to accomplish many goals and complete projects during the biennium. Many of our sisters submitted articles for publication in the Collegial Exchange and the Bulletin, as well as submitted works of art to the DKG Humanities and Art Jury and have been accepted. We celebrate these accomplishments as well as the many other achievements of our members.

Reflect on some of the accomplishments of this biennium and see how each of you have contributed to successes of your state and chapters:

- Our membership and expansion committees teamed up to increase our state membership, using the new membership plan and the data sheet indicating which school districts did not have DKG representation.
- Bylaws and Standing Rules changes that will positively affect our membership have been adopted.
- Our chapters are supporting many of the women's and children's shelters and additional programs around the state.
- You have sewn dresses for girls and have sold jewelry that support women and children in other countries.
- You gave scholarships and stipends to our members and grants-in-aid to non-members.
- You recognized the accomplishments of our members on the AZS website.
- You helped stock food banks around the state.
- You made donations to the DKG Emergency Fund and Educational Foundation.
- You continued the art exhibit at the AZS annual convention.
- You increased the use of electronic communications to save costs for printing.
- You are supporting an ad hoc committee dedicated to researching communication venues most utilized by our membership to improve communication with members around the state and publicize our Society and its work.

Think about taking a leadership position. You will find the support you need within your own chapter, other chapters, the state and from international headquarters. Together we can look forward to a strong organization for the future. I know the future of AZS will be in good hands with you, the members, working with newly elected president Carol Schwartz and her executive team.

It is to each member of AZS that I express my appreciation and gratitude for serving you this biennium. I wish the next president and other officers the very best for a successful biennium.

Biannual Transitional Session Planned

The AZS committee transition session will be held on June 10, 2017 at the Sayen Elementary School, Hamilton Twp., NJ. Registration is from 9:30 – 10:00 AM. The 10 AM session will be adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM. You can stay longer if you need to continue working with your committee chair or state officer. This will be a perfect stress-free environment for one to become comfortable with new positions and responsibilities or to refine current committee responsibilities. The newly elected AZS officers look forward to working with all our committees as our team moves AZS forward with strength and commitment.

Merz Appointed as DKG's Interim Executive Director (ED)

Dr. Judy Merz has been appointed as interim ED from June 1 to December 31, 2017 by President Carolyn Pittman. An active member of AZS, Judy has served as its president. We congratulate Judy and wish her all the best in her new position!

Reflect on your accomplishments.

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Past State President Roxanne Adinolfi writes, "Williams served as state committee finance chair during my biennium. She was truly exemplary in her thorough and efficient methods of reviewing our special funds, expenditures and budget. She offered excellent ideas and accepted suggestions from officers and members. She graciously offered her home to host meetings, prepared delicious luncheons and sported her beautiful smile. AZS is lucky to have such a remarkable woman serve as First Vice President."

Williams retired after 38 years (2012) as Math Teacher, Department Coordinator and Senior Supervisor of Math at Shawnee High School in Medford, NJ. She also served as a mentor of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), a member of the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee and as a member of the Math/Science Consortium of Burlington/Mercer Counties.



Dr. Pamela Albert-Devine of Mu Chapter will serve as Second Vice President. Albert-Devine currently holds the position of Second Vice President. She served as 2013-2015 AZS Corresponding Secretary. She has served as state chair for the Leadership Development, Research and Technology Committees. Under her leadership the first Alpha Zeta State website was created. She was initiated in 1983 and has served as Mu Chapter President for three biennia.

Chapter officers write, "Mu Chapter is honored to be represented on the AZS board by our much admired and respected member. She has been an active member of Mu since her initiation. She served as chapter president for six years and has held many committee chair positions. She is always willing to give her time

and energy to help make our chapter successful. We know she will do a wonderful job serving as Second Vice President."

Albert-Devine is the Principal of the Point Road School in Little Silver. Prior to her current position, she served as Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the Little Silver District.

Dr. Nora Pollard of Lambda Chapter will serve in the office of Recording Secretary. Pollard currently serves as AZS Leadership Development Chair and Strategic Action Plan Co-Chair. She served as 2009-2013 Initiation Co-Chair, 2007-09 Co-Editor of the State Newsletter and 2005-2007 Newsletter Distribution Co-Chair. Pollard serves on the DKG International Editorial board. She has served in this position since 2014. At the chapter level, she has served as President, First Vice President, Secretary and chaired several committee positions since 2004.

Lambda sisters write, "Nora is an asset to AZS and our chapter. She is always there to lend a helping hand and encourages new members to get involved. She mentors members when they take a new position and is a real 'team' player. We are proud of Nora and her many accomplishments to DKG."

Pollard currently serves as Senior Disability Policy Coordinator for the Educational Testing Service.



Irene Maskaly of Iota Chapter will serve in the office of Corresponding Secretary. Maskaly currently serves as AZS Co-Chair of Rules and Bylaws and is a member of the state Arts Advocates Committee. She served on the 2013-2015 Educational Excellence Committee. Maskaly was Iota Chapter Treasurer 2010-2012 and Chapter President 2012-2014. She currently serves on the following chapter committees: Nominations, Installation, Exhibits, Record Books and Yearbook. Maskaly was featured (with other members) in a vignette at the 2012 DKG International Convention in New York City. Maskaly was initiated in 2010.

