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Alpha Zeta State News

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Alpha Zeta sisters attend Northeast Regional Conference 2015

Approximately forty enthusiastic Alpha Zeta State members attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore, MD. The week was one of fun and getting to know each other. New Jersey was well represented, having five AZS members presenting workshops. Carmela DeMarco lead the Northeast Regional US Forum meeting as our Northeast Regional Representative. Many other New Jersey members were asked to preside over the breakout sessions, which Roxanne Adinolfi planned in her role as a regional co-chair. It was wonderful to have the time to share AZS "brain storming" experiences. The training sessions were quite thorough, with Dr. Lynn Schmid, Executive Director Sandra Bull and Dr. Debra LeBlanc leading the incoming presidents into their biennium. The incoming membership chairs received new information, developed by International Membership Committee, about how to increase membership. Additionally, the treasurers were given necessary training as well. The information learned was invaluable to all. Check out the pictures on the Alpha Zeta State website as well as those in this issue to see some of the happenings in Baltimore. We hope you will be able to attend the next Northeast Regional Conference in 2017, when Ontario, Canada will be our host. Read more about the conference from our sisters.

Comments From AZS 2015 NERC Attendees

Was is it like to attend a regional conference? Some of our New Jersey sisters who travelled to Baltimore share their thoughts and experiences.

The Baltimore NERC was a phenomenal learning experience for me. I attended many break-out sessions which helped me to share some new ideas with my chapter. The location was fantastic. It is so nice to get away with your DKG sisters to have fun, mingle and learn new things. I plan on attending the meetings in Nashville and Ontario, Canada. Start saving your money and think about going, too. It will be worth your while.

Linda Adams - Epsilon (continued on page 4)



A message from our president, Barbara Smith

I am honored to be your state president. I want to thank you for the opportunity to represent Alpha Zeta State. I am proud to hold this position along with the dynamic women you have elected to serve with me: First Vice-President Carol Schwartz, Second Vice-President Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, Recording Secretary Susan Davis, and Corresponding Secretary Ingrid Williams.

The theme chosen for the biennium is **TEAM**. An acronym for: **T**ogether we will succeed by, **E**mbacing our diversity, **A**dvancing key women educators, and **M**oving forward to achieve our goals. This theme embraces the vision of this biennium. We will continue to build on the foundation, the framework and body of effort put into place by our past presidents and chapter leaders. It takes a team to build an organization and we will continue to move AZS forward as a team. Together we share ideas and will brainstorm actions to achieve our goals. We will inform all members with current educational updates, encourage their diverse opinions, work collaboratively to accomplish our goals and learn from our experiences. We all have the same goal: to keep AZS, our New Jersey organization, as one of DKG's most successful state organizations.

I thank each Alpha Zeta State committee chair for volunteering to work and to lead a committee this biennium. AZS could not function without each one of you. Since July the committee chairs have shown their dedication to their work and many have met during the summer months to discuss committee business. I have confidence in the leadership these women have demonstrated thus far, and I am assured they will effectively lead their committees this biennium.

The AZS goals for the biennium are:

- To achieve stronger communication links throughout our organization, members, chapters and the state. We are seeking more efficient ways for all our members to have access to the benefits of being a member of DKG.
- To create a sustainable organization by strengthening our membership and expanding our membership with diverse populations. We need to take action and set our minds on revitalizing and retaining our members and recruiting new members. Outstanding programs and projects will provide opportunities that will make a difference for our membership.
- To develop our leadership within the organization. Everyone can be a leader. During this biennium we look forward to providing leadership development for all members at chapter and state levels. Modeling leadership skills and developing the skills of all our members will be emphasized.
- To promote educational excellence within the entire state organization. No matter what stage of our lives or careers we are in right now, it is our responsibility to be current and supportive of educators who have followed their hearts to make a difference in the lives of our nation's children and young adults. We must keep the vision to support teachers who are early in their careers with the tools and activities needed to maintain a balance in their lives as DKG members.

DKG is an organization that values and promotes the successes and contributions of women educators, encourages networking and genuine fellowship. Annie Webb Blanton, our founder, had a vision to support young women educators to advance professionally, and we continue to share her vision. Please use our AZS website and newsletter to read about the accomplishments of our members. Continue to let us know about the individual and group achievements of our members. We want to share those successes with others as encouragement and support in our professional lives.

We are a part of the whole DKG organization: chapters, state, regional, and international organizations. With all the parts working together, we are a whole assuring successful outcomes. With the support and encouragement from our regional and international organizations, we will expand our membership and embrace diverse populations of key women educators. We will invite them into membership, support them as they grow professionally, and celebrate the successes of all of (continued on page 3)

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President's message

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our members as they succeed in their lives. These actions will move us forward to create a stronger and more sustainable New Jersey organization.

