

The New Jersey State Organization of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

# New Jersey News



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## DKG Welcomes our International Guest – Rebecca (Becky) Sadowski, DKG First Vice President

We are excited to announce that Becky Sadowski will be our guest from International headquarters at the 2020 DKG NJ Convention. Becky has been a member for 30 years and currently serves as the International First Vice President. At the international level she has served as the Second Vice President, the 2014-2015 Southeast Regional Director, and the chair of the 2016 International Convention Steering Committee. Becky has also been a member of the International Golden Gift Fund Committee and chair of the Leadership Development and Membership Committees. She has served as chapter president and as the 2003-2005 Tennessee State Organization President.

Becky's DKG membership has provided many opportunities for personal and professional growth. She attended the Basic and Advanced Leadership Seminars in her state organization and is a graduate of the 1999 International Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. Becky is a frequent breakout session presenter and speaker at all levels of the Society. She was a keynote speaker at the 2005 SERC and has facilitated the Advanced Leadership Seminar four times in her home state of Tennessee.

Serving as a Special Education advocate has been Becky's passion. Her career includes being a classroom teacher, a reading specialist, a Lead Teacher for the Memphis City Schools, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Memphis, and a Special Education Specialist and Educational Consultant for Shelby County Schools, as well as Head of the School of Education at Lambuth University. Becky has served as the President of the Tennessee Association for the Gifted and was a keynote presenter at the Tennessee Legal Education Conference on Special Education. She received the Jo Patterson Award in Gifted Education in Tennessee in 1996.

Married to her college sweetheart for 50 years, Becky has two grown children and enjoys spending as much time as possible with her four granddaughters. She is active in her church as well as in her community. *(Continued on page 5)*

### **NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION NEWS**

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### **2019-2021 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION OFFICERS**

Ingrid Williams, *President*

Dr. Nora Pollard, *First Vice-President*

Irene Maskaly, *Second Vice-President*

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### **2019-2021 NJ STATE ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER**

Heather Lieberman, *Editor*

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If you want to submit a story, news, or a noteworthy event please send all submissions to

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### **Book Drive Update**

In the 3 short months since the Book Drive was announced at our state meeting in September, the sisters of DKG NJ have donated over 6,990 books to underprivileged children throughout New Jersey.

AMAZING! Keep bringing the books to your chapter meetings.  
WE CAN . . . and WE WILL . . . easily hit our goal of 15,000 books.

## ***A Message from our NJ State President, Ingrid Williams***



Happy 2020 DKG NJ Sisters!

This greeting comes with best wishes for a healthy and productive new year. As we reflect on our membership in DKG, let us be thankful for the friendships and bonds we have created and take heart in the words of Annie Webb Blanton, who encouraged us to keep “forward moving ever.”

Now that the holiday decorations are packed away, you know that our state convention is right around the corner. This year it will be here faster than usual since it is in March. I hope March 27-29 is circled on your calendar and that you have set aside time to come to this exciting and rewarding event where you can spend quality time with your sisters while gaining professional development hours, networking with sisters around the state, all while having fun!

Angela Belmont jumped into the deep end of the pool by agreeing to replace Mary Jean DiRoberto as our Convention Chair. Along with Jan Paxton and Sue Davis, this trio have been hard at work for many months planning the convention, selecting menus, and working out all of the behind-the-scenes minutia to make things seamless during the convention. We once again kick off the convention on Friday night with the ice cream social and basket auction. The proceeds from the basket auction are the only means we currently have of supporting our Designated Funds, which includes the DKG NJ Stipend, The Elizabeth M. Bozarth Scholarship, the President's Discretionary Fund, the International and Regional Conference Fund, the Research Fund as well as the Convention itself. Win or lose, your money supports DKG NJ! Please be sure to read the articles on our breakout sessions, our International guest, Becky Sadowski, and our luncheon keynote speaker. Did you realize that 2020 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote? Our luncheon keynote will talk about a very influential New Jersey woman who played a big part in the movement. We've come a long way, baby!

While the convention tri-chairs have been working behind the scenes, First Vice-President and Program Chair Dr. Nora Pollard, along with her chapter program chairs, have worked hard to select a wide variety of breakout sessions for our convention that will appeal to the needs and diversity of our membership. Everyone can learn, discuss, and/or create this year. Current educators can also earn professional development hours.