Iota members write, "Irene has proven to be a wonderful, warm and industrious Iota sister. She is full of energy, takes on responsibilities willingly and always completes her tasks thoroughly and efficiently. She is a true sister and friend to all."

Maskaly currently works as a Territory Manager/Presenter at the Antonelli Institute of Graphic Design & Photography and is a Docent at the Rockwood Museum in Wilmington, DE. She recently retired as Educator of the Visual Arts at Sterling High School in NJ.

Carmela DeMarco, member of Gamma Chapter since 1995, is elected to serve as Nominations Chair. She currently chairs the AZS Past Presidents Committee. DeMarco served as AZS President 2007-2009, First and Second Vice President and Recording Secretary. She also served as Chair of Legislation, Yearbook and Social Committees. She served as 1998-2000 Gamma Chapter President, Second Vice President (*Cont. on p.4*)

Congratulations to Sigma Chapter Member! Nancy Hammill to Serve on National Learning Disabilities Board

Pittsburgh, PA, March 28, 2017 -- Nancy Hammill, Camden, N.J., was elected to a three-year term on the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) Board of Directors at the organization's annual conference in Baltimore, MD.

As the governing body of LDA, the Board of Directors enacts policies, adopts plans, monitors programs and services, and sets priorities of the organization.

Hammill is professional development coordinator at the Cooper Learning Center, Pediatric Department of Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ. She has a master's degree in education from the Bank Street College of Graduate Education.

Hammill focuses on bringing community awareness to the best practices for people with learning disabilities in and out of the classroom. She designs and delivers professional development and training programs in learning outcomes and curriculum, as well as providing ongoing training with literacy programs used by Cooper Learning Center therapists.

An active member with LDA of New Jersey (LDANJ), Hammill has planned and facilitated a Special Facts of Dyslexia Conference, summer institute trainings for teachers, annual conferences for LDANJ, and a monthly parent speaker series coordinated with Decoding Dyslexia. A frequent lecturer, she is known for her parent-friendly style with audiences.

At its 2016 international conference in Orlando, LDA presented Nancy Hammill with its Sam Kirk National Educator of the Year Award for the difference she has made in the lives of individuals with learning disabilities and in the field of special education.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Mooney, State Necrology Chair



One of the most touching events held at convention is the Celebration of Life, Service of Remembrance. This ceremony honors the memories of sisters who have passed away this past calendar year. Sisters remembered were:

Chapter	Member	Initiated	Deceased
Alpha	Marie J. McGuire	4/1970	5/25/2016
	Mary Jane Park	4/1992	3/1/2016
Beta	Dr. Marcia Leek	4/1975	7/12/2016
Gamma	Elizabeth Bruen	4/1964	6/13/2016
Epsilon	Nancy C. Penner	4/1993	9/30/2016
Theta	Marian S. Luthin	4/1967	10/7/2016
Iota	Catherine Britton	4/2006	6/14/2016
Nu	Ila Jane Stiles	4/1977	1/28/ 017
Xi	Frances L. Hamilton	5/7/1982	10/7/2016
Rho	Margaret Sturm	5/2/1987	10/18/2016

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and held numerous committee chair positions.

At the international level, DeMarco serves as the US Forum Chair. She also



served as the 2013 and 2014 North-east Representative to the US Forum.

Gamma members state, "We congratulate Carmela as the AZS Nominations Chair for the next biennium. She truly exemplifies the DKG woman. She continues to hold leadership positions at the chapter and state levels. She generously shares her expertise whenever called upon and regularly demonstrates her love for and commitment to the Society."



DKG Fall Foliage Tour Vermont - Massachusetts

Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show every October, when the eastern forests burst into red, orange, and yellow hues and make autumn the perfect season to explore New England's time-honored landmarks. From the quintessential fall fare of Vermont to the colonial roots of Salem, take in the history and charm of the East Coast all under a vibrant canopy of color. Your tour includes guided sightseeing, handpicked hotels, local cuisine and more.

8 days - beginning October 8, 2017
Prices start from \$2199
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After Convention's Over

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

After reviewing all of the attendees' evaluations and positive responses, it was clear that everyone's hard work helped to make our 2017 Convention a success. The program planning committee did an outstanding job when they chose this year's breakout sessions. We will continue to strive to provide a variety of meaningful breakout sessions.

A very special thank you to the presenters who shared their time and expertise this year: Lind Rynd (*Theta*), Judy Beene Zoeller (*Epsilon*), Dr. Melissa McCooley (*Omicron*), Lorraine Pfeffer (*Beta*), Kimberly Falcone (*Lambda*), Michele Klamerus (*Theta*), and Susan Petrick (*Epsilon*). We are proud to have such knowledgeable and informative members in Alpha Zeta State. Our International Guest, Nita Scott and our keynote, Tori Curbelo, UNICEF USA's New York City Community Engagement Fellow, contributed to making the weekend special. Thank you to members of Mu, Theta, Epsilon, and Rho Chapters all of whom did a great job facilitating our breakout sessions.

Ingrid Williams and her program planning team are looking forward to receiving your recommendations for programs for our 2018 Convention. The new recommendation forms are currently on the AZS website. They must be completed and sent to Ingrid Williams no later than September 1, 2017. Programs suggested on your evaluation forms included a NJ author, Zumba, environmental issues, educational leadership, current educational issues/strategies and DKG Society information. If you know of someone who can lead a session for any of these topics, or others you think might be of interest, please do not hesitate to fill out the recommendation form.