During this biennium, we will continue to live the purposes of our society, exploring new ways to support women, children and excellence in education. To that end we must ask ourselves challenging questions. What lasting impressions can we, as DKG members, make in our community and schools? Are we leaving a lasting impact as a result of the chapter meeting programs and projects? I challenge you to inspire others to join us in the work that will support the well being of our children, the advancement of our schools, and the growth of women educators. Choose an individual goal for yourself. What can you do to promote a healthy and strong organization?

ARCHIVES UP-DATE

Kathy Froriep, AZS Archivist

Alpha Zeta State archives have been moved from the Georgian Court University School of Education Building in the Raymond Hall Complex to the third floor of nearby Mercedes Hall due to a comprehensive construction project currently taking place across campus. Archive materials were lovingly placed in boxes and moved to their new home in Mercedes Hall and will not be available until the construction is completed. Please hold all items intended for the archives and any requests for items stored in the archives until further notice. For questions, please contact AZS Archivist, Kathy Froriep, at k4up@yahoo.com.

2015-2016 Membership Goal for Chapters

Dr. Pamela Albert-Devine, Second Vice-President

Please remember that the Alpha Zeta State 2015-2016 membership goal for chapters is to initiate at least two new members at our convention. Membership information and forms can be found on the state website: <http://dkgalphazetastate-nj.weebly.com/membership-forms.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Pamela Albert Devine at LSCircle@aol.com.

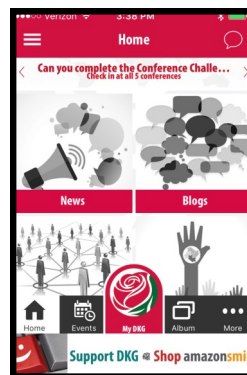
Program of Work/ Educational Excellence

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

Welcome to the 2015-2017 biennium for the Program of Work/Educational Excellence Committee! During this biennium, our mission is to promote programs of excellence in education. We will support long and short term programs and projects that focus on topics adopted by the society. The DKG Society International Educational Excellence Committee has asked Alpha Zeta State Chapters to promote Schools for Africa Project, support Early Career Educators and encourage programs that focus on: educational excellence; promoting DKG/UN relationships; increasing member's global awareness; and programs that impact educational law and policy.

In September, the Alpha Zeta State Programs Chairs met to discuss the 2016 AZS State Convention. We decided to continue with last year's decision to provide two book discussions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The committee worked diligently to sort through many proposed programs for the convention to select programs for our 2016 AZS State Convention. Each selection was carefully chosen, using the purposes of our society as guidelines, along with the goals set up by our international committee, to provide the best workshops for you at our state convention, April 8-10, 2016.

I am looking forward to serving you during this biennium as the Program of Work/Educational Excellence Chair Alpha Zeta State New Jersey



Recognize the DKG APP?

DKG launched a new app this summer that provides important news, events, projects, and opportunities to participate in various social media. You can find the app in the Apple Store and on Google Play. Try it out today. You'll like it!

Got Talent? We Want It!

Our convention in April 2016 provides an excellent venue for our members to share their talents in the arts. We need you for the Second Alpha Zeta State Arts and Humanities display. Start planning your entries; more details are to follow. For questions, please contact Linda Adams, AZS Art Chair, at lin150@ptd.net.

Is playing an instrument your passion? Share it this year with your sisters. For information on how you can be a part of the music at Convention, please contact Diana Dohrmann at dianadohrmann@comcast.net by **December 31, 2015**. A rehearsal is scheduled for the January 9, 2016 AZS meeting in Hamilton, NJ.

Comments From AZS 2015 NERC Attendees

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After moving to Nevada several years ago, attending the Northeast Regional was like coming home to me—a great chance to reconnect with all my New Jersey girls as well as with so many friends from the region. My work as editor of the Bulletin and, more recently, as the headquarters liaison to the Communications & Publicity Committee, has broadened my understanding of DKG and allowed for friendships and relationships with members internationally.... But there is still nothing like being with Alpha Zeta State sisters!

As was probably very obvious to everyone, I thought Sean McComb was a phenomenal speaker who provided the kind of energy that teachers need to embrace to “keep on keeping on” in our most difficult but also most rewarding profession. Beyond that, most of the time, I was attending sessions that Claire Swanson presented—and she continues to be a treasure trove of information and inspiration! And of course, it was really great to have Nora Pollard take the lead in presenting about the new collegial magazine and writing for the Bulletin. I have been to MANY regionals and took particular delight in this one because of the chance to interact with talented and dedicated friends and colleagues!

