

# Alpha Zeta State News



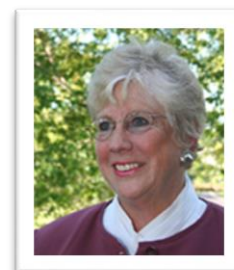
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## AZS Welcomes International First Vice-President Barbara Whiting

*Ingrid Williams, First Vice-President, EEC Chair/Program of Work*

We are very excited and pleased to announce that **Barbara Whiting**, DKG International First Vice-President, will be our guest at the 2018 AZS Convention. Barbara will address the convention on Friday night and again at our general session meeting on Saturday morning. She will also lead a workshop on Saturday afternoon entitled,



*"The Story of Possibility."* This is a great opportunity for members to hear and discuss the proposed changes within the Society as well as the changes that are already occurring. Barbara looks forward to your input as much as we look forward to hearing from her.

Barbara earned her Bachelors in Elementary Education from Gustavus Adolphus College, her Masters in Special Education from St. Cloud University and her Specialist in School Administration from the University of Minnesota.

*(See Barbara Whiting page 3)*

## Luncheon Keynote Features Famous Women of New Jersey

*Ingrid Williams, First Vice-President, EEC Chair/Program of Work*



Jim DelGuidice has used his eyes and voice to document New Jersey scenery for more than half his life. His architectural photography for books published by *Rutgers University Press* twice won him the state's *Historic Preservation Award*, and his plays have been produced by such venues as the Bickford Theater and Kean University.

*(See Keynote page 2)*

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

## A Message from our AZS President, Carol Schwartz

### DKG Resolution: Get Involved

Our executive committee has been working diligently to plan for 2018 - 2019. We met in December and discussed a variety of topics including membership, chapter sustainability, and programming. The programs for our 2018 AZS Convention are varied and geared toward current educators and retirees. We will be celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Our international guest will be **Barbara Whiting**, DKG International First Vice-President. She will address us briefly Friday evening and at our first general session meeting. Be sure to read this issue of the newsletter to learn about our April AZS Convention.

We all have a lot on our plates, but there are many things you can do to get more involved at the chapter, state, national and international levels. Commit to doing just one more thing for DKG at any level. Getting more involved in DKG can be very easy with our upcoming schedule. You can make plans to attend the 2018 DKG US Forum/Legislative Seminar, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact **Carmela DeMarco** for more information. Contact **Angela Belmont** for information about the CTAUN Conference on April 6, 2018. Registration for our annual convention, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, is on the Alpha Zeta State website. Mark your calendars for our AZS Leadership Session, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, for new chapter leaders, officers and committee chairs. Travel with us to Austin, Texas on July 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, for our 2018 DKG International Convention. You will have the opportunity to tour our headquarters. I know that Annie Webb Blanton would be smiling to see all of us and how her vision has grown.

**Dr. Pamela Albert Devine**, membership chair, is working with our chapter chairs to sustain and increase our membership. Invite a potential member to one of your chapter's informative and outstanding programs. Give them a look into the opportunities that come with membership in DKG.

Thank you, once again, for asking me to serve as your president. I have had the

opportunity to visit some of your chapters since July. It is a pleasure getting to know members in a more personal setting and to see what great things your chapters are doing. Please continue to invite me to visit your chapters; it is certainly a highlight of serving as your president.



Thank you to all of the members of Alpha Zeta State for all that you do to help keep AZS a remarkable and outstanding state organization.

Hugs and Roses,  
Carol Schwartz  
Alpha Zeta State President

### KEYNOTE (Continued from page 1)

DelGuidice is an adjunct assistant professor at Morris County College and also lectures frequently at Drew and Columbia Universities. He offers workshops and lectures entitled, "*The Judgson Series*" to adult and professional groups in the metropolitan area where topics include *American Photography*, *New Jersey History*, *The World and Beyond*, as well as a series on Morristown and Morris County. Jim is a lifelong Morris County resident and is inordinately proud of his one, tiny Wikipedia entry.

His keynote topic for our luncheon, "*Agents of Change: Famous New Jersey Women*," will explore New Jersey women who have made a difference. From Dr. Virginia Apgar, inventor of the famous Apgar score, to legendary Revolutionary War heroine, Temperance Wick, the contributions of these New Jersey women are integral to American history. You may be surprised to discover who has hailed from the Garden State! Included in this list are socialite Doris Duke, restaurateur Alice Waters, actress Bebe Neuwirth, politician Millicent Fenwick and a ghost named Phebe.