Irene Maskaly, our Second Vice-President and Membership Chair, has been working with chapters to not only maintain their membership numbers but to increase them. I challenged the chapter presidents to increase their membership by 5-10% this year and am keeping my fingers crossed that we will reach that goal. Increasing our membership doesn't end with our induction ceremony on the Saturday night of convention, however. It is an ongoing responsibility of every member. Imagine, just imagine, if every member, during their lifetime as a member of DKG, was able to bring in two new members? Only two. Of course, you are always welcome to bring in more than two! If everyone member brought in two more members, think how quickly our organization would grow. There are many untapped key women educators in New Jersey. Let's make 2020 the year we find them and invite them into membership. Working together, WE CAN . . . and WE WILL . . . continue to move DKGNJ forward.

I had the opportunity to accept invitations to attend meetings from four chapters this fall and have decided that this is my favorite part of my job. Getting out and meeting the sisters in other chapters reinforces what an amazing group of exceptional women belong to this organization! I also accepted invitations to attend a few upcoming Inductee Teas this month and hope to be invited to more chapter meetings in the future. While all chapters basically do the same thing, they all have their own personalities and traditions. I shared some of the interesting things I saw and learned when I met with the chapter presidents at the January meeting. There are so many creative ways of running a meeting!

We have 4 exciting events that this spring and summer that are open to ALL DKGNJ members. We start with CTAUN on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the UN Building in New York City, then we have our own 2020 DKGNJ state convention from March 27-29. Next is our Leadership Conference on June 6<sup>th</sup> and finally we have the International Convention in Philadelphia July 7-11. I hope to see many of you at all four events, including the Jersey Girls dinner on July 8<sup>th</sup>!

Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to this outstanding organization. I am honored to serve as your President.

With gratitude for all that you do,  
Ingrid



### **Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Lucienne Beard**

The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. constitution granting women the right to vote was ratified on August 18, 1920. In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of this important legislation, the program committee is thrilled to announce our birthday luncheon keynote speaker, Lucienne Beard. Lucienne comes to us from the Alice Paul Institute (API) in Mount Laurel, NJ and will speak to us about Alice Paul, a legendary leader and her role in championing equal rights for women.

Lucienne has been involved at the Alice Paul Institute since 1994, first as a volunteer and later as a member of the non-profit's first professional staff. She created the Alice Paul Leadership Program for girls encouraging and inspiring young women to pursue leadership roles. Serving as the

Executive Director at API since 2012, Lucienne oversees the operations and strategic direction of the institute. In addition to her duties at API, Lucienne is a member of the board of directors of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites and on the national steering committee of the Votes for Women Centennial Initiative.

Ms. Beard is a sought-after speaker, especially during this anniversary year of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. We are thrilled that she could fit DKG NJ into her very busy schedule and hope that you will all join as on Saturday at the birthday luncheon to hear this dynamic speaker discuss the impact of New Jersey native Alice Paul on our lives.

### ***INTERNATIONAL GUEST***

*(Continued from page 1)*

A "lifelong learner," Becky often refers to one of her favorite quotes from C.S. Lewis – "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

Be sure to take a moment to talk to Becky during convention and get to know her as she could be the next DKG International President.

## ***Newsworthy Notes***

### **DKGNJ Correspondence Gail Starr, DKGNJ Corresponding Secretary**

The first purpose of our organization is to unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. To further enhance this spirit of fellowship, please be reminded to contact Gail Starr at [dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com) if someone in your chapter might benefit from

a DKGNJ card. Cards are sent out to recognize congratulations, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, and milestone (90+) birthdays. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in letting your chapter members know that DKGNJ is there for them.