Judy Merz - Alpha



Attending Regional Conferences and International Conventions gives me the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. This year I was able to join the chorus once again and reconnect with the alto section on the back row. Singing in the chorus requires a large commitment of time but it is also a time of joy.

I attended the workshop presented by Sandra Bull which gave advice on requirements for publishing and quoting from copy written material. **Doris Lambert - Iota**



In addition to listening to and gathering updated DKG information, the Northeast Regional provided an opportunity to re-connect with DKG educators in other states. In Baltimore, ten 2007 - 2009 State Presidents were able to get together for a photo and have a wonderful conversation about education and teachers in our individual states. The Northeast Regional Conference, as well as the International Convention, enables us to see the broader picture and relationship of DKG from Chapter to State to International.

Carmela DeMarco - Gamma



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I think the conferences and conventions outside of NJ provide us with an opportunity to learn what is happening in other states and on an international level. I always walk away with new ideas and new friends. Most importantly, I enjoy the time hanging out in new locations with my New Jersey sisters.

Ingrid Williams - Nu



The NERC was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the facility and the excellent organization. Our Maryland sisters did a great job and were always there to assist. The breakout sessions were varied and the speakers were dynamic. It was refreshing to see so many topics. The highlight for me was the excellent keynote by the Teacher of the Year. The highlights of Nashville look amazing. Our Ontario sisters were gracious and welcoming as they plan the next NERC.

Annabelle Boehm - Lambda

I have to say that the Baltimore NERC was outstanding. The quality of the workshop sessions and the speeches was first rate including those of our own NJ sisters. I'm always amazed at how much I learn from these outstanding women.

I came away with some very practical ideas for increasing membership and more efficient ways to record minutes which I will share with my chapter.

On a personal level, I loved the astronomy session for that was a love of mine when teaching. The "Manners for Life" session was interesting and entertaining. I thought that the most informative talks were those from Sandra Bull (Hold Harmless waivers) and our own Claire and Judy.

It was wonderful meeting new sisters from all over the northeast as well as spending quality time with our AZS sisters.

Barbara Henderson - Epsilon



Scholarship/Stipend 2015-2016 Deadlines

Jo Anne Applegate, Jean Jaeger and Faith Steinfort, co-chairs

The Scholarship/Stipend Committee would like to remind our members of the following deadlines to apply for scholarships and stipends.

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

Deadlines: December 15, 2015, September 1, 2016, and December 15, 2016

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

Deadlines: December 15, 2015, and December 15, 2016.

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

Deadlines: December 15, 2015, and December 15, 2016.

Go to the AZS website and click on scholarships for information and applications.

International scholarships are also available. Go to www.dkg.org and click on Committees and then Scholarships for all the information. If you go to www.dkgef.org you will find stipends for both DKG and non-DKG members.

**June 6,
2015
State
Meeting**



**Transition
And
Portfolio
Exchange**

Check out the DKG website!

Have you turned to the DKG website lately? It's filled with great information and ideas. There are videos, lots of downloads, current issues of the DKG News and more. Here's a sample.

Watch and listen to Dr. Lyn Schmid, DKG President, in a video inviting one and all to the 2016 International Convention to be held in Nashville, Tennessee July 5 - 9, 2016.

Check out the six Weebly instructional videos prepared by the Communications and Publicity Committee, chaired by our own Claire Swanson. On the Communications and Publicity Committee page you will also find a template for creating your own DKG business cards, a downloadable *50 Apps in 50 Minutes* which lists 50 apps that may just make your life a lot easier or more interesting and a lot more. The Communications and Publicity newsletters are also found on their page.

Did you know DKG is sponsoring its inaugural tour? Information can be found on the website. With GoA-head the first DKG tour will be traveling through England, Scotland and Ireland. The 12 day tour includes sightseeing tours of London and Edinburgh as well as a visit to Dove Cottage, once the home of Poet Laureate William Wordsworth. In Ireland you will take a sightseeing tour of Dublin, have the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone, experience the Ring of Kerry and visit the Cliffs of Moher. The dates are July 18 - 29, 2016.

Like to Read?

If you like to read, you can have the opportunity to participate in two different book discussions at our annual Convention. Right now, chapters are deciding what those two books will be from a selection of three. The list is: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini and The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. Chapter choices are due to Carol Schwartz by October 31, 2015.

