



## BETA Chapter – FALL 2012

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

*September 2012*

### *A Message from our President...*

I'm very pleased to begin my first year of a two-year biennium as Beta's president and to present (at last) the year's first newsletter. As you know, I had foot surgery and have had to keep my foot elevated (It feels like forever). I apologize for the delay and the inconvenience to Suzanne Burr Monaco and Diane Strever. This had better be the last of the foot surgeries, and I should be at the top of my game!

I'd like to thank both Marcia Van Hise and Barbara Schroeter for their hard work during the last biennium. Because of their efforts, my work is made that much easier. I'd also like to thank the members of the previous board for the work they did. This year's board and I will build on their successes. Current board members are listed later in this newsletter.

Our first meeting will take place at **SBC in Milford, Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:30 pm**. Although it is a busy area, the manager has promised a wonderful menu and any assistance you may need to park your cars. We will initiate Lisa Ryan to our chapter at the meeting, and we will be treated to a storyteller who will not only tell stories (for adults) but also speak to how storytelling can enhance your curriculum.

Our second meeting will be at **Frenchtown School, Wednesday, November 28th**. Our third meeting is **Tuesday, March 19, 2013, and it will be held at the Trumbull Library**. Our last meeting will be at **Riverview Restaurant** (across from the Dock Shopping Center) **Wednesday, May 15, 2013**, at which time we will initiate new members. Last May, we welcomed Karin Layton to our chapter. Linda Paslov and her committee are working diligently to provide us with stimulating and interesting programs.

I look forward to seeing you October 3 at SBC.

Sincerely,  
**Janis Isenberg**



## **Beta Chapter Chatter**

*from Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone*

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone attended the International Convention in NY from July 23 - 29. She served on the International Elections Committee and as a Table Hostess at the President's Banquet.

Important Motions Adopted at the International Convention:

Executive Board approved DKG Expansion into Japan.

"Support for Early Career Educators" was adopted as the second International project.

An Arts & Humanities Jury was adopted to rate and select members' artwork for online publication and/or display, including sound and motion.

\*\*The International Scholarship award for doctoral studies was raised to \$10,000.\*\*

I received word from DKG International that I have been appointed to serve on the International Educators Award Committee. Our first meeting will be at the International headquarters in Austin, TX in April 2013.

### **From the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers Association**

*from Lynnette Baroni*

The following Beta Sisters have a leadership role in that organization:

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone: Corresponding Secretary

Virginia Loch: Investments

Gloria Francesconi: Parliamentarian

Guess one has to ask busy people to take on leadership roles!

### **Meet your 2012-2014 Beta Chapter Board Members:**

President	Janis Isenberg <a href="mailto:j.v.isenberg@snet.net">j.v.isenberg@snet.net</a>
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Treasurer	Carolyn Dickens <a href="mailto:cadickens7235@sbcglobal.net">cadickens7235@sbcglobal.net</a>

Carol Fleegel will be working with Carolyn.

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Wednesday, October 3, 4:30 pm**

SBC Restaurant  
33 New Haven Avenue  
Milford  
203-874-2337

*Storyteller presentation*

**DKG Fall Conference**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

Courtyard by Marriott  
Cromwell

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm**

Frenchtown Elementary School  
Trumbull

**Tuesday, March 19, 2013**

Trumbull Library, Community Room  
Voting on new members  
Donation \$5.00

**DKG Spring Convention**

April TBA

Courtyard by Marriott

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

Spring Dinner Meeting  
Riverview Restaurant  
(across from the  
Dock Shopping Center)  
Stratford, Connecticut



**Committee Chairs:**

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**Raffle Baskets**

**October:**

Stacy Weinstein and Margaret Hull are coordinating. Each Trumbull teacher should plan on donating \$5 toward the creation of baskets. A schedule for the rest of the year will be forthcoming. If necessary, we will send periodic emails. If you do not have email, perhaps you could buddy-up so we can keep our mailing costs down.

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**Dues:** Dues are collected in September and must be paid by October 10, 2012 to be in good standing. Dues for active members are \$76 and \$39 for reserve members and will not increase again this year. We cannot complete an updated directory until we have all pertinent information and DUES.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Email (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$76 Active Membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$39 Reserve Membership

Please (in the essence of time) write two separate checks (one obviously if you cannot make the dinner) and mail to: ***Carolyn Dickens, 23 Carter Drive, Milford, CT 06560***

**Checks and reservations for dinner are due before October 1**

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***Initiation Dinner Reservations:***

Must be paid by October 1, 2012. Cost is \$30 per person for the buffet.

***Menu includes:***

Green salad with fresh herb vinaigrette & gorgonzola,  
pan seared salmon, chicken rollatini, pan crusted pork loin,  
penne pomodoro, chicken marsala over linguine.

**Dessert:** Apple Crisp and ice cream.  
Coffee or tea.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Email (print) \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend. \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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***Directions to SBC:***

**From Interstate 95 Northbound**

Take exit 39A, right off ramp onto Cherry Street. Turn left onto Gulf Street.  
Turn right onto New Haven Avenue/CT-162. We'll be on the left.

**From Interstate 95 Southbound**

Take exit 39A, bear left onto Cherry Street. Turn left onto Gulf Street. Turn right onto New Haven Avenue/CT-162. We'll be on the left.

**Coming from Stratford, Bridgeport, Stamford:**

You can take the Merritt Pkwy and get on the Milford connector.  
Take I-95 North and follow the above directions.

***Healing Shawls***

Our healing shawls are one way of reaching out to breast cancer patients.

Knitting a healing shawl is a simple project which means so much to the recipient. Barbara Hilli has led the way with the shawls. A small DKG label is fastened to the corner of each shawl before it is brought to the Norma Pfriem Breast Cancer Center either at Bridgeport Hospital or in Fairfield.

Nine shawls were delivered in May to Bridgeport Hospital. To get involved is easy. Barbara (left hand knitter) or Marcia will be happy to get you started. You will need a set of size 13 knitting needles, 2 skeins of either Red Heart Light and Lofty or Baby Cloud or 2 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun. You choose the color. Yarn is available at stores like Joanne's, Michael's or WalMart and is not expensive.

***Directions for making a shawl:***

The directions are as follows: Cast on 45 stitches. Garter stitch (just regular knit stitch) all rows. Knit around 55-60 inches saving enough yarn to make fringe or make fringe from a contrasting color yarn. It is fun to knit; it is therapeutic for the knitter and the recipient. If you don't have time to knit but would like to donate yarn, it will gladly be accepted. When you finish a shawl, please let Barbara know so that a label can be sewn inside.