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education.**



2019 – 2021 NJ State Organization Officers Installed at Annual Convention

The New Jersey State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International conducted their biennial installation ceremony for incoming officers at their annual state convention on April 6, 2019. The newly elected state officers were sworn in as part of the festivities during the Saturday evening banquet. These state officers will officially take office this summer at the commencement of the 2019 – 2021 biennium.

NJ STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT



Ingrid Williams, Nu Chapter, has been elected to serve as the 2019 – 2021 state president of the New Jersey State Organization. Williams currently serves as the state's first vice-president and operated as the state's corresponding secretary during the 2015 – 2017 biennium. She also held the position of the state's finance chair from 2010 – 2015. At the chapter level, Williams has served as

Nu Chapter's president as well as on the rules & bylaws committee.

Williams was a math teacher, department coordinator, and senior supervisor at Shawnee High School in Medford, New Jersey, retiring after 38 years as a math educator. She has also served as a trainer, validator, and test developer for the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Williams participated as a member of both the Math/Science Consortium of Burlington County and the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee.

Williams, a member of DKG since 2003, wrote, "Annie Webb Blanton challenged us to be "ever moving forward" and the past year has shown how willing we are to keep this Society current and forward-moving. Change brings challenge and we are facing new challenges that need to be met head-on and embraced. I have watched many incredible women fill leadership positions since my initiation and have had a wonderful experience serving on the state board. I have watched and learned. I am honored and humbled to be New Jersey's president-elect."

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A Message from our NJ State President, Carol Schwartz



Words cannot adequately express what an honor it has been to serve as your 2017 - 2019 state president. This biennium started with a flight to Windsor, Ontario, along with eighteen other New Jersey State Organization officers and members. There, we began to plan, bond, and form lifelong friendships.

There are not enough roses or expressions of thank you for my amazing executive committee: **Ingrid Williams, Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, Nora Pollard, Irene Maskaly, Ellen Hahn, and Dr. Margaret Niemiec.** They were always supportive and ready to tackle any issue that came before us as we became a cohesive group of New Jersey State Organization sisters. Our executive board and chapter presidents have helped to move New Jersey forward. I am humbled by the number of talented and hardworking members we have in New Jersey.

We should applaud ourselves for our many accomplishments during this biennium. New Jersey members have submitted articles for publication in the *Collegial Exchange* and the *Bulletin*. Our members have had works of art accepted to DKG's *Humanities and Art Jury*.

New Jersey has seen changes to our bylaws and standing rules, which include accepting collegial members and changing our collection of dues to align with our fiscal year.

I've had the pleasure of visiting almost all the chapters in New Jersey. Our chapters have given scholarships and stipends to our members and grants-in-aid to nonmembers.



You have supported shelters dedicated to women and children, stocked food banks, and supported a variety of other programs throughout the state. You contributed over \$700 at our September 2017 meeting for DKG's *Emergency Fund* and gave over \$2400 in gift cards to support schools in Florida and Texas after the devastating hurricanes in 2017. New Jersey continues to support the *Education Fund* and the *Schools for Africa* international project.

As we look forward to the 2019-2021 biennium, I know that New Jersey can expect a bright future. Your newly elected state president, **Ingrid Williams**, along with her executive board and committees are a group of bright, knowledgeable, and very competent leaders.

To all the members of our state organization, thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and friendship. I can't express how fulfilling, busy, and energizing these past two years have been. I know that all of you, along with me, will show our support and wish NJ State Organization President-Elect Ingrid Williams and her officers the very best for a successful 2019 - 2021 biennium.

NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION NEWS

Official publication of the NJ State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
(published three times per year)

2017-2019 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

Carol Schwartz, *President*
Ingrid Williams, *First Vice-President*
Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, *Second Vice-President*
Dr. Nora Pollard, *Recording Secretary*

Irene Maskaly, *Corresponding Secretary*
Ellen Hahn, *Treasurer*
Dr. Margaret Niemiec, *Parliamentarian*
Barbara Smith, *Immediate Past President*

2017-2019 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

Gail Starr, *Editor*

Barbara Smith, *Staff*

Jane Tallmadge, *Circulation*

Welcome New Members!

Dr. Pamela Albert Devine
2nd Vice-President, Membership Chair

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest sisters of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. At our annual convention this year, twenty-seven new members were inducted during our state's traditional ceremony. In addition, eighteen of you have had or will have an equally unique induction experience at your chapter meeting. Whichever event you were a part of, we are honored to have you as our new members!

You have been identified as a *Key Woman Educator*. Your sponsor has recognized your dedication to your career, your successes in life, and your qualities as a leader who will continue to make a difference in the lives of everyone they meet. Our members impact education in their communities, our state, and across the world through projects, programs, and philanthropic endeavors. As membership chair, I encourage you to begin your involvement in your chapter immediately. Your sponsor is now your mentor; talk to her and find out how you can get started on your DKG journey. What might that next step be on your DKG journey?



Are you willing to take the risk? Are you willing to take the next step? Your next step could be attending the 2019 International Conference July 30th - August 1st in Mashantucket, Connecticut! We hope you will be able to attend and experience the professional organization you have joined. Please contact your sponsor, mentor, or me, with any questions or information you may need about registering for this conference.

Your next step could be attending the September state meeting, or it could be presenting a workshop at our 2020 state convention! It could be to follow DKG on Facebook ([New Jersey State Organization DKG](#)), Twitter ([@NJStateOrgDKG](#)), Instagram ([dkgnewjersey](#)), or LinkedIn (DKG: [The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#)).

There are many advantages to membership in our Society. We urge you to visit DKG International's website ([www.dkg.org](#)) to complete your member profile and to explore the links to learn more about our Society. Take advantage of the opportunities and connections of your membership. You will see how these opportunities, along with active

participation, can truly help change the world. Be sure to also visit the New Jersey State Organization website ([www.dkgnj.org](#)).