Educators Award

DKG recognizes woman authors whose educational research and writing potentially impacts the thoughts and actions of today's complex society. An award of \$2,500 is presented to the author(s) of a book selected by the committee. The 2015 recipient was Danah Boyd, author of It's Complicated: The Social Life of Networked Teens.

The history of the Educators Award as well as a list of recipients from 1946 until the present is found on the DKG website by going to the Educators Award Committee page.

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ALPHA CHAPTER:

Catherine Cleenput, *president*

Claire Swanson traveled to DKG Headquarters in Austin, Texas on October 16th and 17th to attend the International Communications and Publicity Committee meetings which she chairs.

Debbie Hoeflinger presented a program on United States and Cuban relations at the Morris County Community School. For our holiday meeting Debbie has again organized the service project, adoptaplatoon.org. Stockings will be filled with small items and goodies for service members abroad.

Maren Baum received a Masters' Degree in Educational Leadership as well as her principal's license and supervisor's certificate.



Maryann Woods-Murphy (*pictured left*) was selected to serve on the NEA Foundation's Board of Directors. She will be serving a three-year term representing teachers, sharing her expertise and perspectives on education. Maryann gave a fabulous presentation at our October meeting dealing with educational leadership. She was so inspiring! Maryann's presentation was informative and filled with encouragement. Our sisters were in awe of her knowledge, involvement and charisma. So many left the meeting feeling empowered to promote change and to be the positive influence in educational leadership. It is no wonder the NEA Foundation wanted her on their Board of Directors! Currently, she is a doctoral candidate in Teacher Leadership at Walden University.



BETA CHAPTER:

Kelly Johnson, *president*

Once again Beta Sisters sewed pillow case dresses for a charity project. Volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Woodstown N.J. took the donations to a community they were helping in the Dominican Republic. Beta Sisters sent 50 dresses and 11 purses.

The Salem Community College Foundation presented Joan M. Baillie with its medallion for meritorious service. Joan recently retired after 25 years of service.



GAMMA CHAPTER:

Saula Cutter, *president*

Summer found Gamma sisters working and playing hard on behalf of Gamma, AZS and DKG. We planned for the upcoming 2015-2016 program, attended the NERC in Baltimore and enjoyed a SPARKS day quilting at Olde City Quilts. It was exciting to have shared our SPARKS day with two of our Lambda sisters.

Gamma's October program focused on a celebration of our members. Those sisters reaching membership milestones of 10, 15, and 20 years were celebrated with laurel, book or lamp pins. This year sister Lorraine Hall reached a very special membership milestone of 40 years. Initiated into Gamma in April 1975, Lorraine was a first grade teacher at Cadwalader School in Trenton. She has been and continues to be an active Gamma sister on the state and local levels. Lorraine currently serves on the chapter executive board as yearbook chair. She was honored and celebrated with a DKG 40 year pin, a rose pin and roses.

Misión Tu Pudes, a school located in the Najayo community near San Cristobal in the Dominican Republic, is the home of Gamma sister Angela Belmont until December. While there, Angela is sharing her expertise in educational excellence with students and teachers at *Misión Tu Pudes*. Gamma sisters are providing funds to be used for supplies and uniforms as part of our service project program.



DELTA CHAPTER:

Karen Cohen, *president*

Delta sisters held their annual planning meeting in July at the home of Terry Morris, our First Vice-President. We have scheduled some exciting events centered upon our dedication to community service and outreach as well as fun activities to participate in together as a chapter. Sue Campbell is thanked for her valuable time serving as our scholarship chair and we welcome Jacqueline Mendel as she takes over this position. We held our first meeting on September 18th where memberships were renewed, information from our State meeting was presented, chapter business and educational updates were discussed and the final preparations for our "Beat the Clock against Breast Cancer" were finalized.

Our 14th annual "Beat the Clock against Breast Cancer" 5k race and 2 mile walk, held on September 26th in Stone Harbor, NJ, was once again very successful. A warm and sincere "thank you" goes out to race co-chairs Jen Blum and Karen McCool, our Delta sisters who helped them in preparing for the race as well as on the day of the race, all our sponsors and our participants. All of their active involvement has made a significant contribution to such a worthy cause.

Our Delta sisters have been delighted over the years to take part in Kid's Comfort-Habitat for Humanity. In the fall, once the foundation is laid out for a new home, Habitat for Humanity reaches out to the community asking for donations to purchase a stud for fifty dollars each. The purchaser may decorate it and return it to the Habitat for Humanity site prior to the start of the interior framing of the home. Once the exterior and interior framing is completed, a stud finder reception is held at the site. This year's reception was held on October 15th and individuals who purchased a stud went into the house to locate their decorated stud. We are all looking forward to the dedication for this new home in December. It is a true labor of love for all!