When the chapter program chairs meet in September, they will decide the breakout sessions for our 2018 Convention. Many book discussion titles were recommended. The list for the book discussion will be created in September and distributed to chapters for a vote. Please submit additional titles to your chapter program chair by the end of August so they can bring them to the September meeting.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to work with so many outstanding AZS members during my biennium as Program Planning Chair/ EEC Chair. I look forward to continuing to work with exceptional women educators in the future.



Margaret Abel Scholarship Awardee, Christine Cirillo

Faith Steinfort, AZS Scholarship/Stipend Committee Tri-Chair

It seems to me that this year's Margaret Abel Scholarship Award recipient was born to be an educator; she just didn't know it. Christine is a 2014 graduate of the University of Dayton with a major in Psychology, a minor in Spanish, and a G.P.A. of 3.85. Her honors while there included the Kenneth J. Kuntz Award for Outstanding Service to Psychology, participation in the Honors Program and being on the Dean's List every semester.

During her senior year at Dayton, Christine took a semester off from classes to serve as a volunteer for an AmeriCorps sponsored program called Semester of Service. In that capacity, she served in an urban public school and led programming in an affiliated community center. To quote Christine, "I loved my experience and knew that community engagement would be an integral part of my life-long story and career." She still believed she was headed for a career in social work or another similar field.

Post-graduation she committed to a year of full-time service to a Catholic-based program called Mercy Volunteer Corps and served in the South Bronx, NYC in a predominantly low-income, Spanish speaking, immigrant community. While there she used her Spanish skills on a daily basis and had many teaching responsibilities. Again, to quote Christine, "It was in these teaching roles that I came most alive." Thus, her decision to pursue a career in education.

Currently she's enrolled in a teacher certification program at Rutgers University-Camden and has a 4.0 G.P.A. She expects to graduate in December 2017 with certifications in both K-6 General Education and PK-12 Special Education. She is also working full-time at the Bingham Elementary School in the Runnemede School District where her primary responsibility is as a one-on-one instructional aide with a child on the autism spectrum. Other responsibilities include collaborating with teachers and the child study team to support her student in both academic and non-academic settings, providing small group instruction for three students, two of whom are English language learners, and creating and presenting 45 minute weekly Spanish lessons to a first-grade class of 24 students. Christine, no doubt, will be a significant contributor to the profession, and she has already expressed interest in joining our ranks as a DKG member.

Convention 2017: Another Success!

Photos by Michele Contala, AZS photographer



More Convention photos at www.dkgnj.org

CONVENTION THOUGHTS

Mary Jean DiRoberto, Convention Committee Chair, Susan Davis, Hotel Liaison, and Jan Paxton, Registrar

If you did not attend Convention 2017, you missed a fantastic weekend! Opportunities to meet with 233 sisters and welcome 33 of our initiates helped make the convention a huge success. Jan Paxton, Sue Davis and I would like to thank President Barbara Smith who worked tediously to ensure a wonderful convention experience for everyone, and Carol Schwartz who organized a diverse and uplifting program. We also wish to acknowledge all chapter convention chairs for their assistance with specific chapter responsibilities. We couldn't do what we do without their support!

The Friday night basket auction netted \$5,726 and fun was had by all who attended. Every year we try something new to improve your convention experience. This year Jan helped AZS soar into the next century with her guidebook app, which we continue to call "Jan's" app.

Member evaluations are online this year. We stress the importance of these as they serve to guide us in preparing for future conventions; we ask that everyone who attended submit an evaluation.

The **AZS Convention 2018** will be held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Somerset, NJ from **April 13-15, 2018**. Save those dates and plan to attend!

GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY! WE'RE HEADED NORTH!

JULY 12TH - 14TH are the dates set for the Northeast Regional Conference (NERC), being held at Caesar's Resort in Windsor, Canada. Many sisters have already made plans to drive, fly or take to the rails so they can attend. Won't you join us?

There are a few pre-conference seminars to enjoy on July 12th. During the conference, you will be able to attend 45-minute breakout sessions and intense 10 minute "takeaway" sessions where a variety of topics will be offered. Learn more about your Society and experience personal growth opportunities. Utilize what you learn by attending breakout sessions such as "Unleash Your Team Potential" to create a positive workplace for your school or learn how the Sedna Epic Expedition is engaging communities in the study of climate change. There are technology breakouts for everyone from Word, to FIRST Robotics from kindergarten to high school and an opportunity to learn about hackers. There are many more takeaways and breakout sessions that will be posted soon. There are 45 breakout sessions and 20 takeaways from which to choose!

There will be time for fun. The AZS Jersey Girls will be getting together Thursday evening to have some fun. Go to www.dkgnj.org and click on the Google doc set up to let us know who will be attending and how to contact you so you can join in. Let's celebrate the recognition of Carol Schwartz, our AZS 2017-2019 President Elect, at the Friday night banquet.

As a northeast chapter, we have been asked to help in any way we can if attending the conference. You can volunteer to be a presider, join the choir and/or play an instrument, bring an instrument to donate to one of our speakers, Mike Stevens, who founded ArtsCan Circle. More information is posted on the AZS webpage.

You will find most of the information you need about attending and registering for the conference posted on our AZS website, www.dkgnj.org or the www.dkg.org website. If you need some help with traveling or transportation from the airport to the hotel, or have any questions, contact Barb Smith at barb-smith40@comcast.net.