The nurturing environment of the Society encourages all members to grow and reach their highest levels of professional and personal accomplishments. Our members are committed to fulfilling their potential for greatness, for creativity, for leadership, and for service through varied programs of action.

We are so glad you have joined our Society and welcome you all! We are here to help you; opportunities abound at the local, state, and international levels. Opportunities to enhance leadership development, financial opportunities to support members seeking educational advancement, opportunities to participate in forums on legislative issues, international networking opportunities across all fields and levels of education, and more, all await you as a DKG member. Thank you for joining DKG; we look forward to our shared future as sisters.

If you know of someone else who is interested in membership and lives in another part of the state, please encourage them to reach out directly to me (Dr. Pamela Albert Devine at [palbertdevine@gmail.com](#)) or have them contact our state organization via our [Want to Become a Member Page!](#)

DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 30 – August 1, 2019

Foxwoods Resort & Casino
Mashantucket, CT

Conference Theme: Global Awareness

Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 5, 2019

Conference Registration Deadline: July 16, 2019

Visit [www.dkg.org](#) for details/registration.

Be sure to contact Irene Maskaly or Gail Starr if you want to attend the ***Jersey Girls' Dinner***, scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 31st.

We hope to see you in CT!

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NJ STATE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Nora Pollard, Lambda Chapter, has been elected to the position of New Jersey State Organization's first vice-president. Pollard currently functions as the state's recording secretary. She has also served as the state's leadership development chair and co-chair, induction co-chair, and co-editor of the state newsletter. In her chapter, Pollard has served as Lambda Chapter's president, first vice-president, secretary, finance chair, newsletter co-editor, and publicity chair. She is currently chairing her chapter's 50th birthday celebration committee. Pollard is employed as a senior disability policy coordinator for Educational Testing Service. She began her career in education as a teacher of the handicapped. During her educational tenure, Pollard has been a learning disabilities consultant, county supervisor of child study, director of special services, and an assistant professor of education at several universities.



Pollard, a member with 15 years of DKG experience, shared her desire to lead, "Although membership drives our organization, the only way to provide our members with a fulfilling experience, especially at the state convention, is by planning an exciting and educational program that will meet the needs of all members. I have a wide range of experiences in the field of education and many ideas about the type of programs that members would find enticing. I am honored to share my ideas with the state organization as our first vice-president-elect."

NJ STATE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Irene Maskaly, Iota Chapter, has been elected as New Jersey State Organization's second vice-president. She currently serves as the state's corresponding secretary. Maskaly has been a member of the arts advocates committee, co-chair of rules & bylaws, and educational excellence chair. She has served Iota Chapter as president, treasurer, and as a member of several committees.



Maskaly was an educator of visual arts at Sterling High School in Somerdale, New Jersey for over 30 years. She is currently employed in admissions management at Hussian College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a docent and presenter at the Rockwood Museum in Wilmington, Delaware.

Maskaly, initiated into DKG in 2010, commented, "The sharing of an inexplicable connection within this membership of intelligent and committed educators reinforces one's commitment to excellence and the unselfish support of one another."



NJ STATE RECORDING SECRETARY-ELECT

Dr. Pamela Albert Devine, Mu Chapter, has been elected to serve as New Jersey State Organization's recording secretary. She is currently the state's second vice-president. At the state level, Devine has served as state corresponding secretary, leadership development chair, as well as the chair of both the research and technology committees. In Mu Chapter, she has served as chapter president, as well as chair of the membership, nominations, leadership development, and personal growth and services committees.



Devine has been an educator in the Little Silver School District for over 30 years. Currently, she is the principal of the Point Road School in Little Silver, New Jersey. Prior to assuming the principal's position, Devine served as the supervisor of curriculum and instruction for the school district.

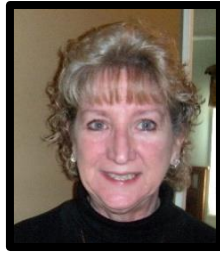
Devine, a member of DKG since 1983, lamented, "With each passing year, my membership reminds me to continue to grow, to learn, and to assist New Jersey in its mission to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education."

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NJ STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-ELECT

Gail Starr, Omicron Chapter, has been elected as New Jersey State Organization's corresponding secretary. She is currently the state newsletter editor. At the chapter level, Starr has served as Omicron Chapter president, both first and second vice-president, corresponding secretary, as well as treasurer. Additionally, she established the chapter website and quarterly newsletter. Starr was an educator for over 30 years, with certification in special education, elementary, teacher of the deaf, and as a speech therapist. In 1991, Starr was recognized as *Teacher of the Year* at the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School. Currently, she is a student mentor/classroom volunteer at the Little Egg Harbor School District, serves as vice president of her local women's club, and volunteers at several service organizations in her community.



Starr, a member with 20 years of DKG experience, articulated, "I believe membership in DKG is an honor, but it also carries the responsibility to actively participate in order to address our Society's mission to promote the professional and personal growth of women and excellence in education. I recognize and readily embrace the need to do my part to help sustain the seven purposes of our organization through dynamic involvement with the programs, projects, and logistics of DKG at all levels of our organization."

NJ STATE NOMINATIONS CHAIR-ELECT

Carol Schwartz, Gamma Chapter, has been elected to serve as New Jersey State Organization's nominations chair. Schwartz currently serves as New Jersey's state president. She has previously served as the state's first vice-president, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary. At the chapter level, she has held the offices of president and first vice-president in Gamma Chapter. Additionally, Schwartz has been a co-chair of the nominations,



rules & bylaws, installation, and leadership development committees.

For over 35 years, she was an elementary and middle school educator in the Trenton Public School District. During her tenure in the Trenton School District, she was a teacher leader, site-based management team member, and school testing coordinator. Additionally, Schwartz was a level II IMPACT trainer for the district. In her community, she is a Special Olympics volunteer as well as a volunteer for the Carousel Program for Special Needs Adults.