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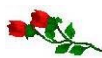
EPSILON CHAPTER:

Pam Raynor, *president*

Pam Raynor, Epsilon Chapter President, asked her sisters to follow the words of our International DKG President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid to have more "service oriented opportunities." The sisters of Epsilon stepped up to the plate. Six sisters will be volunteering at Manna House, a local soup kitchen in Newton, NJ, that was founded by our own Epsilon sister Linda Zwart. Later this year we will be collecting food for their food pantry for the holiday season.

At our September meeting we were able to collect over \$125 dollars for our "Change For Africa" project. This represents coins the sisters collected since this past May. At that time, Merle Tanis spoke to us about Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families during this most difficult time in their lives. Merle stated that they needed our help and the sisters responded. They gathered supplies that the families could use while getting back on their feet. Cleaning supplies, baby products, and school supplies were generously donated to Family Promise.

Lisa Hirkaler-Murphy was named Sussex County Teacher of the Year. Congratulations Lisa!! Epsilon is happy to share that sisters Linda Bruno and Linda Adams are up and out of the hospital and on the mend. We wish them both warm thoughts for a speedy recovery.



ETA CHAPTER:

Victoria Warner, *president*

Eta sister Dawn Lambert was named the 2015 NJ Council for the Humanities "Teacher of the Year" following her honors the previous year as the 2014 NJ Council for the Social Studies "Teacher of the Year". On Friday, November 6, Dawn will present a session focusing on inquiry-based learning in the social studies classroom at the 2015 New Jersey Teachers' Association Convention.

Eta chapter will once again award stipends totaling \$1,000 to active Burlington County female teachers. Selection for the award is based on the successful completion of the application which describes the worthiness of the project. The 2014 awardees were: Dr. Melissa McQuoid of Burlington Twp. H.S. who received \$400 for the purchase of echo chambers and ethanol measuring devices for use with her biology students; Mindy Jansen of Edgewater Park who received \$200 to enhance the writing workshop experience for her first grade students and Annie Wood of Burlington Twp. H.S. who received \$400 to support the Burlington Township Freshman Integrating Resources and Service Learning Together Project. For more information, contact Eta sister Irma Lorenz or Mary Zaccardi.

Eta sister Jeanne Muzi (*pictured in next column*) sailed aboard a research vessel this past summer as part of a hydrographic survey of the Northeast Atlantic Ocean. Jeanne, an elementary enrichment specialist/GT Teacher in Lawrenceville Township Public Schools, teaches cross-curricular



creative problem solving to K-3 students. She was chosen to participate in this mission as part of the 2015 class for the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program, a program that bridges science and research through real-world research experiences for teachers. Jeanne commented that, "My experiences as a NOAA Teacher at Sea enabled me to share real life

applications of the 'Thinking Skills' curriculum that I teach my kindergartners through third graders each day. I have been able to share how scientists work and how research projects at sea develop. I hope my students will see that their abilities to question, observe, connect, reason and wonder are essential to growing as learners." Jeanne sailed aboard NOAA Hydrographic Ship Thomas Jefferson, whose primary mission is to collect and process the data needed to maintain and update the nautical charts along the U.S. east coast, the Gulf of Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Accurate charts are critical for the safe shipping of goods and services to and from our shores. Jeanne's blog about her experiences aboard Thomas Jefferson as a NOAA Teacher can be found at: http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/#/2015Jeanne*Muzi/blogs. More information about the program is found at NOAA.gov.



IOTA CHAPTER:

Candice Zachowski, *president*

Stacy Kasse retired this year from the Medford School District after 37 years of teaching at the elementary level. She was appointed to NJEA's Women in Education Committee. Stacy serves as co-membership chair for the Camden County Retired Education Association (CCREA). She is currently working with the Haddonfield High School Girls' Tennis Team as a volunteer assistant coach.

Michelle Myers was a recipient of the 2015 NJ-Alpha Grant and NEA Grant which allowed her to travel to China on a WWII in Asia Peace and Reconciliation study tour. She was featured in Classroom Close-Up, a NJ documentary, found at <http://classroomcloseup.org/transformation-remembrance/2015>. Inspired by a study tour to sites of the Holocaust, Michelle had French, Italian and physics students collaborate on a Holocaust lesson, "The Onlooker Effect". This was then incorporated into a documentary, "Transformation and Remembrance: A Journey from the Holocaust to the Classroom". Michelle also received a NJEA Pride Grant: Classroom Close-Up, NJ Documentary 2015 focusing on Community Watch.