AZ STATE CHAPTER NEWS



ALPHA CHAPTER:

Deborah Hoeflinger, *president*

Alpha Chapter is pleased to welcome four new initiates: Debbie Rivera Murphy, a Passaic Middle School teacher, Gayle Dunlap, a Saddle Brook Middle School teacher, Argine Safari, a Pascack Valley High School teacher and Mary Hall, a Paramus High School teacher. Alpha also congratulates Argine Safari, Teacher of the Year and recipient of the 2017 Evangelina Menendez Trailblazer Award.

At our February meeting, Shannon Neville Greenwood presented "Big Disease in a Little Body" which focused on the topic of juvenile diabetes that affects over 300,000 children. Using her personal knowledge of this auto-immune disease, Shannon's presentation was found to be informative, inspiring and very helpful for any teacher faced with families dealing with these challenges.

Alpha, Theta, Kappa, and Epsilon held a Northern Combined chapter meeting in March. Lisa Herkaler from Epsilon gave an enthusiastic and entertaining quiz on how television and movie media portrayed teachers throughout history. Alpha's Jean Jaeger shared an informative power point presentation on "Notable Restaurants and their Historic Origins". We were amazed and fascinated by the details that Jean and her husband Phil researched and unearthed about these locations. We left not only proud of our New Jersey history but also a little hungry. Many of us couldn't wait to visit these restaurants.



BETA CHAPTER:

Jo Ann Corvino, *president*

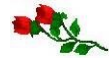
Beta Chapter was excited to share AZ State Convention experiences with nine sisters, enjoying the highlight of the Birthday Celebration as we wore our 70th birthday fascinators. We are so proud of Lorraine Pfeffer, our very own Beta sister, who led a Book Discussion on *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Lorraine enhanced the lively discussion with a booklet including background information, photos, and maps while displaying posters of the French resistance and maps of France. Participants were treated to delicious French caramels, butter galettes, and crepe dentelle cookies.

This year's initiate, Linda Wittmann, will be initiated at our May meeting. Currently a fifth grade teacher at Rieck Avenue School, Millville, NJ, Linda taught various grades over the last sixteen years, started a cancer walk for the Marshall R. Smith Foundation and ran the pajama program for the last three years. She was Rieck Avenue's 2014 Teacher of the Year. Linda has a BA degree in Elementary Education and a MA in Early Childhood Education. Beta is excited to welcome Linda, her enthusiasm and experiences to assist our chapter as we work to stimulate the personal and professional growth of our members.

Several Beta sisters attended the Combined Meeting in March, along with members from Eta, Iota, Nu, Xi, Pi, and Sigma Chapters. It is always a great opportunity to network with other women educators while enjoying a commanding presentation, *Empowering Women*. Winning baskets was an unexpected bonus!

Our continued community outreach projects include Dresses for the DR, making dresses and collecting shorts and flip-flops to be sent with missionaries to the Dominican Republic; Current Teacher Support, assisting students with writing tasks, assembling bulletin boards, organizing centers, and helping students complete special projects; Shut-In Visitation; and Beta's first MARVEL (Most Appreciated, Revered, Valued, Esteemed, and Loved) Sisters luncheon for retired members.

Beta looks forward to celebrating our chapter's 70th birthday on October 17, 2017.



GAMMA CHAPTER:

Michelle Maruca, *president*

Our past year has been successful due to the diligent, collaborative, and spirited contributions of our officers, Executive Board, and all Gamma sisters. Chaplain Patrician Vincent unwaveringly provides a poignant reflection at the beginning of each meeting and event which finds its way as a perfect fit into the heart of each gathering's focus.

Gamma is proud to have had many honors to celebrate during the AZS Convention and we thank Michelle Contala for capturing them so beautifully. Honors and recognitions go beyond what is listed here and include: officially welcoming our six newest Gamma sisters into DKG; the installation of Carol Schwartz as AZS President; Carmela DeMarco's installation as Nominations Chair and singing so beautifully in the choir; the Rose Award bestowed upon Amy Weinstein and the Key Award bestowed upon our immediate chapter past president Saula Cutter; the display of artwork by Jan Wilson, Lora Durr and Saula Cutter; our chapter banner had the honor of being carried in by Lorraine Hall; and the recognition of Gamma's 70th Birthday at our convention luncheon. Thank you to our State Initiation Chairs, Amy Weinstein and Angela Castaneda, for their hard work and organization that ensured the success of AZS's Initiation Ceremony. In reverence, the Celebration of Life ceremony honored Gamma sister Elizabeth "Betty" Bruen. Gamma sister Mary Elizabeth Reilly has since passed away and will be honored at next year's convention.

We are extremely proud of Angela Castaneda who was named as East Windsor Regional School District's NJ Governor's Teacher of the Year; Jessi Oliano for her forthcoming presentations at DKG's Northeast Regional Conference: "Create a Website for Your Classroom in 10 Minutes!" (break-out session) and "Social Media as Classroom Tool" (full session); and Saula Cutter and Jan Wilson for their exceptional artwork which is to be displayed on the online DKG Gallery of Fine Arts!

Gamma is enthusiastically working on our philanthropic focus "Paws for a Cause" whose purpose is to support animal rescue organizations that train rescued animals to become service dogs to support special needs children. Our ongoing "Books & Bones" collection has members bring a child's book with a focus on animals and an item for donation to a local animal shelter to each of our events.