Schwartz, a member of DKG since 1998 explained, "My experiences as an educator, a community outreach volunteer, and member of the state executive committee for the past eight years have given me the background, knowledge, and understanding to serve as New Jersey State nominations chair. In this capacity, I will be afforded the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing efforts to move our state organization forward."

Source: Nominations report originally published in NJ State Organization newsletter, spring 2019 edition

Biennial Transitional Session for State Officers and Committee Chairs

The NJ State Organization will conduct a *Committee Transition Session*, to be held on June 1st from 9:30 am until approximately 11:30 am at Steinert High School, Hamilton Township, NJ. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The training 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 stress-free environment for you to become comfortable with your new position and its responsibilities or to refine current committee responsibilities. The newly elected state officers look forward to working with all our committees as our team moves our state forward with strength and commitment.

Ruth Forlines, Former State President (1991 – 1993), Remembered

The New Jersey State Organization regretfully acknowledges the passing of **Ruth Forlines**, one of our beloved former state presidents.

As reported by Nu Chapter members **Pat Gordon** and **Carol Ritter**, Ruth passed away in her sleep, at the age of 91, on April 15, 2018.

Gordon and Ritter commented that there are many adjectives that come to mind when thinking of Ruth: educator, organizer, motivator, leader, and friend are just a few. None seems adequate to describe the feisty, dynamic DKG sister who devoted 47 years to this organization.



Ruth was born in Birmingham, Alabama. She attended Auburn University where she studied chemistry and in 1948 earned her degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

In the 1960s, Ruth settled in NJ, where she not only taught first and second grades but also became the first female president of the Southampton Education Association in Southampton, Burlington County. Ruth was very active in NEA and NJEA, having been elected to the Delegate Assembly in 1976.

Ruth was also active in her church. She taught adults and vacation bible school at the United Methodist Church in Mt. Holly, NJ, and later as a member of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Southampton, where she also sang in the choir. As if this didn't keep her busy enough, in 1971, Ruth became a charter member of Nu Chapter and immediately took a leadership role, serving on numerous committees. She was elected recording secretary, second and first vice-president, and president. Her chapter honored her with the *Rose Award* in 1989 and the *Key Award* in 2003.

As a key woman educator, Ruth led the way at the state and international levels as well. She was elected state recording secretary, second and first vice president, and from 1991 to 1993 as our state president. In addition, she was state convention co-chair from 1993-1995. She also served as state treasurer for seven years. Ruth never missed a state

convention as long as her health cooperated. She attended many regional conferences and international conventions. In 1997, Ruth presented a workshop for treasurers at the international convention in Stockholm, Sweden, as the representative of the northeast region on the international finance committee. The following year she became chair of that committee.

Doris Lambert, another former NJ state president (1991 – 2001), friend, and convention companion, said of Ruth and her work, "When items came up at convention that needed financial support, Ruth would spend time at those conventions rearranging the budget to have the money in place."

Carol Ritter, Nu Chapter wrote, "Personally, I am proud to say Ruth was my sponsor to DKG in 1988. In my earlier teaching career, I had the pleasure of teaching her daughter at Lenape High School and a few years later, Ruth taught my son in Southampton Elementary School. She inspired and mentored me; but more importantly, she was my friend. Ruth's successful leadership can be summarized by her knowledge of all facets of DKG; knowing what had to be done and how to get it done – the right way. She was a respected member at the state level and the pride of Nu Chapter. Her service to all has been deeply appreciated."

Dr. Marilyn Gonyo, past state president (2003 – 2005), Lambda Chapter, added, "Ruth and I were in the same "Class of DKG Sisterhood", both being initiated into AZS in April 1971. Together we worked through chapter and state level positions and we both had the honor of serving at the international level as well. At state meetings, Ruth and I would catch-up on DKG news, as well as family and personal happenings. She was keenly interested in knowing the latest developments regarding literacy and special needs students and enjoyed sharing stories of her grandson and students. Ruth's smile and pleasant demeanor are what I remember most. She had a kind and gentle way, with a special softness that touched all who knew her. I remember her fondly and am happy that we traveled this road together."

Source: 2019 Celebration of Life eulogy written by Pat Gordon and Carol Ritter, both of Nu Chapter and a personal anecdote submitted by Dr. M. Gonyo

Convention Programs a Success

Ingrid Williams

First Vice-President, Program of Work/EEC

It takes many people to bring successful programs and workshops to our state convention. This year, there was no shortage of help or suggestions. Fourteen workshops were offered, seven of which were presented by our own talented sisters.

Two workshop presenters were of special note. **Lillie Ham Hendry**, a Mu charter member, presented *Preserving our Educational History: Court Street School House Then and Now* and **Dawn Flanders**, a Mu Chapter inductee, co-presented *P.I.N.K.S. Self-Defense Workshop* for the second year in a row. Two ends of the spectrum – a charter member and a brand-new member, both contributing their time and talents for the benefit of us all. Based on the workshop evaluations, people enjoyed the presentations they attended and often suggested we have the speaker return in the future.

Jane Tanner, the northeast regional director, presented two workshops for us. The first was about the new dues procedure that goes into effect in June and the other was a question and answer session, allowing sisters to find out answers to any questions they had about the happenings at International.

Our luncheon keynote speaker, Susan Vernicek, gave a heartfelt thank you to educators. Her own personal story of perseverance along with the help of her teachers emphasized once again the importance of the work that happens every day in classrooms. Sometimes the results are not seen until many years later, but the impact lasts forever.

Many thoughtful responses on the evaluations will be the springboard for planning programs for the 2020 state convention. Ideas may be submitted to **Nora Pollard** (nora.pollard@att.net) for workshops and/or keynote speakers. It is very helpful if you could provide contact information when making a recommendation.