KAPPA CHAPTER:

Mimi Weis, *president*

Betty E. Hoehne (*pictured on the next page*) was the honored guest at a celebration of her "Life of Caring." The event was held at Le Jardin Restaurant in Edgewater, NJ, on April 23, 2015. The evening of tributes to Betty recalled her life-long devotion to the ARC, which serves and assists adults with disabilities in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Kappa

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members not only attended but took part in the "This Is Your Life" segment of the evening. Kappa president Mimi Weis and treasurer Pam Miller, who are ARC Board members and New Milford colleagues, thanked Betty for her devotion and generosity to the ARC of Bergen and Passaic, which was started by Betty's parents and another couple who saw the need to help families with disabled children. The Hoehne Center in Hackensack

is named for Betty's father. Betty has presided on the Board and also the Foundation, which raises funds for the ARC. She continues to be an important presence with her enthusiasm and humor. ARC is currently opening a new child and family center in Oakland, NJ, which will be named the Betty E. Hoehne Center. Kappa's Bea Kettlewood contributed an architectural drawing of the new center.

Following an artist's reception on October 3, Bea Card Kettlewood is presenting her oils and watercolors in a show entitled "Wild Flowers Here and There" at the Pequannock Township Library for the entire month. On Thursday, October 15, Bea, a former art teacher at New Milford High School, gave a presentation entitled "Artists Who Happen to Be Women" at 7 p.m. at the Library.

Five Kappa members participated in the ARC of Bergen and Passaic Counties' Annual Golf and Tennis Classic on October 5. This major fundraiser supports the ARC programs which benefit children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities such as autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Kathy Walsh chaired the entire event; Mimi Weis co-chaired the tennis committee; Betty Hoehne served on the golf committee and golfed along with Pam Miller and Lynn Smith.

Kathy Walsh spent one week of her vacation this summer at Camp Fatima in Lebanon Township, NJ. This unique camp for children 5 - 21 with disabilities is totally run by volunteers. For over forty years this program has provided two week-long sleep away sessions each August at no charge to campers. The camp also offers four weekend programs for adults with disabilities. Kathy has been involved in this program for several decades.

Colleen Tambuscio was invited to present at the National Council of Social Studies Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA in November. With two colleagues, one from Kansas and one from California, and Alexandra Zapruder, author of the anthology of young writers' diaries used in the Holocaust/Genocide course she teaches, Colleen has developed in-depth educational materials to be used with the anthology. Their presentation, "*Teenage Voices During the Holocaust: Beyond Anne Frank and Night*" is designed to share these materials with teachers.



LAMBDA CHAPTER:

Annabelle Boehm, *president*

Lambda would like to congratulate Jeannine Carlucci, Ed.D., on receiving her Doctorate Degree on May 31st from Nova Southeastern University.

In June, Mary Conover visited Lambda during their annual picnic at Mary Lou LeCompte's home in Manahawkin. Mary brought the good weather and we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

Five Lambda sisters attended the NERC in Baltimore. Dr. Nora Pollard presented a workshop with Dr. Judy Merz on DKG publication guidelines. Nora also assisted Irene Mas-kaly from Iota presenting a workshop with a glimpse into life in the past. MaryLou LeCompte and Nora were presidents for different workshops. Annabelle Boehm and Elizabeth DeLucca attended many of the interesting workshops. Michele Contala helped us save those magic memories.

Dr. Nora Pollard had an article titled "Promoting Problem Solving: A Review of *The Anti-Education Era*" published in the Summer 2015 issue of the DKG Bulletin. Nora was also busy over the summer presenting two workshops at the Post-Secondary Training Institute in Boston in June and one workshop at the Association of Higher Education and Disability conference in July. This fall Nora has also presented workshops at the New Jersey Learning Disabilities Association conference and the International Dyslexia Association conference in Grapevine, Texas.

Carol Boehm, President of the Red Bank Borough Education Association, co-chaired a Back to School BBQ and Outdoor Movie Night sponsored by the NJEA PRIDE Grant. The Association planned a BBQ that welcomed students and parents from the entire district and was opened to the community. There was a 30 foot screen that projected the movie "Home" for almost 500 people. The weather was great and students, parents, faculty and administrators all participated.

Dr. Marilyn Gonyo has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University Alumni Association. Congratulations!

Annabelle Boehm had an article accepted for the first edition of the DKG Collegial Exchange. "I SEE the Challenge" is based on Lambda's response to assisting and inspiring student teachers.



MU CHAPTER:

Kathy Froriep, *president*

Mu members joined our beloved charter member, Lillie Hendry, and many others at the Centennial Celebration of Court Street School in Freehold, NJ on Friday, September 8. The celebratory event included the premier showing of a documentary video about this historic school. Funding for the video included money received from an AZS grant and Mu members.