We look forward to supporting our new AZS President, Carol Schwartz and officers, contributing to DKG International and strengthening the bonds of sisterhood while promoting excellence in education and citizenship! (Cont. on p. 8)

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ZETA CHAPTER:

Jo Anne Applegate, *president*

Zeta chapter is 'springing' into May with happiness as the chapter is anticipating the May 10 initiation of three new members: Jaclyn Cannarella, Tana Walsh, and Kelly Amato. The intimate ceremony will entail a warm welcome, a catered dinner, a time to cultivate new friendships and to strengthen those that withstood the test of time, and a presentation of roses that are integral and symbolic of the changing officers' titles and positions and their dedication to Zeta.

The new initiates are a trio of fireworks - they bring their passion for teaching, their earnest hope for their students' success, and their eternal sense of devotion to education. Jaclyn, Tana, and Kelly are all prepared to share their 'colors' with Zeta, AZS and DKG. Jaclyn Cannarella is a language arts and special education teacher at Intermediate East in the Toms River Regional School district; Tana Walsh is a social studies teacher at Intermediate South in the Toms River Regional School district; and Kelly Amato is a gifted and talented teacher at Hooper Avenue Elementary School in the Toms River Regional School district.

Sixteen Zeta members applauded in concert with AZS sisters at Convention for special awards, including the Rose Award presentation to Lisa Andrews and the Key Award presentation to Theresa Moore. As a dedicated and knowledgeable teacher of mathematics for the Toms River Regional School District, Lisa Andrews has always provided an energetic and innovative approach via her instruction. She has coordinated and coached math competition teams, served as secretary of the PTO, and held the position of business administrator for the school yearbook. An active Zeta sister since 2006, Lisa is a true professional, and her witty sense of humor proves to be beneficial for her students and her colleagues. A compassionate and spirited individual, Theresa Moore has been both a language arts and social studies teacher for the Barnegat Township BOE. She has coached oratorical contests, served as a student council adviser and mentored many students in need of support and guidance. An active Zeta sister since 2007, Theresa's fervor and optimism continue to radiate from her.



ETA CHAPTER:

Irma Lorenz, *president*

Congratulations to Jeanne Del Colle, recipient of The Carolyn Guss International Scholarship! Eta members are extremely proud of Jeanne and wish her the best as she uses these funds to complete her doctorate of education at Walden University.

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

To help Bunny Young celebrate her ninetieth birthday, a special program was held at the B. Bernice Young Elementary School. Bunny was honored by the *(Cont. on p. 9)*



DELTA CHAPTER:

Teresa Morris, *president*



Cancer has touched many of our lives and those of our loved ones. Fourteen years ago Delta Chapter decided to take a stand or should I say, run a race to help make a difference in our community. Each September our chapter has organized a 5K run and a 2 mile walk to raise funds for this worthy cause. Since 2003, Delta Chapter has contributed a total of over \$93,000 to the American Cancer Society with over \$37,000 raised thanks to the support of matching donations from various organizations.

Most recently, on Saturday, September 24, 2016 approximately 78 runners/walkers including 8 survivors turned out to show their support for our fundraiser. Thanks to the support and donations generated from our Beat the Clock Breast Cancer Run/Walk we are able to donate over \$2,000 to the American Cancer Society this year alone. Each year we inspire to increase the amount of funds raised and ask for your help.

Please Save the Date! Our upcoming race is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2017 in Stone Harbor and we ask you to consider joining us. Come out and get a little exercise together with some of our sisters who have fought hard to beat breast cancer. More details will follow as we get closer. Together we can continue to do our part to help cure cancer and offer our support to those in need. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing many of you.



EPSILON CHAPTER:

Pam Raynor, *president*

Epsilon chapter is so happy to celebrate with Suzanne Hunt on her 50th year in Delta Kappa Gamma. Since Suzanne could not attend AZS convention due to her recovering from a broken arm, Epsilon plans to honor Suzanne with flowers, a cake, her certificate, her 50 year pin and best wishes at its May meeting.

Another Epsilon sister, Helen Ouellette, also celebrated her 50th year in Delta Kappa Gamma. Helen had been in poor health and was not able to come to convention, so AZS sent her certificate which she was delighted to receive. Helen passed away in March. At her viewing I presented her daughter with Helen's 50 years in DKG pin and her daughter placed the pin on her jacket lapel. Her certificate was there on display for all to see.

Recently Epsilon had to say farewell to another sister, Patricia Dolan, a founding sister of the Epsilon chapter. Patricia was one of 20 charter members who started the Epsilon chapter in 1960. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Helen's and Patricia's family. We have Epsilon angels watching over us.

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current students, principal King, former principals Kimber and Payne, Burlington Schools District Superintendent Bell, Burlington Township Councilwoman Howell (a former student) and Burlington Township Mayor Carlin. Bunny served as principal of the school that was named for her from 1948-1984. Each year she returns to be a guest reader for The Read across America Program.

For the past 11 years, Diana Dohrmann has served as musical director to the Burlington Entertainers, preparing musical arrangement and guiding multi-aged vocalists in singing in unison to four part harmony. On April 21 and 22, the Entertainers presented a program at the Burlington City High School to benefit the Deborah Hospital and Burlington City High School Scholarship Fund.