### **DKG Releases Slate for Election of Officers 2020-2022**

New officers will be elected at the Philadelphia International Convention this summer. Here's the slate:

President:	Rebecca (Becky) Sadowski
First Vice President:	Dr. Lace Marie Brogden
Second Vice President:	June M. Bowers Jane D. Tanner
Member at Large:	Cynthia (Cyndy) Moore Elaine Warwick
European Reg. Director:	Margarita Hanschmidt
NE Regional Director:	Dr. Deborah LeBlanc
NW Regional Director:	Dr. Barbara Clausen
SE Regional Director:	Candice (Candy) Martin
SW Regional Director:	Janis Barr
Area Rep (Latin America):	Grace Rodriguez-Mesa
Area Rep (Canada):	Marjorie Sinclair
Finance:	Nancy Davis Glenda Reynolds Sheila Wilkinson
NE Nominations:	Karen Crumley
NW Nominations:	Dr. Phyllis VanBuren
SE Nominations:	Carrie Frye
SW Nominations:	Dr. Karen M. Duke
Educational Foundation:	Dr. Judith Carlson Sandra Causey

## GAMMA'S "PHOTO FINISH" IN PERU



Gamma sister, Professor Jessi Oliano, traveled to Peru on a study abroad trip with biologist Todd Weber, and 10 Rider University students. Science and photography may seem like two unlikely disciplines to come together, but the two merged on this study abroad trip to Peru. Together, Oliano and Weber developed a course that could combine these two disciplines and help students understand the role biology plays in the culture and economy of Peru, as well as teach us the evolutionary history and biodiversity of Peru.

Their trip encompassed a little bit of history as well, and began in Cuzco, which is in the heart of where the Incan civilization used to be. They visited numerous natural and cultural sites of the former Incan Empire, including a 4-day hike on the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, then descended to explore the Amazon rainforest and its amazing biodiversity.

Oliano mapped out what parts of Peru travelers will visit when they make the trip. "We'll visit numerous natural and cultural sites of the former Incan Empire, including

hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, then descend to explore the Amazon rainforest and its amazing biodiversity," she said.

"There's a couple of different Inca sites that we'll visit while we're acclimating to the altitude before we try to hike the Inca trail," Weber said. "Our hope is that we're not just going to get biology students that want to go on the trip, but we might also get some students that are interested in the culture there, that might be particularly interested in the Inca aspect of the trip, or the history part of the trip."

With all of this in mind, it became a seamless process of tying together art and science. Oliano was able to push herself way out of her comfort range - including getting up close and personal with a tarantula, bullet ants, a piranha, and even a black caiman.

Because the trip combined photography and biology, two areas that normally don't have much overlap, students will take a Photography course led by Oliano prior to the trip to prepare them for the activities they will partake in once they arrive.

## **LAMBDA**

Dr. Barbara Glazewski and Joan Stuart, Presidents

by Annabelle Boehm and Noreen McHale

Lambda celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Rutgers Club in May. Members enjoyed a projected photo montage from 1969 to present. Past Presidents displayed their scrapbooks. Dr. Marilyn Gonyo updated Lambda's history. Dr. Nora Pollard and Judy Jordan provided members with a program booklet that included the updated history. Carol Boehm designed and made a souvenir wine glass for all attendees. It was a lovely celebration.

Dr. Nora Pollard has been busy this summer presenting at conferences. In addition to her well-received presentation at the DKG Global Awareness International Conference as a representative of the DKG Editorial Board, Nora presented her work with colleagues at three conferences. In June, she presented at the Post-Secondary Training Institute, a yearly gathering of post-secondary disability services providers sponsored by The University of Connecticut. Also, in June, she presented at the Landmark College Summer Institute in Putney, VT. In July, she was off to Boston to present at the Association of Higher Education and Disability annual conference. The theme of each of these presentations was assisting post-secondary students with disabilities in their quest for accommodations on high-stakes tests for graduate school admission or teacher certification. Conference presentations are not over for Nora as she has been accepted

to present at the International Dyslexia Association Annual Conference in November and at the Learning Disabilities Association of America Annual Conference in February.

Seven Lambda sisters attended the DKG Global Awareness Conference in Connecticut. They enjoyed various workshops informing them how to reduce their environmental footprint. Local Native Americans explained their culture through costumes and dance. The Jersey Girl Dinner capped off a busy agenda.

Dr. Marilyn Gonyo added a position with the Monroe Library to her list of activities. Dr. Gonyo secured four boxes of gently used books to be donated to Lambda's Free Lending Library at the James O. Bryant Food Pantry in Piscataway. Lambda's own Wilhelmina Bryant runs the program and has made a spot for children to take free books. Lambda Sisters will collect books at their meetings as part of the DKGNJ initiative. Lambda donated 550 books from September to December. Lambda sisters collected used coats and art supplies for the Food Bank and Dina's Dwelling.