**BARBARA WHITING**  
(Continued from page 1)

Barbara spent 34 years as a classroom teacher, special education teacher and elementary principal. Barbara was a founder of a DKG chapter in Minnesota and has served in many capacities, including chapter president. On the DKG International level, she has served as a Member-at-Large, as chair of the Leadership Development and Educators Award Committee, and as a member of the International Membership Committee. She has presented more than ten workshops at regional conferences and international conventions. She currently volunteers at a community library, works toward ending homelessness in Hennepin County through *Project Homeless Connect* and belongs to the World Without Genocide Institute. Barbara is a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, where she has served as an editor, a board member, a personnel committee member and as a course convener. An avid reader, Barbara belongs to two book clubs, and devours between one to three books per week. She loves to travel with her husband, Rick, and has covered 47 states and five continents. We are honored to have Barbara join us for our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday convention and look forward to this chance to get to know her.

**Welcome to our New  
North East Regional Director**

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International President **Carolyn Pittman** has recently appointed **Agnes (Aggie) Moynihan** of Ontario, Canada, to complete the term of **Carol Hughes** as North East Regional Director. Carol resigned due to personal reasons.



Last biennium, Aggie was International Scholarship Committee chair. During the 2012-2014 biennium, she served as the area representative for Canada and was also Canada's forum chair, as well as chair of the International Speakers Fund Committee.

Aggie has been state president and has held most other state executive positions, as well as serving on numerous state committees, often as the chair. Additionally, she has been chapter president of two different chapters and has held most chapter executive positions, as well as serving on several chapter committees. Welcome, Aggie, and best wishes in your new position!

**ALPHA ZETA STATE NEWS**

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**2017-2019 AZS OFFICERS**

Carol Schwartz, *President*  
Ingrid Williams, *First Vice-President*  
Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, *Second Vice-President*  
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Dr. Margaret Niemiec, *Parliamentarian*  
Barbara Smith, *Immediate Past President*

**2017-2019 AZS NEWSLETTER**

Gail Starr, *Editor*  
Barbara Smith, *Staff*  
Jane Tallmadge, *Circulation*

## Newsworthy Notes...

### Lora Durr Receives National Art Award

Lora Durr, Gamma Chapter, has been selected by her peers to receive the *Eastern Region Middle Art Educator Award*, presented by the National Art Education Association. This award will be presented to Lora at the Division Awards Ceremony on March 22, 2018, at the 2018 NAEA National Convention in Seattle, Washington.



There is no greater testament of Lora's exemplary contributions to the field of visual arts education than being chosen for this prestigious award by her colleagues throughout the United States and abroad.

Alpha Zeta State applauds Lora's efforts and recognizes her as a key woman educator who displays leadership, as well as commitment and service to her profession.

### CTAUN Conference Friday, April 6, 2018

CTAUN, the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, will hold their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CTAUN Conference on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC, NY. This year's all-day conference, entitled, "*Stepping Up to Help the World's Children*," will focus on the serious challenges faced by children around the globe, including children in our own communities. You can register for this informative conference by visiting <http://www.ctaun.org/conferences/>.

#### SAVE THE DATE...

April 13-15, 2018 ~ AZS Convention

Double Tree Convention Center in Somerset, NJ  
Check out the convention information in this newsletter.

### AZS Artists Recognized by DKG's Gallery of Fine Arts

Alpha Zeta State is proud to recognize that three of our members have been accepted by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Arts and Humanities Jury for their original artwork, which can be viewed at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). These AZS sisters include:

- **Saula L Cutter** (Gamma), with two digital paintings, *On the Rocks*, and *Bermuda Gold*.
- **Jan Wilson** (Gamma), with three digital paintings, *Doorway to the Future*, *Sunshine*, and *France Remembered*.
- **Irene Maskaly** (Iota) with a printmaking, *Saguaro Sunset*, and a watercolor painting, *Floral Candy*.

### DKG International Convention July 16-20, 2018

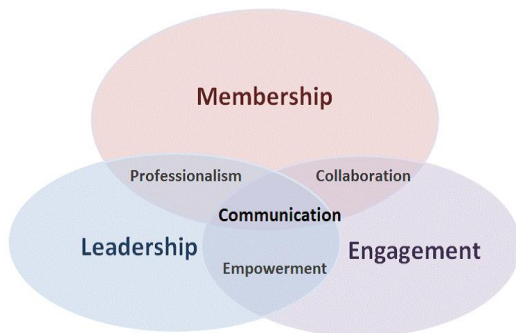
Mark your calendar! This year's DKG International Convention will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Austin, Texas from July 16 - 20, 2018. Additional details, as well as registration information, can be found at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). Be sure to check out all the wonderful workshops, speakers, and events that will be part of this year's convention! This would also be a great opportunity to tour our DKG International Headquarters while in Austin.