Welcome to our initiates! Katie Cosey and Amy Maute were initiated at the Alpha Zeta State Convention. Barbara Smith will attend our May meeting and participate in the initiation of Colleen Horn and Rachel Fox.

Eta chapter continues to support Crossroads Programs Inc. with material goods, gift cards and monetary donations. We also provide monetary support to Literacy Volunteers of America in New Jersey located at the John F. Kennedy Center in Willingboro. We have taken part in The Dress A Girl Project for three years. Mary Zaccardi organizes the work at Olde City Quilts in Burlington City where sisters cut, sew, iron and do whatever else is needed to complete as many dresses as we can. Faith Steinfert delivers the dresses to the group that distributes the dresses where they are needed. It is hoped that when a young girl is dressed nicely, she will not be prey for human traffickers.



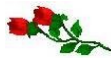
IOTA CHAPTER:

Candice Zachowski, *president*

Iota chapter is very proud to announce that Iota sister, Marie Blistan, has been elected president of the New Jersey Education Association. Marie currently serves as NJEA's Vice President. Her term as president begins on September 1, 2017. We wish Marie continued success as she tirelessly advocates for our NJ public schools and for more than 200,000 school employees!

Newly initiated sister Kathi Kersznowski recently completed her M.A. in School Administration at Rowan University. In addition to her studies and her work as a Technology Integration Specialist for Washington Township Public Schools, Kathi is the lead organizer for the upcoming Edcamp Happy Camper event scheduled for May 13, 2017 at Washington Township High School. Follow the event on Twitter @HappyEdCamper or Facebook Edcamp Happy Camper.

Iota chapter continues to support philanthropic causes including the Ronald MacDonald House and the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation (ARVF). During the holidays, Iota sisters contributed 2-½ carloads of gifts and volunteered in various ways for the Ronald MacDonald House. ARVF, which began in Camden County, has partnered with 99 hospitals around the country providing teen lounges and teen kits for critically-ill children. Iota sisters generously contribute funds and items for the teen kits.



KAPPA CHAPTER:

Mimi Weiss, *president*

Kappa Chapter was recognized on its 50th Anniversary at the Alpha Zeta State Convention.

The art of Patricia Clapp was featured in an exhibit in the Belmont Gallery at Cedar Crest in Pompton Plains, NJ. Pat credits her art as a "miracle" in her recovery from a stroke several years after her retirement from teaching history at Ramapo High School. Although she has always had a passion for art and had exhibited a few times over the years, she lost the use of her right arm after the stroke and had to learn to paint with her left hand. Those first scratchings of lines on a pad gradually progressed to oil and watercolor paintings of floral and still life scenes and have culminated in the recent exhibition of her artwork.

Dr. Bea Card Kettlewood has been named as a "Lifetime Achiever" by Marquis Who's Who. An artist, a lecturer, and an art educator who taught at New Milford High School, Bea was noted for her "achievements, leadership qualities, and the credentials and successes she has accrued in her field." Bea has mounted more than fifty solo art shows and is known for her extraordinary stained glass windows at Chilton Medical Center in Pompton Plains, NJ. She was recently inducted into the Butler High School Hall of Honor.

Colleen Tambuscio was honored as a "Distinguished Leader in Education In 2017" by the New Milford Education Foundation at their annual gala. Colleen has spent 15 years of her 32-year teaching career at New Milford High School and currently serves as Interdepartmental Liaison for the Special Education Department. She is passionately involved in Holocaust and genocide education. Colleen has created and taught elective courses, facilitated workshops in several states for the National Council of Social Studies, published articles, and is the founder and president of The Council of Holocaust Educators, a national organization for teachers who teach about the Holocaust and genocide. Among her many honors are recognition by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. She recently completed her 19th annual Eastern European Holocaust Studies Tour through Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic with fifteen students. This program introduces students to places and people, historians and survivors, who bring immediacy to the students' Holocaust studies.



LAMBDA CHAPTER:

Dr. Barbara Glazewski and Noreen McHale,
co-presidents

The AZS Convention was yet another spectacular bonding experience for the Lambda Ladies. We applaud Maryann Mironchik's 50th anniversary with DKG. We celebrate the well deserved recognitions of the Rose Award recipient, Susan Saltzman, and the Key Award recipient, Dr. Marilyn Gonyo. Welcome to our new initiates, Patricia Kaschak and Dr. Sheree Reese. Lambda congratulates, Dr. Nora Pollard on her appointment as AZS Recording Secretary and Kim Falcone for her personable and sincere reflection on her Holocaust remembrance journey.

Throughout the year, Lambda proudly acknowledges our sisters for continuous empowerment. Dr. Marilyn Gonyo currently serves as President of the Rutgers Club; she is only the third woman president in the club's long 60 year history. "Thumbs Up" to Annabelle Boehm (*Cont. on p. 10*)

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for expressing resilience with her publication in the DKG Collegial Exchange. In addition, Sue Saltzman unites Lambda with her special needs students through her SAIL program to create blankets for seniors in the Meals on Wheels program. Our Michele Contala was interviewed and published by Woodbridge Middle School journalism student, Diego Rolon, on her Salute to Veterans Program. The article is published at thewarriormessenger.com as well as local newspapers. Lambda is proud of your contributions to the community.