Thank you again for your support and attendance in making our 2019 convention a meaningful experience for all.

Convention Committee Update

Mary Jean DiRoberto

General Convention Chair

Convention 2019 resulted in another fantastic weekend! 253 sisters were registered, and we welcomed 27 new inductees. The Friday night basket auction netted nearly \$4500 and fun was had by all who attended.

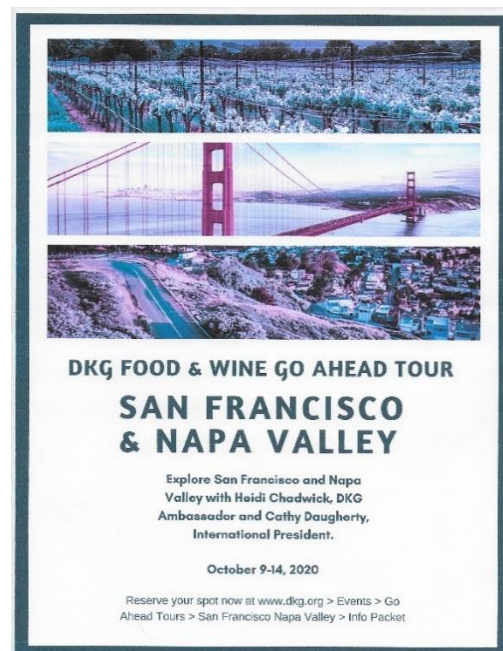
Jan Paxton, **Sue Davis**, and I would like to thank **President Carol Schwartz** for ensuring a wonderful convention experience for everyone and **Ingrid Williams** who organized a diverse and enriching program. Special thanks are extended to all chapter convention chairs for their assistance with their chapter responsibilities. We truly appreciate all their support!

Travel with DKG

Perhaps you would like to travel with fellow DKG members from around the world. DKG, in partnership with Go Ahead Tours, has the following trips available. Visit www.dkg.org for additional trip details.

Iceland Tour July - August 2019

San Francisco - Napa Valley October 2020



2019 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION MEMORIES

*April 5-7, 2019
Somerset DoubleTree*



*BASKET AUCTION
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DESSERT SOCIAL*



*DKG INT'L GUEST
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER*



*PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER
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INFORMATION FAIR*



*GENERAL SESSION MEETINGS
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WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES
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CHAPTER SALES*



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2019 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION MEMORIES



STATE INDUCTION
CEREMONY



CHAPTER RECOGNITION
& MILESTONE AWARDS



STATE ROSEBUD AWARD
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CHAPTER KEY AWARDS
~
M. ABEL SCHOLARSHIP



STATE INSTALLATION CEREMONY
~
STATE CHORUS
~
CELEBRATION OF LIFE



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Rosebud Award

Barbara Henderson, NJ Special Awards Co-chair

The very first NJ State Organization's *Rosebud Award* was presented at this year's state convention to **Irene Maskaly** of Iota Chapter. Irene has been a member of DKG for ten years or less and has volunteered for many jobs within her chapter, for the NJ State Organization, as well as at The Delta Kappa Gamma International level. She served as the treasurer and president of Iota Chapter, in addition to volunteering in many other areas. She then moved on to several state positions on the executive board as well as committee positions. Irene has attended numerous state, regional, and international conventions and has also presented programs there. She always answers the call.



Irene is a real role model and exemplifies the true meaning of the award as New Jersey's first *Rosebud Award* recipient. She sets a sterling precedent for future recipients. Congratulations, Irene!

2019 Margaret Abel Scholarship Recipient

Faith Steinfort, Margaret Able Scholarship Chair

Yet another incredible young woman, Cheyenne Setneska, was presented the *Margaret Abel Scholarship Award* at the NJ State Organization Convention this year. A junior art education major at Stockton University, Cheyenne has a 3.98 G.P.A. In addition to her high academic achievements, she has developed an art program for Spanish speaking toddlers to help them learn English. While spending a semester in Spain, she utilized art to help a young Spanish girl learn English. She has also assisted high school students with the *Junior Achievement Career Success Workshop* at Stockton and is currently mentoring students on academic probation. She also works as a secretary for the Stockton Art Gallery, serves as treasurer of the Photography Club, is a member of the Rotaract Club, and volunteers for the *Day of Service* every semester. Her academic awards

include the *Princeton Administrators' Award*, the *James E. Goodman Award*, and the *Lion Woodward Educational Award*. She also received the *Corner House/Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance Award*.

As laudable as these accomplishments are, it is, however, the words of her references that speak volumes about the person she is. One writes, "As a school teacher with over thirty years of experience, I am so pleased and excited that she has decided to make teaching her profession. I have had the pleasure of watching her grow and develop over the last seven years into a wonderful young adult. Even among the exceptional students that have made the journey through the Princeton School System with her, she has always stood out, both academically and personally. I cannot think of a nicer, more genuine person than she, and I will be forever grateful for the empathy and comfort that she gave my son when he tragically lost his twin brother."

Her preservice field work cooperating teacher remarked, "During the time spent in my art room, she demonstrated a high level of professionalism and educational acumen. While she was always prompt and prepared, what I noticed most was the care and concern she showed our students. From brainstorming to sketching, she made herself available to struggling students, assisting them with the creative process. She promoted a positive classroom environment through her kindness and respect for all. Her creativity and compassion will serve her students well."

In Cheyenne's own words, "Art is a subject of empowerment, inspiration, and therapy... My goal is to have my students recognize the importance of art, incorporate it in their lives, and develop their creative abilities... Being a teacher is a commitment to the intellect of others and being an inspiration to impressionable students... Teachers are nurturers, role models, and facilitators. They do not give up when a difficult situation arises. I hope I can prove myself by demonstrating these qualities in my own classroom."

I am sure that there are no doubts in the minds of those of us who heard and met her, that she will, indeed, prove herself! Congratulations and best wishes to Cheyenne as she continues her journey to make a difference as a future educator.