### Keep Your DKG Personal Information Up-To-Date

You are the best link to receive Delta Kappa Gamma Society International information. If you change your residence, employment, or contact information, it is very important to visit "My DKG" on the DKG website, [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org), to update your personal information.

## Membership Committee

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



As we prepare for our 2018 convention, chapters are diligently working to recruit new initiates and reinstate former members. **Each chapter has been charged with finding three new members and completing the Confirmation of Invitation to Membership form by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.** We must not lose sight of the fact that membership does not just happen. Continued efforts to recruit new and retain existing members are essential for DKG to thrive as a Society and carry out its mission.

However, the work of the membership committee involves much more than finding new members. We know that in order for chapters to be successful, we must encourage chapter members to become more involved. We know that when members are involved, they retain their membership longer. We need to support all members, engage them in committee work and encourage development of their leadership skills. The rewards of membership bear a direct relationship to each individual's commitment. Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma provides:

- **Leadership opportunities** to build each member's leadership capacity to further her personal and **professional** development and enable her to accept leadership responsibilities;
- **Engagement** to encourage members to work together across the three tiers of the Society and develop **DKG Collaborative Communities**; and

- **Empowerment** to provide opportunities for each member to realize her full potential.

Through membership, the Society will encourage communication and link each member through social networking to keep all members informed. As you prepare to welcome your new initiates, we encourage you to think about ways to foster commitment to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma for all members.

## We Have a Winner!

*P. Watkinson, H. Tilghman, F. Steinfort  
Alpha Zeta State Scholarship Tri-Chairs*

The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that the Margaret Abel Scholarship Award for \$1,000 will be presented at the luncheon at our Alpha Zeta State Convention. This year is particularly special because the winner is one of twenty-one incredible applicants. This award is given to a non-member who is enrolled at a NJ college in a program leading to certification for an initial teaching position. We hope you will join us in applauding this outstanding woman.

Sadly, there were no applications for either the Elizabeth M. Bozearth State Scholarship for \$3,000, which is given to a member who is accepted in a graduate degree program in an approved institution of higher learning, or the Professional Growth Stipend (up to \$1,000), which is awarded to an AZS member or team, twice yearly at the AZS meeting in September and January. It may be used for professional growth, personal development, research, educational or community service projects, travel related to your field, or conference attendance related to your field. Our sisterhood is comprised of many outstanding, deserving women; we sincerely hope that our members will take advantage of these opportunities in the future.

AZS and DKG International offer many scholarships and stipends to help support the further education and professional growth of our members. Be sure to check out the AZS website for more information.



# 2018 Alpha Zeta State Convention

## GET READY FOR AZS CONVENTION 2018!

April 13 – 15, 2018

Mary Jean DiRoberto, Sue Davis, Jan Paxton, Convention Tri-Chairs

Eighty years and Alpha Zeta State is still going strong! President Carol Schwartz and Program Chair Ingrid Williams have planned a sensational convention for 2018.

- Complete descriptions of all workshops, menus for all meals, information about hotel reservations, and your convention registration form can be found in this newsletter. Be sure to register for your hotel room by **midnight March 13, 2018** and follow instructions so that the Society receives credit for your room. We must meet our room guarantee to avoid having to pay for the unreserved rooms, so plan on staying for two nights. Room prices are: \$135.10 double; \$147.10 triple; \$159.10 quad. These prices include taxes and breakfast.
- Fill out your convention registration form online or use the form in this newsletter and send it to our Convention Registrar, Jan Paxton, by **March 13, 2018** to avoid a late fee. Register for every activity in which you plan to participate, including those with no charge. To best accommodate all those wishing to attend, we must have an accurate count for all activities where admission will be by ticket only. All convention meals are prepaid and pre-ticketed. Please indicate your meal option selections and **register early!**
- The DoubleTree offers many amenities including an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room, and a terrace and walking trail. Also, many chapters will be hosting informal gatherings for their members throughout the weekend.

~ We look forward to seeing you at convention, where we will celebrate our 80 years!

## Convention Chorus

Dr. Diana Dohrmann, Music Chair

Like to sing?

Come join the CHORUS!

Presenting a fun-filled medley,  
"Sounds of the Sixties."

