

DeltaChapter

For
Key Women
Educators

May 2013

BON VOYAGE, MARY JANE!!





“Mada Miller’s” greatest joy (and gift) was to share her love of travel. Here are some memorable fun and zany moments that will always be treasured.

Top left to right: Making Pizza in Italy; Switzerland 2013:

Center: Poking fun in the Plaza (Spain); leading students in Paris; dining in Florence.

March Highlights

Left: **Joanne Chenkus** shares chapter news with **Angela Stortz**.

Below: **Mary Ellen Harmon** shows off her DKG scarf.



Above: Delta sister **Ora Massaro** shares a funny moment with **Colleen Spieler** and **Mary Ellen Harmon**.

Right: **June Legge** assists Delta President **Mary Jane Miller**.

Below: **Barbara Martinsen**, who presented a program on Women's health and wellness applies therapeutic essential oils to volunteer **Loretta Teevan**.



If you wish more information about our presenter Barbara Martinsen, visit her website at <http://barbelfitnessstudio.com>. Her fitness studio is located at 1579 Straits Turnpike in Middlebury. (Tele 860-483-0723)



Notable Good Works....

A *Bristol Press* article (October 29, 2012 issue) describes the volunteer efforts of civilians during World War II. Delta Sister **Mildred Reed** was among those who served in the Bristol Air Warning Service, keeping an eye out for German Luftwaffe planes. The observation post ran for two years, until the spring of 1944. Mildred was awarded air observer wings, which are now on display at the Military Museum at the Bristol Historical Society.



Bristol Historical Society Member **Loretta Teevan** volunteers her time and talent to keep local history alive. Here she sports a fetching chapeau for the Kentucky Derby event at Beelden.

Delta Members **Angela Stortz** and **Loretta Teevan** are shown here delivering Christmas Ornaments crafted during our December meeting to the Pines Nursing Home in Bristol. CT.

Morgan Elizabeth Goodrich is this years recipient of the Delta Chapter Book Grant. Morgan will graduate from Bristol Eastern High School in June. Through her volunteer work and her interaction with students with learning disorders, Morgan realized that she had experienced a very special connection with students and chose to become a special education teacher. Morgan wrote: "I hope that I can help these children to more positively experience their world as they have positively touched mine."



Please share articles, photos, or information about accomplishments, milestones, or other important life events celebrated by our chapter members! Information should be sent to

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Delta Kappa Gamma – Delta Chapter

Minutes

March 16, 2013

The March meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma took place on March 16, 2013 at Juniper's in Middlebury, CT.

Paulina Auclair presented the thought of the day.

The minutes for the previous meeting were sent to all members via email and were accepted as read.

Joan Krantz introduced her guests: **Kim Wachlesausen** who works for the State Department of Education and **Mary Ellen Lafferty**, Watertown's 2013 Teacher of the Year.

Lana Warren presented flowers to Mary Ellen Lafferty.

Corresponding Secretary Report- Rita Caruso received a letter from **Chris Cuomo** in Beijing. **Mary Ellen Harmon** added a letter from Friendly Hands Food Bank for the contributions made in December.

Treasurer's Report: Rosemarie Mikasauskas (absent) forwarded an updated treasury report. Accepted as read.

First Vice President - Monica Kreuzer- No Report

Second Vice President - Paulina Auclair- No Report

President Mary Jane Miller: Linda Bartholomeo has completed her first newsletter; please make an effort to submit notes to be added into the Milestone section of the newsletter.

Call for stamps and cards

Joan Krantz spoke about the state level convention that will be held on April 27:

Members who will be honored will include:

Mildred Read – 50 years

Elizabeth Zaharek - 50 years

Carol Beam – 30 years

Jan Sambuco – 40 years

Raffle – Each chapter is responsible for providing a raffle item valued at between \$40-\$50 to raise money for charity. Tickets are available for \$1 each

There will also be an exhibition of small pieces of artwork submitted for display by Delta members.

Mary Jane received a letter encouraging the creation of a pamphlet highlighting the activities and programs of the chapter. **Paulina Auclair** has one that she created last year.

A reminder that there will be a Delta convention this summer in Portland, Maine.

Membership Report: Lana Warren

Two Delta Sisters were remembered on their passing:

Sara Dalpozzol passed away in July 2007. She was initiated in 1953. She retired from Torrington after 35 years of teaching. She taught grades 1,2,5,6, and HS English as well as at the American Dependant School in Japan.

Helen Sokoloski passed away at the age of 103. She was initiated in 1949 and held many positions within the organization. She taught for 40 years beginning in a one-room schoolhouse in Prospect, CT and retiring as a principal in Naugatuck.

Lana presented white roses of remembrance to **Josephine Radoccio** and **Joan Krantz** in honor of these ladies.