This year, Lambda has ventured into new enlightening experiences and programs. Our sisters explored the arts by attending the humorous and spectacular "Altar Boyz" production at Villagers Theatre in Somerset which surprisingly re-united Kim Falcone with her former student, Shawn Albanese. Lambda also became the "sunflower girls" adding color to our lives at Wine and Design in Milltown. Wonderful year, Lambda Ladies! Let's continue our energetic excitement for a balance of treasured traditions and new endeavors.



Sunflower Girls

Dr. Lynn Ganyo, center, celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Rutgers Club with the Class of '57 reunion chair and class president.

MU CHAPTER: Elizabeth Flynn, *president*

At our summer meeting, Mu members put together "pencil boxes" for girls who attend Sisters Academy, Asbury Park, as part of our service project.

Gayle Hull has been mentoring a new teacher, Samantha B., in her first year as a teaching librarian. We look forward to inviting Samantha to join us next year as a Mu member.

AZS president Barb Smith honored our chapter by participating in our fun "paint night" meeting held at Pinot's Palette in December. We thank Barb for joining us in this artistic endeavor!

Mu Chapter is once again honored to have our member, Dr. Pam Albert Devine, represent us on the AZS Board as second vice-president.

At our January meeting, Mu member Carolyn Bennett presented zSpace, a virtual reality system that brings to life abstract and often difficult to explain classroom concepts. It was a great meeting night! And educational too!

Lillie Hendry, Mu charter member, was honored at a special town meeting in Freehold in March as she stepped down from her active role as president of Court Street School and became their president emeritus. Please see the article from the Asbury Park Press at: <https://www.gmnews.com/2017/03/28/education-center-welcomes-new-president/>

NU CHAPTER: Christine Musick, *president*

It was a great day for Nu chapter in 2003 when Ingrid Williams joined DKG. She was certainly an outstanding math teacher and much-loved by her students. Her leadership skills were apparent and utilized at Shawnee High School and in the Lenape Regional H.S. District. So it was not surprising that Ingrid "jumped in with both feet" to become a member of Nu chapter's executive committee so soon after joining. Within two years of her initiation, she was asked to fill in for a 2nd VP that couldn't finish her biennium and has been very involved since then.

Ingrid was a passionate member of the executive council during her bienniums as president, 1st VP and 2nd VP. She was the force behind one of our chapter's big projects: sponsoring a teacher and classroom in a disadvantaged school in Hawaii, by donating many supplies and gift cards for equipment for the teacher and her students. Although Ingrid was a fantastic leader of our chapter, she also believed it was important for her to "step aside" and let others lead our chapter and implement their ideas.

Her concern for our chapter is also evident in her quest to attain new members. Ingrid has been directly, or indirectly, responsible for bringing in more than a dozen new members to Nu chapter. She has also accomplished something that is very meaningful to any teacher: she has brought in some of her own students whom she inspired to have successful teaching careers of their own! We are proud of Ingrid's election to the office of 1st Vice President of AZS and are privileged to call her a sister of Nu Chapter.

XI CHAPTER: Jane Flanagan, *president*

Xi sister Barbara Barresi has been hard at work training to earn her 200 hour Yoga Alliance yoga teacher certification. She began her 5 month teacher training in January and hopes to graduate June 10th. Barbara plans to further her expertise with additional training in yoga for children with the goal of teaching children at a studio next year. This summer Barbara will be teaching Hatha yoga at the studio. She wants to use her skills in yoga and mindfulness to benefit her students in the classroom. Xi Chapter is very excited for Barbara, her accomplishments, and her goals. We are looking forward to having Barbara share her yoga expertise with our sisters at a future meeting.

OMICRON CHAPTER: Gail Starr, *president*

Omicron is proud to announce that Melissa McCoolley, Superintendent of the Little Egg Harbor School District, received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University. She defended on February 15, 2017 and her study was entitled *Overcoming Isolation as a Woman in the Male-Dominated Superintendency*.

Diane Roberts performed in the Our Gang Players' rendition of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Nine Omicron sisters gathered for lunch and then showed their support by attending the Sunday, April 30th, performance. (Cont. on p. 11)

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Our Gang Players, Inc. is Ocean County's premier community theatre group, operating continuously since 1977.



PI CHAPTER

Kathryn Albertson, *president*

Pi Chapter Sisters have been really busy! The retired members (a.k.a The Formers) met monthly for lunch at various restaurants. They also wrapped Christmas gifts at the Deptford Mall for Ronald McDonald House. At the Christmas Social, pajamas were collected for Together, a shelter for abused teens.

Pi hosted a Stamping Party where members created 4 cards. Some members were so clever! Also in the creative category, a Painting Party was held. Each member painted a snowman (and each one was different).

The annual Initiates' Tea was held at the home of one of our members. This gave the chapter and the initiate an opportunity to meet and to get to know one another. It was a good introduction to what Pi Chapter is about. Our initiate was inducted into DKG during the convention.

Pi hosted a movie party complete with popcorn, soda and assorted snacks to watch "Boys in Violence - The Mask You Live In". This 90 minute film showed the stereotypical images boys face daily. This film would make an excellent in-service for school districts, PTO/PTA meetings, church groups, etc. It generated much discussion among the members.

Pi will be ending the year with a double header in May. A fundraiser at the Landmark Americana Tap and Grill and a flower arranging class with wine are scheduled for the same day. The last event of the year will be the annual birthday luncheon in June.