Sign up on your registration and email me for music in advance:

[dianadohrmann@comcast.net](mailto:dianadohrmann@comcast.net)

Friday evening: rehearsal

Saturday evening: performance

## AZS CONVENTION MENUS

Friday Dessert Social	Saturday Birthday Luncheon	Saturday Evening Banquet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice cream: chocolate, vanilla, and sugar free ice cream</li> <li>• Chopped nuts, sprinkles, cherries, whipped cream</li> <li>• Sauces: chocolate, caramel, strawberry topping</li> <li>• Seasonal fresh fruit</li> <li>• Coffee, decaf, and tea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit cup</li> </ul> <p>CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sliced open face turkey sandwich with gravy <i>or</i></li> <li>- Steamed Jasmine rice with snow peas, carrots, tofu (gluten-free)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birthday cupcakes</li> <li>• Water, iced tea</li> <li>• Coffee, decaf, and tea</li> </ul> <p>Gluten-free and diabetic desserts available on request – chef's choice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field greens tossed with diced cucumbers, olives, tomatoes, Gruyere cheese, citrus dressing</li> </ul> <p>CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grilled salmon with lemon butter sauce (gluten-free) <i>or</i></li> <li>- Balsamic grilled chicken with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese <i>or</i></li> <li>- Vegetable Wellington</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assorted dessert shooters</li> <li>• Water, iced tea</li> <li>• Coffee, decaf, and tea</li> </ul>
<i>No charge, ticket required</i>	<i>\$36, except for guests</i>	<i>\$47, cash bar available</i>
<b>7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom</b>	<b>12:00 noon in the Ballroom</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom</b>

All costs are inclusive of tax and service charges.  
Gluten-free and diabetic desserts available IF requested on the registration form.

## 2018 AZS Convention Chapter Sales

### MU CHAPTER



cushioned jar grip  
\$2 each / 3 for \$5

### RHO CHAPTER



pashminas: six color options  
\$10 each

### GAMMA CHAPTER



jeweled pin  
\$20 each

Six chapters, Rho, Mu, Epsilon, Iota, Gamma and Nu, have decided to sell items at the Alpha Zeta State Convention this year.

**RHO CHAPTER** is offering rose-patterned pashmina shawls for sale in six different colors: black roses on red, grey on sky blue, black on silver, gray on pink, black on purple and black on turquoise for a cost of \$10 each. The shawls are approximately 28" X 72" and made of 55% acrylic and 45% viscose. Contact Patricia Garay at [pgaray11@gmail.com](mailto:pgaray11@gmail.com) with any questions.

**MU CHAPTER** has decided to sell cushioned jar openers/grips. They are decorated with the DKG rose and sell for \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. Jill Lynch is the contact person and her email is [jillelynch@gmail.com](mailto:jillelynch@gmail.com).

**EPSILON CHAPTER** is selling jewelry. There are three pieces available and all have the red rose in the design. The bracelet is \$5, and the earrings and bookmark are \$3 each. The contact person for these items can be reached at [susanhebel@me.com](mailto:susanhebel@me.com).

**IOTA CHAPTER** is once again selling magnetic name badges. They use a magnet instead of a pin to preserve clothing. The ribbon is not included and they are \$15 each. Contact Candice Zachowski at [cadz55@yahoo.com](mailto:cadz55@yahoo.com) for additional information.

**GAMMA CHAPTER** is selling the DKG pins again this year. They are each \$20. The contact person for this item is Heidi Tilghman. She can be reached at [htilghman@hamilton.k12.nj.us](mailto:htilghman@hamilton.k12.nj.us).

**NU CHAPTER** has a new item for sale this convention - a luggage wrap, which is being promoted as an easy way to identify luggage and advertise DKG. Each wrap is \$5. Contact Ingrid Williams at [williamsfm@aol.com](mailto:williamsfm@aol.com) for additional information.

### IOTA CHAPTER



magnetic badge holder  
\$15 each

### EPSILON CHAPTER



bookmark \$3  
bracelet \$5  
earrings \$3

### NU CHAPTER



luggage wrap  
\$5 each

# **2018 Alpha Zeta State Convention Workshops**

## **2018 Convention Offerings**

*Ingrid Williams, First Vice-President, EEC Chair/Program of Work*

The EEC/Program of Work Committee has selected an excellent variety of workshop presentations for the 2018 AZS Convention that includes something for everyone. While there are two book discussion workshops being offered, you may only register for one so that more members can be accommodated. The earlier you register, the better your chance of getting the workshops of your choice. As they say, "The early bird catches the worm!" Please be sure to take the time to complete the workshop evaluation at the conclusion of each workshop. The information you provide is critical to the planning of future convention workshops.