Lana also presented a proposal regarding the Universal Membership goal. While there is no pre-established goal for this year, each chapter is encouraged to set its own goal. Lana proposed a plan to increase our chapter membership by 10% by September 2014, which would be an increase of five members. Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Mary Jane presented a letter from Anita Satriano from the Curriculum of Hope requesting teachers to have students write to Congress regarding the events at Sandy Hook. Additionally, Pat O'Connell Buckley, from the State Executive Board has written to bring attention to the fact that Curriculum of Hope is not being funded for the coming year at the state level.

Donation options in honor of Sandy Hook were discussed suggestions; **Mary Jane** has a list of possible options. **Kim Wachtehausten** reported that the first checks for \$250 were given to each teacher who proposed an idea to Donate.org. The fund is administered by the State Department of Education.

Program Report: Loretta Teevan Wednesday, May 15th the meeting will be held at Pine Valley in Southington at 4pm. The cost of the meal will be \$30.

We will not meet at Chippanee this year because of rising costs.

- **Paulina Auclair** asked that a note be included in the Registration form to ask for anyone who would prefer a vegetarian meal to make the request with her registration.

Angela Stortz and **Loretta Tevan** delivered the Christmas ornaments to the Pines Nursing Home in Bristol, CT where they were gratefully received.

Fine Arts – No Report

Professional Affairs – Joan Krantz announced the book grant recipient was **Morgan E. Godrich**.

Joan read part of Morgan's letter of application.

Historian's Report: Luann Cogliser: Pictures were presented at the meeting and will be added to the archive. She requested materials for inclusion in the scrapbook. Mary Jane asked for volunteers to help Luann with the committee.

Communications Report: Linda Bartholomeo and Paulina Auclair: Paulina thanked Linda for taking on the job and commended her for a beautiful job on the last newsletter.

Scholarship Committee: June Legge: June reminded members that scholarships were available to help members pay for continuing education. The forms are on the DKG website.

World Fellowship: Mary Ellen Harmon read a letter from **Christine Comeau** who is teaching in China and forwarded a request from Christine for other teachers to consider going to China to continue the work.

Curriculum of Hope: Colleen Spieler: Noted the lack of funding in the budget for the coming year. She also read from the materials from the National Arbor Day Foundation regarding: Hazelnut cultivation, cork cultivation, cleaning with vinegar, and a program in San Francisco designed to reduce waste through composting.

Lana Warren requested that members update the information on their membership cards.

New Business: Mary Jane Miller

- **Mary Jane** presented three names for consideration as new members:

Kathleen Ciarlo, Helen Simko, and Romanna Jakymec. All were unanimously accepted. They will be inducted, with Debbie Manning who was accepted at a previous meeting, in May.

- **Joanne Chenkus** raised the issue of the funding of the Book grant. The goal of raising \$500 is difficult as it is currently funded through raffles at every meeting. She proposed a discussion be held over whether we should designate a specific meeting for each fund that we are trying to fulfill

- \$55 was raised for World Fellowship.

- **Mary Jane** requested that any new ideas or initiatives for consideration under “New Business” be brought to the president’s attention in advance of the meeting. Please contact her by email at MJMscamp@yahoo.com

- **Flo Goodman** presented pins that were returned to the chapter by people who were no longer members

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Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Lou Kuegler, Secretary

Postscript: Keep Delta sister
Mary Jane Miller in your
thoughts and prayers.

*“Au revoir, ma chère sœur Delta!
Vous allez nous manquer!”*



Delta Chapter Meeting
Pine Valley Ballroom
Southington
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
4:00-7:00

4:00	Arrival and fellowship	
4:15	Thought for the Day Tribute to Mary Jane Miller Induction of new members	Monica Kreuzer
5:00	Arrival of Book Grant Recipient Dinner Buffet	
6:00	Meeting	
	Approval of Minutes	
	Secretary	Mary Lou Kuegler
	Correspondence	
	Corresponding Secretary	Rita Caruso
	Treasurer's Report	
	Treasurer	Rose Marie Mikasauskas
	Report of Officers	
	First Vice President	Monica Kreuzer
	Second Vice President	Paulina Auclair
	Standing Committee Reports	
	Program	Loretta Teevan, Sondra Macdonald
	Membership	Lana Warren
	Parliamentarian	June Legge
	Fine Arts	Peg Goranson
	Legislation	
	Professional Affairs	Claudette LaFlamme
	Historian	LuAnn Cogliser
	Finance	Rose Marie Mikasauskas
	Nominations	Joan Krantz
	Communications	Linda Bartholomeo

Scholarship
World Fellowship &
International Funds
Curriculum of Hope

June Legge

Christine Comeau
Colleen Spieler/Deborah Flaherty

Old Business
New Business