At our September meeting, Jennifer Laster, Fulbright Scholar, presented a program on her Peru adventure. Busy Lambda sisters enjoyed a trip to the Grounds for Sculpture and a wine tasting.



## Save the Dates! Upcoming Events



The 2020 Leadership Conference, titled the *Lens and Language of Leadership*, will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Steinert High School. The conference is open to all state organization members. Chapter leaders are especially encouraged to attend. All attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Our keynote speaker will be Dena Breslin. Dena, MS, PAS, CTACC, CHPC, has 25 years' experience in sales, marketing, leadership, and mindset coaching. A former physician assistant, Dena is still a passionate advocate for holistic and integrated health and wellness. Since 2009, she's been a top leader and founding member of Touchstone Crystal, by Swarovski, the at-home jewelry division of Swarovski, US. Dena is certified by various coach schools and programs and is passionate about supporting leaders in education and health care with tools that strengthen mindset and improve outcomes. Her practice includes one-on-one coaching, small business/group workshops and masterminds. She offers teen leadership workshops as well.

Dena is the single mother of three amazing teens, whom she says are truly her best teachers. You can connect with Dena on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

A tentative schedule for the day includes our keynote presentation, opportunities for group work and sharing, and a catered lunch. After lunch, there will be a panel discussion and opportunities for our President, Ingrid Williams, to speak with chapter presidents as well as the State vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers to meet with their like chapter representatives.

There is a \$10 registration fee. Professional Development hours are going to be given. Please save the date on your calendar and don't miss this exciting conference.

**CTAUN Conference**  
**Friday, February 28, 2020**

CTAUN, the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, will hold their 21st Annual CTAUN Conference on Friday, February 28, 2020 at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC, NY. This year's all-day conference, entitled, "War No More," will focus on "learning, educating, advocating and moving from a culture of violence to a culture of peace." You can register for this informative conference by visiting <http://www.ctaun.org/conferences/>

We hope you can join us...  
**2020 JERSEY GIRLS' DINNER**

7:00 PM on  
Wednesday, July 8, 2020

***Maggiano's Little Italy***

1201 Filbert Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
(across the street from the 2020  
DKG Int'l Convention at the Marriot)

To sign up, please contact Gail Starr at [dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dkgnjcorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com).

To confirm your reservation, send your check (\$50 for members; \$58 for non-members) payable to DKGNJ to Ellen Hahn at 98 Wildwood Ave, Villas, NJ 08251.

**The DKG International Convention in Philadelphia**  
**Registration Information**

January 6-March 6	\$180	<i>Early Bird Registration price</i>
March 7-June 7	\$200	
After June 7	\$300	
Member: One Day	\$85	
Two Day	\$158	

**Hotel Reservations are now open!**  
**The Philadelphia Downtown Marriott**

**CONVENTION RATES APPLICABLE JULY 5-13 ONLINE (RECOMMENDED):**

**PHONE:** +1- 215-625-2900 (mention DKG)

**SINGLE/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:** \$179/night

**EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON:** \$20/night

**GROUP RATE CUTOFF DATE:** June 15, 2020

## ***Membership***

### **DKGNJ MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

#### **Embrace the Gift of Membership**

**Irene Maskaly, DKGNJ Second Vice President, Membership Chair**

The sisters of DKGNJ would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to an elite group of women educators making a difference in the world we live in!

By being proactive, and networking within the organization, we provide many opportunities to reach out to fellow women educators for support, inspiration, and motivation creating a synergistic effect to ignite a spark of excellence and accomplish more than one person could imagine. 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.

All meaningful journeys begin with a first step which is why I encourage you to begin with getting involved with the leadership and dynamic of your chapter. By visiting the following Web sites:

<https://www.dkgnj.org/>, our state website, your chapter website link located on that page, as well as our International Web site: <https://www.dkg.org/> you will have an understanding of the opportunities for personal growth as well as how to connect, live and educate with enthusiasm. Don't forget to complete your members profile! Where do your strengths lie as an educator? Are you a good motivator, great with technology, a social influencer, musical, artistic or a super organizer?

These are all desirable traits and skills that promote growth and understanding within the organization. By reaching out and sharing these skills and talents we can help each other grow!