NJ State Yearbook Changes

Rebecca Schwartz, NJ Yearbook Chair

This year is going to be a big one for the NJ State Organization's yearbook! Every once in a while our state yearbook goes through a transformation. The time has come again.

As we prepare for the new year, we are asking each NJ member to complete an online Google form to update their information. By collecting the information through the Google form, we will be able to better format and organize the information. This will make the yearbook easier to navigate and will use less paper for those of us who still prefer a printed copy. In addition, we are asking each sister to upload a picture of herself to create a yearbook 'look book' to help each other put faces with names.

You will note that this information has been sent to you VERY early this year. It is our hope that you will help each other complete the information at your spring chapter meetings. Maybe someone in your chapter can bring a laptop and help the members flow through the survey. Perhaps someone else can help take head-shots to upload them to the form. Photos uploaded through the form will make our task easier, but we can also accept photos via the email address below.

Another change is that we have created a separate NJ State Organization yearbook email address: DKGNJyearbook@gmail.com. In the past, the information took up coveted space in committee members' personal inboxes. Now, all members of the yearbook committee can easily access the information in one designated location.

If you or anyone in your chapter would like to have a "hands-on" role in helping to reformat and reorganize the directory and create the 'look book', please send her our way! Lastly, please try your best to get all your members to complete the form by the end of June.

Here is the link to the form:

<https://forms.gle/9594TwYW9odLTJvq8>

or click directly on the hyperlink below:

[DKGNJ Yearbook: Member Information](#)

Be on the lookout for additional emails and reminders as the yearbook deadline approaches. If you have any questions, please reach out to the yearbook committee via email at DKGNJyearbook@gmail.com or call 215-499-2887.

NJ State Rules and Bylaws Update

*Dr. Barbara Glazewski and Saula Cutter
NJ RBL Co-chairs*

On April 6, 2019, at the annual convention of the New Jersey State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the following revisions to the NJ Bylaws were approved by the membership: Article V.A.3, Article IX.A.p, Article IX.C.1.f, Article IX.C.1.p, and Article X. In addition, the following revisions to the NJ Standing Rules were approved by the membership: 10.1, 11.3.2, 11.3.6.5, and 11.3.7.

The current wording, proposed wording, and rationales/implications for these revisions were presented to chapter chairpersons at the September committee meeting for review and then presented to the executive board at the January state meeting for approval to move them forward to the membership for a vote at the convention. Prior to that, they were disseminated to the membership through the chapter presidents and committee chairs as well as published in the state newsletter. They will now be integrated into the current bylaws and standing rules and ultimately uploaded onto the state website.

Please note that any proposed amendments to our rules and/or bylaws for the upcoming year must be submitted to the RBL chairperson by September 1, 2019, for consideration at the 2020 state convention. Form RBL-1 can be found on the state website. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Barbara Glazewski at docgs1p@aol.com.

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK REMINDER TO ALL NJ CHAPTER MEMBERS...

Please be sure to update your personal information and upload your head-shot photo for inclusion in the 2019 - 2020 NJ State Organization yearbook by June 30th via the yearbook committee Goggle form:

<https://forms.gle/9594TwYW9odLTJvq8>

or

[DKGNJ Yearbook: Member Information](#).

Newsworthy Notes

Annabelle Boehm Published in *The DKG Bulletin*

The New Jersey State Organization is proud to recognize **Annabelle Boehm**, Lambda Chapter, for the inclusion of her article entitled "*Doomed to Repeat*" which was recently published in the volume 85-4 (2019) issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Boehm, a retired professor of special education and learning, has been a DKG member since 2007. She served as Lambda Chapter's president from 2014 – 2016 and is currently a member of her chapter's anniversary committee. Congratulations, Annabelle, on your publication!

Dr. Judy Merz Twice Featured in DKG's Fine Arts Gallery

The New Jersey State Organization is honored to acknowledge **Dr. Judy Merz**, Alpha Chapter, for her two entries that have been accepted into DKG's Gallery of Fine Arts. Her featured work includes a poem, *My Lover Song*, and a 2D art entry entitled *Lion and Lamb*. Both entries can be viewed at www.dkg.org for the next six months, after which, they will be available in the archives.

Merz, who resides in Nevada but maintains her DKG ties to NJ, is employed as an adjunct professor in NSU's doctoral program. She is an influential DKG member at all levels of our organization. Her accolades include serving as Alpha Chapter's president in 1988 – 1990 and New Jersey's state president in 2001 – 2003. She is currently serving DKG International as the editor of *The DKG Bulletin*. Congratulations, Judy, on the recognition of your artistic abilities!

Dr. Judith Stegmaier-Nappi Published in *The DKG Bulletin*

The New Jersey State Organization is delighted to recognize **Dr. Judith Stegmaier-Nappi**, Omicron Chapter, for the publication of her article, "*Leaders Building Effective Teams: Three Corners of*

Engagement," which was published in the volume 85-3 (2019) issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Nappi, a DKG member since 2001, currently serves Omicron Chapter as first vice-president as well as chair of the program planning and leadership development/legislative committees. On the state level, she leads the legislative committee.

Nappi is a retired director of curriculum from the Manchester Township School District and is currently employed as an associate professor at Rider University. She received Montclair State University's *William A. Cuff Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Education* in 2006. Congratulations, Judy, on your publication!

DKG Publications

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Chapter News from Around NJ

ALPHA CHAPTER

Jan Paxton, *president*

We had two new inductees at this year's state convention. We welcomed **Jennifer Skomial**, NJ's *2019 State Teacher of the Year*, and **Denise Tighe**, a long-time friend. **Debbie Hoeflinger**, two-time past chapter president, was presented Alpha's *Key Award* at our state convention.

Argine Safari is working in Finland as a Fulbright distinguished teacher. You can read her blog at <https://www.arginesafari.com/>.