**Saturday Morning Workshops: 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### ***Go Forth and Make Magic***

**Presenter: Miranda McMahon (Lambda)**

This is a call to action, to "go forth and make magic" by contributing your talents to inspire participation and creativity in your learning and living environments. Presenter McMahon states, "When I retired from full-time teaching, my students gave me an anthology of original essays, poems and art with a letter stating that I had taught them how to make magic in writing and art and now it was my turn to "go forth and make magic." I have been doing that ever since. All of us have unique talents that can enrich the learning and life experiences of those around us, in our classrooms and communities. This workshop examines how we participate in the magic of learning."

### ***The Gratitude Train***

**Presenter: Jane Murphy (Sigma)**

WW II left France and Italy in shambles. Besides losing buildings and roads, they lost farming equipment. Factories were destroyed, so replacing their needed goods was made impossible. People were starving, and America stepped up. Food, enough to make an impact, was delivered. In 1949, when they were back on their feet, the people of France and Italy wanted to say, "Merci!" This is the story of how they did it.

### ***Chair Yoga – Back by Popular Demand!***

**Presenter: Susan Petrick (Epsilon)**

"Yoga All Together" is a program in which attendees participate in chair-supported yoga to build strength and flexibility in the body. The first 30 minutes of this DVD program includes seated, gentle and easy poses using the chair for support. The second 30 minute DVD includes some standing poses for balance and concentration. Come to the first part of this session, and then those who choose, may remain for the second video.

### ***Re-Ignite Enthusiasm for Your Profession:***

#### ***Practical Coping Strategies to Eliminate Burnout***

**Presenters: Patti Rahn (Omicron)  
and Dr. Mary Lee Batesko (Zeta)**

Are you currently teaching? This workshop is designed to help you meet the myriad of stressors that you encounter daily. Teachers feel overwhelming pressure to meet the multitude of school responsibilities. This workshop will center on coping strategies for women educators. This will be a hands-on workshop on coping strategies to eliminate burnout before it happens. Many strategies you can put into use on Monday morning.

### ***Book Discussion: "Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George***

**Facilitator: Cathy Fortunato (Lambda)**

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened. After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself.

*(See 2018 Convention Offerings page 9)*



## 2018 Alpha Zeta State Convention Workshops

### 2018 CONVENTION OFFERINGS (Continued from page 8)

**Saturday Afternoon Workshops: 2:30 – 3:45 pm**

#### ***Co-teaching Done Right***

**Presenters: Annabelle Boehm (Lambda) and Dr. Nora Pollard (Lambda)**

Implementing a full inclusion program takes careful planning and management to ensure a successful experience for the students as well as for both teachers. During this workshop participants will participate in an open discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of full inclusion and learn how to arrange a classroom to ensure all members of the class (students and teachers) are valued and are able to use their talents.

#### ***Questioning and Discussion Techniques to Motivate Students***

**Presenter: Holly Niemiec (Omicron)**

This will be a hands-on workshop where educators can learn effective strategies to support increased questioning and discussion techniques. Topics will include using protocols to support discussion practices and using Webb's *Depth of Knowledge* to increase higher level questioning in the classroom. There will be opportunities to learn a variety of technology connections to support student engagement and motivation.

#### ***Pollinators in Peril***

**Presenters: Ellen Hahn (Beta) and Dr. Pamela Albert-Devine (Mu)**

Pollinators are in serious trouble in this country. What are some of the reasons that many species of bees and butterflies are in decline and what are some of the ways we can help them in our own backyards?

**Bees:** Honeybees are a critical link of the food chain and without bee pollination, most fruits, vegetables, nuts and plants would simply not grow. But of the 20,000 species of bees, only four make honey, so helping these pollinators do their job is vital to the food supply. In New Jersey, we have beekeepers all over the state doing their part. Learn more about honeybees and how you can help. You will even get to see beekeeping items and some items from a beehive. So next time you see a bee, don't be afraid and kill it, but rather thank it for all it does for us, especially the sweet honey that we all enjoy!

**Butterflies:** Why are most species of butterflies in serious decline? Review a few do's and don'ts for creating a pollinator garden, view a brief video of the life cycle of the monarch including its migration to Mexico, and learn a few interesting facts about the monarch and other species of butterflies.

#### ***P.I.N.K.S. Self-Defense for Women***

**Presenters: Greg Borlan & Officer Dawn Flanders**

P.I.N.K.S. (Preventive Information, Necessary Knowledge of Self-Defense) is a course dedicated to teaching women practical, reality-based, self-defense. The concepts and easy-to-learn techniques in this class are structured to teach women the skills, abilities and winning mindset to survive a violent encounter. It is taught in an uplifting manner to empower women to fight back and take control of their personal safety.