A concern of Pi is the lack of attendance at meetings and events by our working sisters. An ad hoc committee was formed to develop a needs assessment survey which was sent to all members. The results were not in as of the writing of this article.



RHO CHAPTER:

Patricia Garay, *president*

Rho was proud to initiate Fran Fedyna, Karen Gerth, Alison Shelofsky, Heather Sorge, Jennifer St. Laurent, and Kate Zimmerbaum into Delta Kappa Gamma at convention. It was especially meaningful to have banner carrier Jacklyn Nombre escort her mother Fran Fedyna, as well as Linda Ormosi escorting her niece, Jennifer St. Laurent. Rho has a large family connection in mother/daughter Jeanette and Rosemarie Royer, Margaret Niemiec and Kate Van Lenten, Joan Johnson and daughter-in-law Lynn Johnson, and aunt/niece Agnes Szwec and Beverly Andressen. We look forward to working with these outstanding women educators!

Initiate Heather Sorge recently presented at the NEA ESP Conference in Dallas Texas. "Leading Your Local, Building Your Community" was given to a diversified audience of over 40 ESPs from all over the United States. The presentation focused on learning about and brainstorming ways in

which ESPs can highlight themselves through social media, projects, events, and written literature. Heather is currently in the NJEA Leadership Apprentice Program.

Bev Andresen was awarded the Rose Award. Bev has served on the nominations committee at both the local and state level, and continues her service to Rho as our recording secretary.

Margaret Niemiec, Linda Ormosi, and Laura Hartner are finishing their terms as editors of the state newsletter. Additionally, Laura served on the Rules and Bylaws committee during the recent revision. What will Laura do now that she's not working on the AZS newsletter? Why, she'll be scuba diving and counting fish as a citizen scientist for R.E.E.F (Reef Environmental Education Foundation) and volunteering for the Coral Reef Foundation as she's relocated to the Florida Keys.



Pam Watkinson continues to serve both Rho and Alpha Zeta state on the membership and necrology committees. Pam gave a heartfelt tribute to deceased member Margaret Sturm at the moving Celebration of Life at convention.



SIGMA CHAPTER:

Susan Yoder, *president*

Sigma is fortunate to have a very gifted artist as one of our members. Schuyler McClain's work is imaginative and beautiful. Schuyler works in mixed mediums. She uses watercolors, pen and ink, print making and colored pencils to create her beautiful artistic creations. Since Schuyler retired in 2009 she has immersed herself in art. She enjoys taking classes to learn new techniques and experiment with new mediums. She spends time everyday in her art studio. She and her daughter recently illustrated a picture book together. Schuyler, a member of the Burlington County Art Guild, continues to show her art work in prestigious art shows throughout New Jersey. Some of the shows where she has exhibited her work include the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, the MoorArts Gala, Smithville Park in Eastampton, the Moorestown Library and the Burlington County Library. Schuyler is a very valuable member of Sigma. She is always ready to share her extraordinary talents. Every summer she has an art workshop that everyone enjoys. Schuyler is currently teaching watercolor classes that several Sigma members attend. Schuyler McClain is a hard-working, much loved and giving person. She is an accomplished woman and an excellent role model.

Want to attend the Northeast Regional Conference this summer?

July 12-14 Windsor, Ontario

Register here: http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2017_Regional_Conferences/Northeast_Regional_Conference_Ontario.aspx

Please let us know you are coming by completing this AZS Survey found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/DKGWindsor>

Finally, don't forget to bring your passport!

**From the Ad Hoc Communications/
Publicity Committee**

What we're working on: Floating a trial balloon!

- After establishing a [Facebook page](#) and a [Twitter page](#), we are calling for people to help us in our need to like and follow **Alpha Zeta State NJ** (*twitter*) and **Alpha Zeta State DKG** (*Facebook*). The links are found on the AZS web home page.
- Asking chapters to help by designating one or two members who would post pictures to these pages on a regular basis. Share your meetings, service projects, and/or accomplishments of members!
- Planning a monthly News Between the News e-newsletter from Alpha Zeta State.
- Figuring out whether or how the regular newsletter should be re-imagined.

Can you help us out? Work with your chapter on using social media and electronic communications. Get people to sign on!

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Annabelle Boehm (*Lambda*) for her article, "A Tale of Resurrection and DKG Support" and to Deborah Hoeflinger (*Alpha*) for her article, "Who is Rhonda" published in the 2017, Vol. 83-84 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial exchange. AZS is proud of you!

Dates and Deadlines

June 2017:

10 - AZS Committee Chairs
Transition Session, Hamilton, NJ

Cornet Award for Professional Development

9 - AZ state meeting, Hamilton, NJ

July 2017:

12-14 - Northeast Regional Conference, Windsor, Ontario

April 2018:

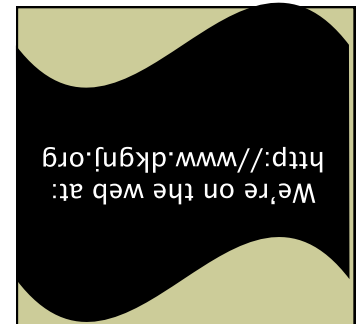
13-15 - AZS Convention, Somerset, NJ

September 2017:

1 - Electronic application deadline for Lucile

July 2018:

16-20 - DKG International Convention, Austin, TX



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