Our March meeting was snowed out. However, our May meeting will feature a program entitled *Empowering Women Educators*. We will be welcoming **Carol Schwartz**, our current state president, and one of our former grant-in-aid recipients, as well as **Carmela DeMarco**, a former state president, and Kaitlyn Jimenez, a previous *Margaret Abel Scholarship* recipient who is currently a student at Montclair University.

BETA CHAPTER

Jo Ann Corvino, *president*

Two of our members were recognized for their outstanding contributions during this past year. **Marilyn Mortimer** received the *Golden Apple Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Salem County Council of Education Associations Inc. **Regina Gatson** was named the *2018 - 2019 Salem County School Counselor of the Year* and was acknowledged by the New Jersey School Counselor Association in March.

Our president, **Jo Ann Corvino**, has continued her focus to reach out to our active and reserve sisters. In May, she will host her third *MARVEL* luncheon. Our *Most Appreciated Revered Valued Esteemed and Loved (MARVEL)* sisters welcome chapter updates at this mid-day meeting.

Beta sisters benefit from great programming, informative speakers, and interactive presentations at our regularly scheduled evening meetings. Beta supports several philanthropic endeavors throughout the year. We offer food donations to two local food banks, the Disciples' Pantry and the

Greater Food Bank of Woodbury.

This will be our sixth year sewing pillowcase dresses for the Dominican Republic. We have distributed 250 dresses to date. Collecting personal sized toiletries for the *Soap for Hope* AAA campaign has resulted in over 750 items being donated to local shelters.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Pam Raynor, *president*

In March, Epsilon held a meeting with the dual purpose of conducting business and a game day. The meeting ran so smoothly that we were able to devote more time to teaching our sisters new activities. We had one table set up for the sisters to learn *Mah Jongg*, a second table playing *Mexican Train*, and a third table set up for *Backgammon*, as well as a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle. These activities provided opportunities for sisters to get together and enjoy one another's company, a goal that has been promoted during this biennium.

The sisters of Epsilon were happy to welcome three inductees as new sisters at our recent state convention. One more inductee will become a sister at our May meeting. These four new sisters will be asked to help us prepare for our 60th anniversary in the spring of 2020. The committee is just getting started and is excited to plan this special occasion. Our committee also plans to celebrate our 60th anniversary at the 2020 state convention next spring. It is our hope that everyone will notice that Epsilon is in the house.

ZETA CHAPTER

Jo Anne Applegate, *president*

Who doesn't love a little pampering? Zeta sisters shared some personal amenities with the women of Dottie's House. The *Comfort Bags* that were created by Zeta members included pajamas, blankets, gift cards, and other personal care items. Dottie's House provides shelter, counseling, and job training for women who are victims of domestic abuse. The *Comfort Bags* project was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and was organized by Zeta member, **Teri Moore**.

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Zeta member, **Johanna McCauley**, was awarded the *Key Award* for her dedication to Zeta Chapter. Johanna is especially appreciated for her engaging and enlightening book talks that she organizes each year. Zeta members anticipate a wonderful time at Johanna's home for a celebration of friendship and another great book recommendation – once the summer season extends its warm welcome.

Zeta member, **Arlene Newman**, will be working on her green thumb this spring. Whether Arlene chooses to dabble in a variety of vegetables or a floral garden bursting with color, she'll be prepared. She was Zeta Chapter's winner at the 2019 New Jersey State Organization Convention's gift basket auction. Her garden-themed basket was filled with gardening gadgets and ideas to plan the perfect backyard oasis.

Fond memories of our sister, **Sarah Schaefer**, were shared by **Arlene Newman** and **Barbara Schaller** at this year's New Jersey State Organization Convention's *Celebration of Life*. Sarah embodied compassion, a genuine dedication to education, and most of all, a spirit of positivity that will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all the Zeta members who knew her and loved her.

NU CHAPTER

Gail Griffin, *president*

Nu Chapter is beaming with pride this spring as we had five candidates accept our invitation to join our small but mighty chapter here in rural Burlington County. **Barbara Fine**, retired high school science teacher, **Julia England**, elementary special ed/science teacher, **Sandra O'Neal**, retired high school math teacher, and **Sarah Howarth**, high school science teacher, were all inducted at our convention last month. Our pride was evident as Nu had over 50% of our members attend the annual convention to bear witness to the beautiful induction ceremony for our new members. **Regina Cardenas**, speech and language specialist, was inducted in a chapter ceremony on May 8th.

Since the theme of this writing is pride, let us announce that fourteen-year member **Joyce Scheller** was chosen to receive the *Key Award*. Joyce, a retired special education teacher and Learning Disabilities

Teacher Consultant who continually demonstrates her advocacy for children, was presented with this award at our May meeting as she was unable to join us at convention.

ETA CHAPTER

Irma Lorenz, *president*

Congratulations to **Harlene Galen** who was recently published in the book, *Impeding Bullying Among Young Children in International Group Contexts*, Hinitz (Ed) 2018, Cham, Switzerland. Harlene served as lead author for chapter 7 entitled *The Early Childhood Anti-Bullying Project at Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum* and co-author of chapter 2 entitled *Howley Preschool*. This book went on the market in August 2018.

Eta Chapter welcomes new inductees **Kandace Bayruns**, **Dianna Morris**, **Julie Schulin**, and **Rose-Anne Thompson**.

Additionally, Eta Chapter recently bestowed two *Harriet DiLeonardo Active Teacher Awards* to teachers Tricina Beebe and Laura Schreibersdorf for projects focused on parent involvement and robots.



Credit: Joanne Smith



Credit: Joanne Smith

*Eta members enjoying a holiday dinner meeting
Deerwood Country Club ~ December 6, 2018*

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LAMBDA CHAPTER

Joan Stuart, Dr. Barbara Glazewski,
co-presidents

Happy 50th Birthday Lambda! Our chapter delighted in a celebration luncheon on May 18th at the Rutgers Club. We enjoyed this fellowship opportunity by sharing our history, memories, and photos.