*\*Attendees should wear comfortable clothing if they intend to participate in the physical portion of this training.\**

#### ***The Story of Possibility***

**Presenter: Barbara Whiting, DKG International First Vice-President**

Join the discussion of DKG's future. The story of who we are and what we do is told by DKG members. Together, we can create the story of who we are becoming. The best changes come through the heart. Listen to the stories of proposed Society changes and the changes that are already occurring. You are writing the story of DKG's future. Join this discussion of possibilities and the development of our future story. Together we have an opportunity to create a Society that is extraordinary.

#### ***Book Discussion: "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead***

**Facilitator: Judith Jordan (Lambda)**

Like the protagonist of *Gulliver's Travels*, Cora encounters different worlds at each stage of her journey – hers is an odyssey through time as well as through space. As Whitehead brilliantly recreates the unique terrors for African American people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. This is a kinetic tale of one woman's ferocious will to escape the perils of bondage and offers a shattering, powerful mediation on our history.

# 2018 Alpha Zeta State Convention Registration

## How to Register for the Alpha Zeta State Convention

### 1. Register with AZ State to participate in the convention:

- ✓ ONLINE: Fill out the Google form at <https://goo.gl/forms/EnYQ1g8aIVgHdW3r1>.
- ✓ SNAIL MAIL: Use the registration form on page 11 in this newsletter or print the form from the website, fill it out, and mail to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829 (This form will not guarantee your workshop choice!)

### 2. Register for a room at the hotel:

- ✓ PHONE: 1-800-222-TREE, ask for reservations in the Delta Kappa Gamma room block.
- ✓ ONLINE: <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWRDADT-DKG-20180413/index.jhtml>.
- ✓ Remember to use our Group Name: DKG and our Group Code: DKG.
- ✓ Room reservations must be made by **midnight on March 13, 2018**. If you do not register as DKG you may get a cheaper rate, but ***we will not get credit for you and, if we do not make our room guarantee, we'll pay a huge penalty!***

Hotel: **DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center**  
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873-4197 Phone: 1-732-469-2600

#### Room rates (include breakfast in Seasonz Restaurant):

2 guests: \$135.10 ~ 3 guests: \$147.10 ~ 4 guests: \$159.10

Room rates inclusive of all taxes. Roll-away cots are not permitted.

**RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY PHONE OR ONLINE.**

### 3. Make your payment = Convention registration and meals:

- ✓ Calculate your payment amount:
  - Attending convention? Pay \$40 if you are staying at the hotel, \$50 if you are commuting.
  - Attending the luncheon? Add \$36; unless you are an initiate or presenter (\$0).
  - Are you coming to the banquet? Add \$47.
  - Add up your amounts (Example: \$40 + \$36 + \$47 = \$123) and write your check **or** choose the correct option on the *PayPal* button.
- ✓ PAY ONLINE: Use the online *Paypal* button on the AZS website and pay with your credit card (fee of 2.9% + \$0.30 will be added) **OR**
- ✓ MAIL A CHECK: Make check payable to **NJ DKG**, mail to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Rd, High Bridge, NJ 08829.

### 4. Confirmation:

- Online registration: A "Thank you" page appears, "Your information has been recorded." If not, go back, complete the entire form and hit the "submit" button again!
- For both online and snail mail - *After payment is recorded*, an email copy of your information will be sent.
- If you never get any confirmation of any kind from Jan Paxton, you are not registered! If you think you may not be registered, please contact Jan at [alphazetastate@dkgnj.org](mailto:alphazetastate@dkgnj.org) or 201-851-1428 sooner rather than later to make sure that you are registered!

**5. Deadlines:** Registration deadline and cancellation date is March 13, 2018. Your registration is LATE if it is not postmarked or recorded online by March 13. You will be charged a \$10 late fee! You may find that your meal seats are with other late registrants, not with your chapter. Your registration is NOT late, even if you haven't yet mailed your check, as long as it is recorded online by March 13.

### 6. Cancellations:

Need to cancel? Contact Jan at [alphazetastate@dkgnj.com](mailto:alphazetastate@dkgnj.com) or 908-638-8693. **No refunds after March 13.**



# New Jersey State Organization

## Alpha Zeta State Convention April 13-15, 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Answer all questions. Snail-mail this with a check in the correct amount to **Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829**. If you do not receive a note from Jan Paxton confirming your registration and payment, **YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED!** Contact Jan at 201-851-1428 to make sure that you are registered - please do not wait until Convention! Your complete registration, including payment, must be postmarked by March 13, 2018. After that date, there will be a late fee of \$10, no refunds will be possible, and you may not be seated with your chapter sisters for meals! **All hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by midnight on March 13, 2018.**