NU CHAPTER:

Christine Musick, *president*

Nu Chapter would like to recognize three members who have exhibited the willingness to serve at the state level. Ingrid Williams is currently serving as State Corresponding Secretary demonstrating her *(continued on page 10)*

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continued dedication to the organization as she previously served as Finance/Audit State Committee Chair. Gail Griffin is currently serving as Finance/Audit State Committee Chair, although serving at the state level is not new to Gail as she formerly served as Motivator. Jane Tallmadge continues to work on the circulation portion of the state newsletter. Commitment is not foreign to these women and their contributions to the society at the chapter and the state level is invaluable. We are proud to call them sisters of Nu Chapter.

Debra Bunn is the new Future Educators Association (FEA) advisor at Shawnee High School in Medford, NJ. Delta Kappa Gamma and FEA (now known as Educators Rising) have a long relationship. Educators Rising is governed by the PDK International Board of Directors, which includes elected and appointed members. Additionally, the PDK Educational Foundation Board of Governors advises and supports Educators Rising.

Future Educators Association at Shawnee High School is an organization that exposes young people to various educational situations in order to show them what is involved in the teaching profession. FEA tries to place students in many different scenarios from helping very young children with arts and crafts to tutoring peers in more complex classes. FEA serves its community in many ways and helps with various school activities. Future Educators Association is an investment in our future educational leaders, our schools, and our community. The FEA Club is volunteering at Shawnee's Safe Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 24. This year, they are also helping with Shawnee's MED program and working with a local MOM's group with pre-schoolers. Nu Chapter welcomes Debbie back into the fold.



OMICRON CHAPTER:

Gail Starr, *president*

Team Bulk-Out, a team of fourth grade students from the George J. Mitchell Elementary School in Little Egg Harbor, was the 2015 NJ State Champions and Regional Finalist in the eCybermission Competition. eCybermission is a STEM competition sponsored by the US Army for students in grades 6-9. Team Bulk-Out created an expandable bulkhead to help prevent flooding in neighborhoods built along waterways. Omicron sister Patricia Naples, 6th grade science teacher, was the team's facilitator. Congratulations to Patricia and her talented team!

Dr. Judith Nappi is going to be presenting at the 2015 Critical Questions in Education Conference to be held in Baltimore on November 2nd through November 4th. The title of her presentation is "Strengthening the Lead; Supporting Teachers in Teaching the Disciplines."

Congratulations to Alice Hazeltine, who was recently appointed President of Friends of the Library-Little Egg Harbor Branch. In this position, she will organize community events as well as activities to support the library and its

programs. She will also continue to head the book sales each year.



RHO CHAPTER:

Dr. Margaret Niemiec, *president*

The Center for Great Expectations (CGE) continues to be the major focus of Rho's charitable efforts. At its annual June meeting, Rho sisters made 20 hand-knotted baby blankets while donations of diapers, baby products and clothing, and various items for new moms were collected at their recent October meeting. Sisters volunteer at the Center's day care program and contribute time to make bows and assemble baskets for CGE's annual gala.

Linda Ormosi was honored and presented with a pin at our June meeting for her 25 years of service to Rho Chapter, AZS, and DKG. Sisters wish only the best for our two recent retirees: Pamela Watkinson and Anne Marie Ehler. Pam served as a special education teacher in Franklin Twp. (Hunterdon County) while Anne Marie was a Grade 2 teacher in Readington Twp. We congratulate Dr. Cynthia Pope who began her new position as Curriculum Supervisor for Language Arts, BSIP & ELL for the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District this past summer. Since she has relocated, she has left Rho Chapter and will be missed.

Our efforts at increasing our chapter membership led to an afternoon get-together at Beneduce Vineyards in Alexandria, NJ with 5 prospective members and 3 prospective members joining us at our October dinner meeting. Many thanks go to Mary Jean DiRoberto, Pam Watkinson and our two newest members, Jaclyn Nombre and Marianne Sajor, for organizing these events.



SIGMA CHAPTER:

Charlotte Orfe, *president*

There is an expression, "She doesn't let the grass grow under her feet." This perfectly describes Katie Yoder. Katie Yoder has always had a love for science. After graduating from Collingswood High School, she entered Rutgers University majoring in Meteorology. However, by senior year when she realized that being a meteorologist involved more computer work than storm chasing, she was unsure of her career choice. What to do? That same year, her advisor received a request from a local elementary school asking if one of the meteorology students would give a presentation to their students on Earth Day about global warming. Katie volunteered to do this presentation with one of her fellow meteorology majors. Their audience was a group of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and when Katie walked out of the school that day, she knew teaching science was what she wanted to do. She knew teaching was the career for her. After graduating with a degree in meteorology, Katie continued her education at Wilmington University, receiving her Master's in Secondary Education with a concentration in Physics. She did her student teaching at Haddon Township High School, teaching Physics to juniors and seniors. After graduation she taught physics at Triton High school in Camden County.