Now that you've researched online and become involved with your Chapter, it's time to think about attending the Conventions available to all members. By meeting members with various backgrounds and interests you will be able to expand your horizon and work with others for meaningful change. The 2020 International Convention will be held in Philadelphia, PA. this summer, July 7-11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be able to attend one or more days of the convention and experience a broader sense of the global community you have joined. Please contact your sponsor, mentor or me with any questions or information you may need about registering for the convention. Don't forget to join us for the "Jersey Girl's Dinner" at Maggiano's Little Italy, on 12<sup>th</sup> & Filbert St. in Philly on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Your next steps could be attending the DKGNJ Leadership Conference on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or it could be presenting a workshop at our 2021 State Convention! Be sure to follow DKG on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn.

Take advantage of the opportunities and connections of your membership. You will see how these opportunities, along with active participation, can not only reignite your passion as an educator but help you change the world!

We are so glad you have accepted your invitation to membership and joined our

society! Thank you for joining DKG and I look forward to meeting you all. Now it's your turn to spread the word and share the gift. If you know of another exceptional woman educator, please encourage them to reach out directly to me at [dkgnjvp2@gmail.com](mailto:dkgnjvp2@gmail.com) or contact us via our [Want to Become a Member Page](#) at [DKGNJ.org](http://DKGNJ.org)!

## Stipends

### Stipend Allows Sewing Club Expansion

The Sewing Club is an extremely popular club at Milford Public School for children in the Third Grade and up where students are instructed in planning a project, creating a pattern or using one that was purchased, measuring and cutting out the fabric, and sewing the project together with mainly machine sewing.

With a \$500 Professional Growth Stipend received in January 2019, Beverly Andresen, Rho Chapter, was able to expand the club to have more sessions to enable increased one on one instruction to sharpen skills and to give students additional opportunities to learn to sew

independently. Beverly reports that it is so rewarding to see the students' excitement talking about what they want to create, planning their creation, sewing it together, and having that sense of accomplishment to have a project that they made by themselves!

Through this stipend, Delta Kappa Gamma has truly made a difference in enriching the lives of so many students at Milford Public School and their family members as well. The next deadline for DKGNJ Professional Growth Stipend applications is Sept. 1, 2020.



***Alpha Zeta State Meeting – January 4, 2020  
Steinert High School  
Hamilton, New Jersey***



Photos by Michelle Contala



## 2020 Alpha Zeta State Convention



### DKGNJ State Conference News

The State Conference will be upon us very soon!

Please check the DKGNJ website, <https://www.dkgnj.org> for important information regarding this year's conference. Rooms may be reserved by calling the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, NJ. Registration information is posted on the DKG-NJ website. Register early to ensure your seat in one of the fabulous workshops being offered!

Complete descriptions of all workshops, menus for all meals, information about hotel reservations and your convention registration form can be found in this newsletter.

There is a NEW registration category for those members ONLY attending the Induction Ceremony OR the Necrology Ceremony. Due to insurance requirements, if you are not registered, you are not covered.

Questions regarding registration should be directed to Jan Paxton ([alphazetastate@dknj.org](mailto:alphazetastate@dknj.org)).

Questions regarding the hotel or equipment should be directed to Sue Davis ([sdavis84@optimum.net](mailto:sdavis84@optimum.net)).

Any other questions please contact Angie Belmont, Chair ([angelabelmont2015@gmail.com](mailto:angelabelmont2015@gmail.com)).



<b>AZS Convention Menus</b>		
<b><i>Friday Ice Cream Social</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday Birthday Lunch</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday Evening Banquet</i></b>
<p>Display of Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Creams, including Sugar Free</p> <p>Served with Chopped Nuts, Chocolate Sauce, Caramel Sauce, Strawberry Topping, Cherries, Sprinkles and Chocolate Chips, Whipped Cream</p> <p>Regular &amp; Decaf Coffee, Assorted Hot Tea</p> <p><b><i>No charge – Enjoy!</i></b></p>	<p>Chef's Choice Soup (Vegan)</p> <p>Salad Meal, dressings on the side (GF) (this is substantially more than a side salad)</p> <p>Choice of Chicken or Tofu</p> <p>Served with Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls</p> <p>Dessert Shooters</p> <p>Water and Iced Tea</p> <p>Regular and Decaf Coffee, Assorted Hot Tea</p> <p><b><i>\$40 per person inclusive - Inductees and Workshop Presenters, no charge</i></b></p>	<p>Vegetable Stir-fry with White Rice (GF)</p> <p>Choice of Salmon, Chicken or Tofu</p> <p>Served with Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls</p> <p>Apple Crisp with Ice Cream</p> <p>Water and Iced Tea</p> <p>Regular and Decaf Coffee, Assorted Hot Tea</p> <p><b><i>\$53 per person inclusive</i></b></p>
7:00 pm in the ballroom	12:00 pm in the ballroom	7:00 pm in the ballroom
<p>All costs are in inclusive of tax and service charges.  **GF and Diabetic Desserts Available on Request**</p>		