Our Lambda sisters continue to prosper. Congratulations to **Dr. Nora Pollard** for being elected state first vice-president.

Our **Virginia Pasternak** is finishing her three-year term as regent (president) of the Basking Ridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and will be installed as the co-chair for the state DAR's National Defense Committee. On May 14, she became the co-president for the Somerset Hills branch of the American Association for University Women. She is still the municipal committeewoman for the 7th voting district in Warren Township and the secretary for both the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table and the North Jersey Civil War Round Table, as well as membership chair for Somerset County Retired Educators Association.

Dr. Barbara Glazewski, previously a member of the advisory board of *Dina's Dwellings*, has been elected to serve as treasurer on the executive board. *Dina's Dwellings*, a project of the Town Clock Community Development Corporation in New Brunswick, provides safe, affordable, long-term housing for women and their children who have survived domestic violence. Lambda chapter has supported the *Dina's Dwellings* scholarship fund.

Dr. Marilyn Gonyo was appointed to the Cultural Arts Commission for Monroe Township for a three-year term. Dr. Gonyo is charged with establishing cultural projects, programs, and events in the township.

Jennifer Lassiter has been accepted to the *Think Tank on Global Education* sponsored and hosted by Harvard University on May 16-17, 2019.

XI CHAPTER

Jane Flanagan, *president*

This past fall, Jane Flanagan received a \$500. NJ

state professional alternative/flexible special education



Credit: Jane Flanagan

growth stipend to purchase seating for her 4th/5th grade classroom. She was able to purchase four wobble chairs, two yoga ball chairs, a wobble seat cushion, and a bean bag chair which was used for her calming area. The students were so excited to start using the new seating right away. At first, there were some concerns with the students bouncing on the yoga ball chairs. Once seating rules and guidelines were established, this quickly stopped.

As the months went by, a change in the students' focus and ability to stay on task became evident. By being able to "move" around with the wobble and yoga ball chairs and not have to worry about falling out of their seats, the students were able to concentrate more on their academics and work completion. The calming area with the bean bag chair makes a wonderful place for the students to take a mental break when needed.

The students have all made tremendous growth both academically as well as socially and emotionally. Jane stated that she truly believes by providing an alternative way for the students to sit and learn, they developed more confidence and success overall.

Other teachers in the school would stop by Jane's room to try the seating and ask questions. Many added the seating option to their budget orders for next year. One teacher has even applied for one of our chapter's *Teachers Helping Teachers* grants so she might be able to purchase seating for her room. Overall, this project was a great success.

OMICRON CHAPTER

Diane Roberts, *president*

Omicron sisters have been busy making newborn hats on round peg looms to be distributed to the maternity wards at local hospitals. **Kathy Moon** provided a demonstration at our chapter's December meeting. Since then, members have been meeting every few weeks at the Union Marketplace in Tuckerton to eat, enjoy fellowship, and create the baby hats.



Credit: Omicron Chapter

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We are honored to announce that **Joanne Hill**, charter member and past chapter president, received Omicron's *Key Award* at this year's state convention. Joanne was initiated into Zeta Chapter in 1980 and then joined Omicron Chapter in 1981 when it was newly chartered. In addition to her position as past chapter president, she has also served as parliamentarian, treasurer, and second vice-president. She continues to participate on numerous committees and is always willing to share her knowledge and expertise to further endorse our chapter. Congratulations to Joanne for her unwavering support of our organization at all levels of DKG.

Dr. Barbara Wheeler, one of Omicron's newest members, travels all over the world to promote the benefits of music therapy. In February, she presented a lecture at the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library. As a representative of the NJ Association for Music Therapy, her presentation focused on various aspects of music therapy, including a demonstration. This program was especially beneficial to caregivers of children and adults with disabilities or illnesses as well as students interested in exploring music therapy as a career.

Our chapter proudly recognizes **Michele Cucinotta**, guidance counselor at the Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School in Barnegat Township, for being named the school's *Certified Support Staff Member of the Year*. Michele is a valued member of the Dunfee School family who supports the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students. She played an integral role in the implementation of the *ROAR* positive behavior school program which received a CTAUN *Best Practice Award* in 2013. Michele was instrumental in bringing the *Strengthening Families* program into the district, serving as the program's lead facilitator for the past four years. One of Michele's greatest attributes is her ability to foster positive relationships with not only the students, staff, and families in her district but with all members of the Barnegat community. We congratulate Michele on this well-deserved honor!

Also happening in Barnegat Township, the media center at the Lillian M. Dunfee Elementary School was officially dedicated to **Katherine V. Makela** at a special ceremony on April 24, 2019. Students performed a song about the importance of reading

and shared their favorite memories of their former principal before unveiling the beautiful sign bearing Katherine's name. She retired in September 2018 after 37 years of dedicated service to the Barnegat Township School District.

PI CHAPTER

Catherine A. Kelly, *president*

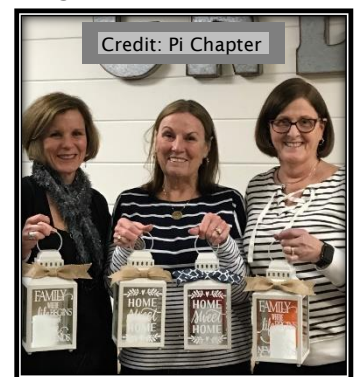
This was another busy year for Pi Chapter. December saw *The Formers* (retired members) wrapping gifts in Deptford to benefit the *Ronald McDonald House*. At our holiday social event, pajamas were collected for a local teen shelter which services teens who have been removed from their homes by the courts due to abuse. There are also teens who have been rescued from trafficking. Both chapter activities have become annual events for Pi.