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In 2013 she was hired to teach STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to grades 6-8 at Eastampton Community School in Eastampton, NJ. Last year Katie extended her STEM program into grades K to 5 in her school. This past summer Katie was selected for four weeks of training in four new engineering courses that are part of the Project Lead the Way Curriculum. PLTW is the nation's leading provider of STEM programs. These courses certified Katie to teach topics in Robotics and Computer Programs, Architectural and Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, DNA and Forensic Science and Aeronautical Engineering. Katie was very excited to be able to offer these units to her students and she is very passionate about STEM. In addition to now being able to teach all but one of the PLTW courses in grades K-8, Katie is also a PLTW Master Teacher. As a Master Teacher she will spend her summers traveling around the country training teachers to become certified to teach PLTW's K-5 Launch program. She also is presently pursuing her supervisory certificate.

Finally, in addition to her profession as a full time teacher, Katie is also a zumba instructor. She holds four different certifications in this area and teaches zumba in two nearby gyms.

As a 2015 initiate, Sigma feels very fortunate to have Katie in its chapter. It will be exciting to see what is next in store for her. Hopefully, she will lend some of her leadership skills to Sigma. She certainly has the qualifications! You could definitely say that there isn't a single blade of grass growing under Katie Yoder's feet!!!



TAU CHAPTER:

Susan Beekman, *president*

Our first meeting of the year was very interesting. After our business meeting on September 10, we listened with fascination to John Williams, an NJEA Uniserve Field Representative, speak about Chapter 78, passed in 2011. John described what pension and health changes came out of this document and its ramifications for active and retired members since then and what might occur in the future. He took the time to answer many questions and then speak individually to anyone with personal concerns.

We were so sorry that one of our founding members, Roberta Stephens, moved to Virginia and had to leave our chapter. We were thrilled, however, to find that she had joined a Virginia chapter right away! We are happy to welcome back Ruth Herr, a former member. She joined us in September.

Ruth Nielsen was appointed as the DKG UN Liaison for NJ. Susan Vigilante became the President of the Morris County Retired Education Association. Susan Beekman is her First Vice President.

We are looking forward to our November meeting where we will be raising money for our "charity", Morris County Literacy Volunteers.



Jersey Girls at Work

Memories from the September 2015 AZS State Meeting

Michele Contala, AZS Photographer



ASZ Convention 2016



SAVE THE DATES!

Mary Jean DiRoberto, Convention Chair

Planning for **Convention 2016** at the Somerset Doubletree is well underway, so hold April 8th - 10th for an exciting weekend! Room prices (double - \$126.50, triple - \$138.50, quad - \$147.50) include taxes and the buffet breakfast.

We will continue to update the State website with current information concerning registration dates and deadlines. Chapter responsibilities are posted on the website. The January 9, 2016 meeting will be very important for chapter convention chairs, so please ensure that your chapter is represented.

Rally your sisters early to plan for a weekend filled with fellowship and fun as we continue to fulfill the purposes of our society.

Dates and Deadlines

October 2015:

31 - Chapter book choices for Convention due to Carol Schwartz

November 2015:

1 - Professional Development Seminar

12 - Dedicated Service Award applications due

15 - CTAUN Best Practices Award application due

15 - Chapter dues and Form 18 due to Ellen Hahn

December 2015:

15 - Applications for AZS Elizabeth Bozearth Scholarship, AZS Professional Growth Stipend and Margaret Abel Scholarship Award due

January 2016:

9 - State meeting

22 - CTAUN conference

January 2016 (cont.):

23 - AZS News due

February 2016:

1 - Rose and Key nomination Forms due

April 2016:

8, 9, 10 - AZS State Convention

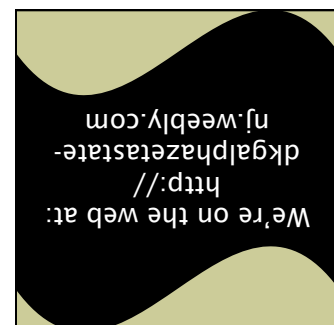
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June 2016:

11 - AZS Leadership Workshop

July 2016:

5 - 9 - DKG International Convention, Nashville, TN



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