## 2020 AZS Convention Chapter Sales

**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 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 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** will be selling a luggage wrap again this year, which is being promoted as an easy way to identify luggage and advertise DKG. Each wrap is \$5. Contact Ingrid Williams at dkgnj.pres@gmail.com for additional information.

**OMICRON CHAPTER** is selling beautiful Rose Scarf Rings, hand crafted by *The Artist Jay*. The diameter of the rose is 2 ½ inches and the ring that holds the scarf is 1 ½ inches in diameter. The Rose Scarf Ring is made of lightweight metal material, so it won't weigh down your scarf. The cost of the Rose Scarf Ring is \$25. The proceeds will support *Omicron Chapter's* projects such as *Books for Babies*, *Harbor House*, and *Tina's House*. Use the link to order before the convention & see the scarf ring.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/0BySYs2wlcIg\\_WDI1NU1vMThHX25sb3ZXOXp4dmhRaDNyU1lv/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/0BySYs2wlcIg_WDI1NU1vMThHX25sb3ZXOXp4dmhRaDNyU1lv/edit)

## **2020 AZS Convention Workshops**

### **2020 Convention Offerings**

*Nora Pollard, First Vice-President, EEC Chair/Program of Work*

The EEC/Program of Work Committee received so many excellent proposals for workshops for the 2020 Convention it was difficult to select the few for which we had space. After a great deal of discussion and debate, the committee made their selections and we hope you are excited about these fantastic selections.

While there are two book discussion workshops being offered, we are asking that you only register for one so that more members can be accommodated. The earlier you register, the better chance you have of getting your first choices for workshops. Please be sure to take the time to complete the workshop evaluation at the conclusion of each workshop. The information you provided last year was instrumental in helping us plan this year's convention. We thank you in advance for every suggestion and recommendation.

### **Saturday Morning 10:30-11:45 AM**

**Presenter:** Darci Erickson (Eta)

**Workshop Title:** Financial Wellness: Is your financial house weatherproof?

**Workshop Description:** This workshop intends to provide a working understanding of the key concepts of how to become financially bulletproof. The audience will get an understanding of several key principles about how money works and the significance of knowing how much money is required for retirement. Each participant will receive a voucher for a complementary financial needs analysis.

**Target Audience:** All

**Presenter:** Gail Starr (Omicron)

**Workshop Title:** An Introduction to Sign Language

**Workshop Description:** This workshop is designed for anyone looking to acquire some beginning sign language skills. The signs learned at this workshop can be applied to enhance communication and/or literacy skills with children both in and out of the classroom. They can also be used with adults with compromised auditory and/or verbal skills. This workshop will focus on signs related to people, home, school, and food. Participants will receive a booklet with approximately 60 sign language illustrations as a reference.

**Target Audience:** All

**Presenter:** Susan Muniz (Lambda)

**Workshop Title:** CBD: What's all the fuss about?

**Workshop Description:** This is an educational overview of the Hemp products of CBD and CBDa with minimal or no THC. Participants will learn about the benefits of CBD products for people and pets and the science behind the CBD claims. This workshop is not meant to be a political discussion about legalizing marijuana but a glimpse into the world of CBD and how it has helped millions of people.

**Target Audience:** All

## **2020 AZS Convention Workshops**

**Presenter:** Argine Safari (Alpha)

**Workshop Title:** Adventures of a Fulbright Scholar in Finland

**Workshop Description:** Argine Safari spent 6 months in Finland conducting educational research and learning about the best teaching practices in Finland, as one of nine Fulbright Distinguished Teachers from the US. In this workshop participants will learn about her experiences, as she will share pictures, videos, and stories from her numerous visits to schools, universities, and other educational institutions not only in Finland, but also in Russia, Germany, and France. The is an interactive presentation with a lot of interesting stories!

