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**FROM THE DESK OF DR. NORA POLLARD, DKG NJ
PRESIDENT**



Greetings DKG NJ Sisters,

I write this message on a glorious spring day with the sun shining brightly on the blooming flowers and singing birds. You might ask what could be better than that? For me better was seeing over 150 of you at the DKG NJ State Convention in April!

The sun may not have been shining as brightly, but the smiles on faces and the fellowship in the room made up for the weather. We came together that first weekend in April for the first

time in three years and picked up where we left off. Friendships were renewed and we made some new friends by inducting several deserving women into our society. We learned new things about the history of New Jersey listening to our keynote speaker Rick Geffken speak about slavery in New Jersey. Yes, slavery in New Jersey! Something many of us did not realize was part of our history. I did not have the opportunity to attend all the workshops, but I know Irene Maskaly and the program planning committee did a fabulous job finding speakers on multiple topics of interest.

We were also honored to have the DKG International President, Becky Sadowski, with us for the weekend. Becky brought us greetings from international and presented a workshop on leadership. I hope those who attended Becky's workshop and anyone else will begin to step up and volunteer for positions at the state and international levels. Ingrid Williams, our State Nominations Chair will soon be knocking on doors looking to fill the slate of officers for the 2023-2025 biennium.

Our next state meeting will be held in person on June 4, 2022, at Steinert High School in Hamilton. The focus of our June meeting will be leadership development. Newly elected chapter officers should plan to attend, but you do not need to be an officer to attend. All are welcome to come to the meeting to learn about their leadership style and to learn more about the responsibilities of the various elected officers.

Other dates to remember are July 12th to July 17th when the International Convention will be held in New Orleans. If you've never been to New Orleans, it is a great city to visit! But, more importantly, at this convention, we will be reviewing and voting on over 120 amendments to our governing documents. Only by attending the International Convention will you have a say in what happens to DKG! Registration for the convention is still open but prices will go up in mid-June, so don't delay. I hope to see many of you at both the DKGNJ state meeting on June 4th and the International Convention the week of July 12th.

Now, sit back and enjoy the beautiful photos taken at our state convention by our State Photographer, Michele Contala (aka Flash)!

Nora Pollard, Ph. D.

DKGNJ State President

CONVENTION PROGRAMS A SUCCESS



IRENE MASKALY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

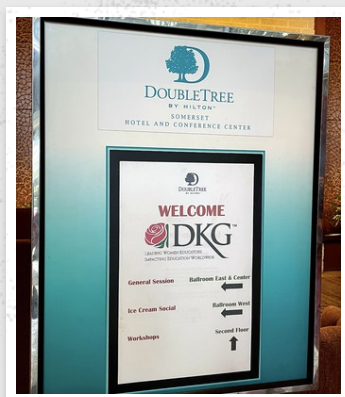
The DKGNJ Convention 2022, the first in two long years, embraced our membership with a long-awaited “air hug” of fellowship, creativity, teamwork, and smiles. The program planning committee was pleased to present a varied array of workshops and book discussions this year. Eight of the workshops were presented by our talented members and the attendance at all the workshops/book discussions was outstanding! Based on the workshop evaluations, people enjoyed the presentations and often suggested we have the speaker return for future workshops.

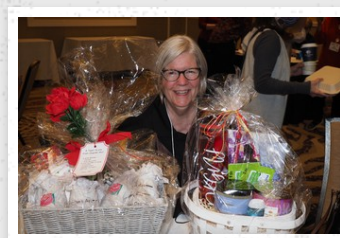
The DKG International President, Becky Sadowski also presented a workshop entitled, ‘Leading Women Educators, Engaging Women Leaders. Becky also addressed our members about the happenings at International, voicing our opinions to our state president, attending the upcoming International Convention in New Orleans, as well as offering an impromptu question and answer session after the business meeting.

Our luncheon keynote speaker, Rick Geffken, captivated us with the research of his latest book, *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey* as well as gave our members plenty of ideas for lessons, discussion, and resources for more information. Rick was overwhelmed not only by the response of preordered books but sold out all of the extra books he brought. Additionally, he was delighted with the many offers to come present at future venues and book clubs! A special note of thanks to our convention planning team, the program planning committee, all our presenters, and of course, all of our workshop facilitators!

Thank you to all attendees who returned their evaluations. The many thoughtful responses and suggestions will be the springboard for planning programs for the DKGNJ 2023 Convention. Looking ahead, share your knowledge with our members. Every DKG chapter has a personality and energy of its own. Our state organization is continually looking for people willing to present innovative workshops to inspire and motivate our members. Consider sharing your or your chapter's interests with our membership. If you have any chapter projects you would like to share, keynote speaker recommendations (it is helpful to provide contact information), or would like to present at a DKGNJ State convention, please reach out to me, Irene Maskaly at dkgnjvp12023@gmail.com. A workshop 2023 proposal form is posted on our DKGNJ website. Remember, as a team, we all grow stronger with diverse ideas and support from one another! Thank you again for all your support and attendance in making our 2022 convention a memorable event.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT CONVENTION





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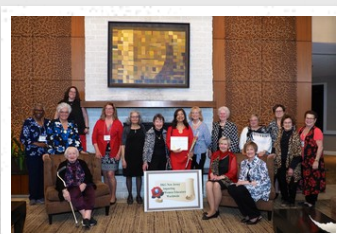


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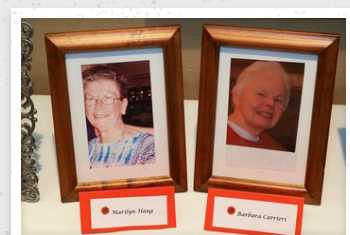
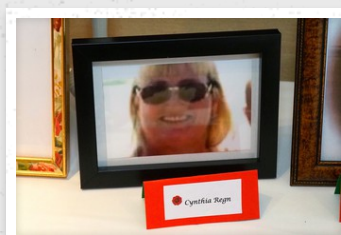
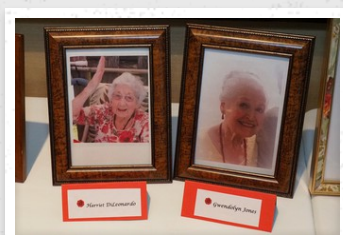
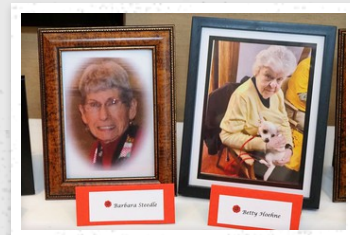
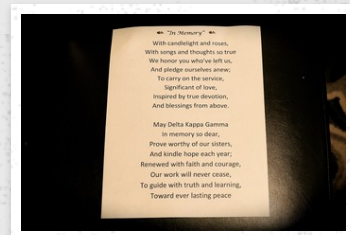
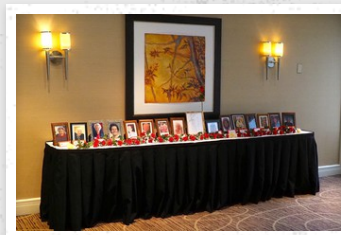






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