<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Circle one:</b> Staying at the hotel <i>OR</i> Commuting	<b>Circle one:</b> AZS Member <i>OR</i> AZS Initiate <i>OR</i> Guest
<b>Are you attending Chorus rehearsal Friday?</b> Yes <i>OR</i> No	<b>Are you attending the Friday evening Social?</b> Yes <i>OR</i> No	<b>Members and Initiates:</b> Chapter?
<b>Initiates:</b> Attending Saturday 8:00 a.m. Initiation Rehearsal? Yes <i>OR</i> No	<b>Initiates:</b> Attending Saturday 9:00 a.m. Initiates' Orientation? Yes <i>OR</i> No	<b>Initiates:</b> Sponsor/Escort?
<b>Morning Workshop 10:30 - 11:45</b> <b>Choose one of five and an alternate (1, 2)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend a morning workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Book Discussion: <i>Little Paris Bookshop</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Go Forth and Make Magic <input type="checkbox"/> The Gratitude Train <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Yoga <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Ignite Enthusiasm for Your Profession		<b>Afternoon Workshop 2:30 - 3:45</b> <b>Choose one of six and an alternate (1, 2)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend an afternoon workshop. <input type="checkbox"/> Book Discussion: <i>The Underground Railroad</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Co-teaching Done Right <input type="checkbox"/> Questioning and Discussion Techniques <input type="checkbox"/> Pollinators in Peril <input type="checkbox"/> P.I.N.K.S. Self-Defense for Women <input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Possibility
<b>Will you attend the Saturday Birthday Luncheon (12 noon)? Please choose one entrée. Cost: \$35 for members. Initiates &amp; presenters will be guests of AZ State (no charge).</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend the luncheon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian option: Steamed Jasmine Rice with Snow Peas, Carrots and Tofu - Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Open Face Turkey Sandwich with Gravy <input type="checkbox"/> I need to make a special meal request (you will detail your request below)		<b>Will you attend the Saturday evening banquet? Please choose one entrée. Cost: \$47</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend the Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian & Vegan Option: Vegetable Wellington <input type="checkbox"/> Balsamic Grilled Chicken with Tomatoes and Mozzarella Cheese <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Salmon with a Lemon Butter Sauce - Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> I need to make a special meal request (you will detail your request below)
<b>Will you need a gluten free or diabetic dessert for luncheon?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>Will you need a gluten free or diabetic dessert for the banquet?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If you need to make a special meal request for the luncheon, please detail it here.</b>		<b>If you need to make a special meal request for the banquet dinner, please detail it here.</b>

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## Proposed AZS 2018 Bylaw Revisions

*Dr. Barbara Glazewski and Saula Cutter, Rules and Bylaws Co-Chairs*

The following proposals for bylaw amendments were received by the AZS Rules and Bylaws Committee by the September 1, 2017 deadline, discussed at a meeting of the state RBL Committee, and presented to the AZS executive board and chapter presidents at the state meeting on January 6, 2018 for approval to move forward to the membership for discussion and voting at the annual AZS Convention in April 2018. All members should familiarize themselves with these proposals prior to the vote at this year's convention. If you have any questions, please contact either Dr. Barbara Glazewski or Saula Cutter, RBL Co-Chairs.

ARTICLE	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING	RATIONALE/IMPLICATION
IX. A.1.j	Committees and Appointments A.1.j. Finance/Audit	Committees and Appointments A.1.j. Finance	The added word Audit is not needed to name the committee. Conducting an audit is one responsibility of the finance committee. It does not need to be included in the committee name.  No budget impact.
IX.C.1.a.1)	1) The expansion committee shall consist of a state chair to focus on state expansion; a state chair to focus on chapter strengthening; and one (1) member of each chapter. The president shall serve as an ex-officio member, without vote. The treasurer shall serve as a consultant.	1) The expansion committee shall consist of one (1) state chair to focus on state expansion and chapter strengthening; and one (1) member of each chapter. The president shall serve as an ex-officio member, without vote. The treasurer shall serve as a consultant.	It is not necessary to have two (2) state chairs to fulfill this position. The expansion committee works in coordination with the membership committee and the work of both committees can be accomplished with the membership chair and the expansion chair working together.  No budget impact.
IX.C.1.a.3)	3) The expansion committee shall be responsible for assisting chapters in strengthening their membership.	3) The expansion committee shall be responsible for assisting chapters in strengthening their membership across generations and diversities, particularly identifying and initiating outstanding women educators in the early years of their career.	Membership and expansion have the same goals. We should want AZ State to be an organization of outstanding women educators that represents our communities, including those from diverse backgrounds and generations, in order to strengthen and maintain our AZS membership.  No budget impact.