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**Target Audience:** All

**Book Discussion Leader:** Kate Zimmerbaum (Rho)

**Workshop Title:** *Where the Crawdads Sing*

**Workshop Description:** Discussion of the book.

**Target Audience:** ALL

### **Saturday Afternoon 2:30 – 3:45 PM**

**Presenter:** Patti Rahn (Omicron)

**Workshop Title:** Experience Antarctica

**Workshop Description:** Experience a trip to the bottom of the world with a presentation that details a journey to Antarctica. This presentation will take participants on a journey that starts in Buenos Aries, Argentina, and concludes with amazing pictures of the animals (lots of penguins), birds, seals, glaciers, and spectacular views of this most unique Continent.

**Target Audience:** All

**Presenter:** Schuyler McClain (Sigma)

**Workshop Title:** Weaving on a Cardboard Loom

**Workshop Description:** The workshop will teach you how to weave on a cardboard loom. After participating in this session, you will be able to tach your students, children, grandchildren, etc. this easy, fun craft. The presenter will provide most of the supplies, but if you have them please bring scissors; yarn or scraps of yarn, lace, ribbon; dried flowers or grasses; and/or beads.

**Target Audience:** All

## **2020 AZS Convention Workshops**

**Presenter: Dr. Amy Fratz (Pi)**

**Workshop Title: Navigating the Education Maze**

**Workshop Description:** Parents (grandparents, friends, etc.) and educators want to do what is best for children. When a child has a disability, navigating the education maze is complicated and confusing. This workshop will shed light on the world of education to help you determine support and access school resources for children with learning and/or behavioral needs. Participants will receive information relating to early intervening, Section 504 accommodations, and special education services. You are not alone and knowing how to navigate the education system will allow you to advocate more effectively for children.

**Target Audience:** All

**Presenters: Rosey Thompson (Eta) and Julie Schulin (Eta)**

**Workshop Title: Dyslexia: Debunking the myths and teaching a different brain**

**Workshop Description:** The presenters will explain the basics of Dyslexia using research-based data to dispel the more common myths that are plaguing today's schools. They will share their knowledge and experiences working directly with children who are/were diagnosed with dyslexia by exposing the audience to the multisensory teaching approach/method known as Orton-Gillingham.

**Target Audience:** All

**Presenter: Michele Klamerus (Theta)**

**Workshop Title: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying: All you need to know**

**Workshop Description:** This workshop will provide participants with a working understanding of the HIB laws and how they are utilized in schools. The audience will get an understanding of the laws, procedures, mediations, characteristics of both the bully and target, as well as what parents and bystanders can do to help.

**Book Discussion Leader: Wilhelmina Bryant (Lambda)**

**Workshop Title: *Educated***

**Workshop Description:** Discussion of book

**Target Audience:** All

## 2020 AZS Convention Registration Information

Register for New Jersey State Convention

March 27-29, 2020

### Registration for all attending convention:

- Read the complete descriptions of the [workshops](#) and [menus](#)  
Register with DKG NJ to participate in convention  
>Online - fill out the Google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/gNpZnBGxDtdWfmGC8>  
>Snail mail -use the form in the newsletter or [print the form](#), fill out, mail to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829 (this form will not guarantee your workshop choice!)
- [Register for a room at the hotel](#)

**Note: If you are only planning to slide in to either the Induction Ceremony or the Celebration of Life, you need to use the special insurance registration (see the instructions that follow this). No one will be allowed in without a name tag indicating registration.**

### Payment:

- **Calculate your payment amount:**
  1. Are you coming to convention? Pay \$50 if you are staying at the hotel, \$60 if you are commuting. This is your registration fee (after March 6, 2020 a late fee added in).
  2. Are you coming to the luncheon? Pay \$40 unless you are an inductee or presenter (\$0).
  3. Are you coming to the banquet? Pay \$53.
  4. Add up your amounts and write your check (Example: \$50+\$40+\$53=\$143) or
- **Pay online** - use the online shopping cart below and pay with your credit card. The cart will add your items for you. (the service fee will be added in)  
*If you are using a smart phone, the "continue shopping" bounces you all the way back to the top of the page, so scroll!*  
OR
- **Mail a check**-Make checks payable to DKG NJ Convention and mail to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Road, High Bridge, NJ 08829  
*Please calculate the amount for your check!. Do not use the amount on the online payment button!*

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### Confirmation:

- Online registration-First 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 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!