In order to raise money for our early educators' stipends, a *Swarovski Crystals Jewelry Party* was held. It was a fun evening, raising enough money to cover the stipend expenses.

The annual *Inductee's Tea* was held at the home of one of our members. This event provided an opportunity for our inductee, **Mariann Edelmayer**, to meet her future sisters and to see how the chapter operates. Mariann was inducted into DKG at this year's state convention.

March saw Pi sisters making lanterns at Restored Antiquity in Pitman. Billed as *Lanterns & Libations*, the group had fun making their personalized lanterns. Even for those who are not crafty, the lanterns turned out beautifully!

Pi will end the year with an inspiring Memorial Day program entitled *Remembering Those Who Served*, presented by Tracey Fallon, a retired educator and former *NJ Teacher of the Year*. His talk will center on the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans.



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Our last activity of the year will be our annual birthday luncheon to be held at Terra Nova Restaurant in Sewell. This will be our 36th birthday celebration. Great things are planned!

RHO CHAPTER

Crystal DiBetta, *president*

Lindsay Gooditis of Rho Chapter has received her master's degree in educational leadership from the College of New Jersey. She received her supervisor certification and has applied for her principal certification. Lindsay is continuing her studies towards her superintendent certification. She currently works at Franklin Township School in Quakertown as the grades 3 – 8 G/T science teacher and grades 7 – 8 STEM teacher. Rho Chapter congratulates her on her accomplishments!

SIGMA CHAPTER

Annette Harris, *president*

Sigma sisters continue to support the needy in our communities. Supplies for a local domestic safe house were collected as well as toiletries for the homeless. **Sky McClain** coordinated the toiletries collection at the state convention. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause.

Nancy Ireland educated our chapter on the life of Alice Stokes Paul and conducted a tour of *Paulsdale*, the homestead of Alice Paul, which is identified as a national historic landmark. Alice Stokes Paul was a key figure in the passage of the 19th amendment and authored what we now know as the *Equal Rights Amendment*. Nancy, like many of the volunteers at the Paulsdale Institute, is committed to educating the public about the history of the ERA and the current efforts across the nation to ratify this amendment. Nancy



explained the tours and activities available for boys and girls of all ages. Special girls' leadership development programs are also offered. It was a great way for Sigma to celebrate *Women's History Month*.

"There is nothing complicated about ordinary equality." - Alice Stokes Paul, author of the ERA.

WHAT IS A BROTHER?

An opinion written by Mary Zaccardi, Eta Chapter

At the installation rehearsal of the 2019 New Jersey State Organization Convention, the question arose after the singing of our Delta Kappa Gamma song, "Should we sing sister or brother?" The answer was that we should sing whatever feels better to each of us.

While I understand the message behind that response, I feel very strongly about the message of our DKG song. When Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin penned the words to our anthem, they may or may not have taken into account the generic meaning of "brother"; however, it is part of our heritage as DKG members.

Several years ago, Jane Murphy, Sigma Chapter, reflected on the trials of the Founders at a time when discrimination against women was rampant in the teaching profession. Jane questioned why Cora Martin and Annie Webb Blanton would choose the term "brothers" when referring to the female members of the Society. She submitted a suggestion to International recommending a change of "brothers" to "sisters" in the last verse of the Society's song. After International denied her recommendation, she followed the advice of Maya Angelou: "If you can't change it, change your attitude." Jane's changing attitude [was influenced] by the definition of a "brother" as described by a poem by Hydria Hollins.

Cheryl Friedman, Eta Chapter, added, "Please let your attitude reflect the meaning of "brother" in the spirit of the time in which the song was written. The next time you sing the DKG song, I hope you can find it in your heart to sing "brother" along with your [NJ] State Organization, formerly known as] Alpha Zeta State sisters."

After all, we are united in the true spirit of brotherhood and reflect that spirit in all that we do.

HARVARD THINK TANK ON GLOBAL EDUCATION

A personal reflection written by
Jennifer Laster, Lambda Chapter

Upon receiving my first United States passport stamp to travel to rural Jamaica in college, schools around the world have intrigued me. Now, eleven stamps later, global education has become a passion of mine. Like many educators, we realize our students tend to be in their own "bubble," so the question then becomes, how do we foster a greater understanding of the world and the people in it?

In April, I learned of an opportunity at Harvard University to participate in their Think Tank on Global Education: Empowering Global Citizens Professional Development course. After completing this course through the school's graduate program my work will benefit my school community by me being able to continue growing professionally in the field of global education.

In July of 2018, I became one of 76 teachers in the nation to earn a Fulbright Teachers for Global Education fellowship. Having earned this honor, I passed a ten-week online course, traveled to Washington D.C. for the Global Education Symposium, will be traveling to Peru this summer, and in August, will be submitting my capstone project. Participating in both programs will help assist me in creating a sustainable model of education that I can implement in my school.

One of the challenges I would like to explore during my time at Harvard, are those faced in urban environments such as where I teach. I work at a wonderful, yet small charter school in Plainfield. We have a high immigrant population with many students being first-generation. Additionally, although our school is diverse, our students are still very segregated in their interactions with one another. I try to be the bridge for all groups of students at my school by creating an engaging, safe, and culturally sensitive/aware environment for my students, but I cannot do this alone. I want to help foster a school community with global competency being a priority, not just in my classroom, but to create a school-wide environment for global learning. I am greatly looking forward to sharing my knowledge with my Delta Kappa Gamma sisters after completing both courses.

Dates and Deadlines

May 11: DKG FOUNDERS' DAY

June 1: NJ State Organization's Training Session
Steinert High School, Hamilton, NJ [9:00 am registration]

July 30 – August 1: DKG INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Foxwoods Casino and Resort, Mashantucket, CT

Sept. 1: Deadline to submit Lucile Cornetet applications

Sept. (TBA): NJ State Organization Fall Meeting (details to be announced)

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