*(See **PROPOSED AZS 2018 BYLAW REVISIONS** on page 12)*

**PROPOSED AZS 2018 BYLAW REVISIONS (Continued from page 11)**

ARTICLE	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING	RATIONALE/IMPLICATION
IX. D.2.e.	State President's Book: to develop a hard-copy history of the president's biennium as a remembrance for the president and as part of the state organization's history.	State President's Book: to develop a history of the president's biennium as a remembrance for the president and as part of the state organization's history.	<p>The choice of how the biennium of the state president's record is kept should be given to the president. Technology now offers many alternative means of recording history. It must be kept in mind that the record is a state record; therefore, the choice of record as well as the archiving of the record must be considered in choosing the method.</p> <p>It should not have a budget impact. AZ State budget guidelines should determine the costs of the method used.</p>
VI.E.1.a.5)	Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except nominations.	Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.	<p>State presidents should be ex-officio to all committees without any exclusions. At the international level, the president is the liaison to the nominations committee. Our state president should have the same opportunity at the state level.</p> <p>No budget impact.</p>
IX. B.3	The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominations committee.	The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.	<p>There should be no exception to the president as ex-officio to the state committees.</p> <p>No budget impact.</p>
VIII. A.1.	The members of the executive board shall be elected officers, treasurer, immediate past state president, and the chapter presidents. The parliamentarian and the past state presidents shall be ex-officio members without vote.	The members of the executive board shall be elected officers, treasurer, immediate past state president, and the chapter presidents. The parliamentarian shall be an ex-officio member without vote.	<p>There is no need to recognize this group as non-voting members as they are no longer elected or appointed state officers as defined in the Bylaws Article VI.A.1.</p> <p>No budget impact.</p>

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**PROPOSED AZS 2018 BYLAW REVISIONS** (Continued from page 12)

ARTICLE	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING	RATIONALE/IMPLICATION
IX.C.2.h.	Past State Presidents - appointed	Past State Presidents	The past state presidents are not appointed. They join the group at the end of their biennium.  No budget impact
VII. B.2. and B.3.	2. A planning conference and executive board meeting shall be held in September every year.  3. An executive board and convention finalization conference shall be held in January.	2. An executive board meeting for the purpose of planning shall be held in September every year.  3. An executive board and convention-finalization meeting shall be held in January.	The two state meetings held each year are not conferences, but meetings. Therefore, the language should reflect meeting, not conference.  No budget impact.

1/6/18

## SAP Committee

### A. Boehm, C. Musick, SAP Co-Chairs

The Strategic Action Planning chairs, **Annabelle Boehm** and **Christine Musick**, addressed the chapter presidents during the January 6, 2018 Alpha Zeta State meeting.

The AZS Executive Committee adjusted the state format to comply with DKG International directives. Each chapter will adjust their current SAP to follow the format of the state SAP. The state SAP has been streamlined and simplified. (No more boxes to type in!) Please keep your goals simple, achievable, and therefore, manageable.

When you have completed your chapter's SAP, please email it to both Annabelle and Christine so it can be reviewed, mainly to check format, spelling, and punctuation. Minor suggestions regarding the content may also be made. The document is for your chapter's benefit, and you, of course, know your chapter the best.

We ask that you send them by May 1, 2018 to the email addresses below:

- **Annabelle Boehm** (Lambda)  
Cell: (732)786-3880  
Email: [aboehm@comcast.net](mailto:aboehm@comcast.net)
- **Christine Musick** (Nu)  
Cell: (609) 680-8890  
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## IN MEMORIAM

*Ruth Mooney, Necrology Chair*

Chapter	Sister	Initiated	Death
Epsilon	Susan Jane Green	1983	10/25/17
Iota	Betty Rossell	1966	12/14/17
Kappa	Vilma (Vickie) Haring	1974	12/1/17
Xi	Cathleen Foster	1979	12/30/17

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Women teachers to the calling...



Firmly rally never falling...



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## **2018 Dates and Deadlines**

<b>MARCH</b>	1..... <i>Deadline to Submit Chapter Banner Carrier Form</i> 13..... <i>AZS Convention/Hotel Registration Deadline</i> 18-21... <b>2018 DKG US Forum/Legislative Seminar in Arlington, VA</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	6..... <b>CTAUN Conference in NYC, NY</b> 13-15... <b>AZS CONVENTION in Somerset, NJ</b>
<b>MAY</b>	1..... <i>Deadline to Submit Chapter SAP to AZS SAP Committee</i>
<b>JUNE</b>	2..... <b>AZS Leadership Session (location to be announced)</b>
<b>JULY</b>	16-20... <b>DKG International Convention in Austin, TX</b>



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