### Deadlines:

- Registration deadline and Cancellation date **March 6, 2020**
- If your registration is **LATE**. 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 was recorded online by March 6.

### Other Details

- If you plan to sing in the chorus, please contact [Diana Dohrmann](mailto:Diana.Dohrmann@gmail.com) to get your music prior to convention.
- Need to cancel? Contact Jan at [AlphaZetaState@gmail.com](mailto:AlphaZetaState@gmail.com) or 201-851-1428
- Do not expect a refund after March 6 :)

### Special Insurance Registration for DKGNJ Convention March 27-29, 2020

Does your chapter have a special new member that you want to see inducted?

Did you lose a sister this year and want to attend the Celebration of Life to honor her?

Are you unable to attend DKGNJ Convention 2020 but want to do one of the above?

This cannot be used to attend the Friday evening basket auction or any other part of convention - register as a participant to participate!

This is what you need to do:

- Register on the linked form (<https://forms.gle/8tSTtJHDc6ER4e836>) or by sending in the special registration slip from the newsletter.
- Pay the \$10 fee. Send the \$10 fee to Jan Paxton, 11 Fine Rd, High Bridge, NJ 08829, Check Payable to DKGNJ Convention, or use the "Buy Now" on the website.

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- If you do not receive a confirmation from Jan Paxton, **YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED**. Contact Jan at 201-851-1428 to resolve the problem. Please do not wait until convention! No refunds will be allowed after March 6, but you may convert this registration to a registration for convention by contacting Jan Paxton (above). (After March 6, you will be registering late, and your \$10 fee will become your late fee for general registration.)
- When you arrive at the one event you want to attend, find the person who will have your name and a nametag to let you into the event. *You will pick up your nametag, which will be your admission, at the door of the event for which you are registered.*
- Enjoy your one event and then leave convention.

DKGNJ's leadership knows that convention is not something that everyone can attend and that you just want to honor your sister, but if you "just slip in the back for the ceremony" you are not covered by insurance! At the last two international conventions a NJ member has been injured in an accident.

If that happened and you were not covered by insurance, it would be dreadful! No one will be allowed into either the Induction or the Celebration of Life without a name tag that will indicate registration. This is for your protection. Please comply with this process.

### **DKGNJ Convention Hotel Registration**

A block of rooms has been reserved for **March 27 - 29, 2020**. The special room rate will be available until March 6, 2020 or the group block is sold-out

**Hotel Name:** [DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center](#)

**Hotel Address:** 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey

**Zip code** - 08873-4197

**Phone Number:** 1-732-469-2600

**Room rate (includes breakfast in Tuscany/TKs):**

The hotel costs are:

\$138.10 for a double,

\$150.10 for a 3 people, and

\$162.10 for 4 people.

There are no cots! Room costs include taxes and breakfast with tip. *This is what you will pay. The rates listed on the hotel website are before the taxes are added in.* **Reservations will be made by individuals calling in or online.**

Reservations may be made by calling **1-855-610-TREE (8733)** and ask for group code DKG.

**ONLINE: Note: the price you will see online or be quoted on the phone will be the price before taxes. The prices we have listed above are inclusive of all taxes. If you have any problems with registration at the hotel, contact Susan Davis ([sdavis84@optimum.net](mailto:sdavis84@optimum.net))**



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The DKG Hotel Reservation web page address is:

[https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWRDADT-DKG-20200327/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWRDADT-DKG-20200327/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Group Name: Delta Kappa Gamma

Group Code: DKG

Check-in: 27-MAR-2020

Room reservations must be made by *midnight on March 6, 2020*. 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. We lose your credit if you check out early!

Please use the link to access paper copies of all registration forms -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1nkk1u1wV2xpiT-5ZTD81pLAUCmolDolq>

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

February 28	CTAUN "War No More" United Nations, New York City
March 27-29	DKGNJ State Convention Doubletree Hotel Somerset, NJ
June 6	DKGNJ Leadership Conference Steinert High School Hamilton, NJ
July 7-11	DKG International Convention Philadelphia, PA

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