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SHARING OUR VISION - STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY
SUPPORTING EARLY-CAREER EDUCATORS

Launching and Supporting New Educators
Keynote Speaker Kim Wachtelhausen



The transition from BEST to TEAM
The teaching continuum
What is the role of a mentor?
How does TEAM connect to practice?
Feedback from teachers and mentors

Kim Wachtelhausen has established a career surrounding herself with those deeply committed to the education profession. She began as an elementary special education teacher where she learned the value of collaboration. She transitioned to early childhood education and became trained in Reading Recovery to discover the need for early diagnosis and targeted instruction for our youngest learners. Kim wanted to continue to grow as an educator and got involved with the Beginning Educator, Support and Training (BEST) Program as a cooperating teacher and mentor. Here she realized that there was much to gain from working with teachers across the spectrum of both experience and expertise. Eventually, she became trained as a BEST portfolio scorer to better mentor the newest members of our profession and hesitantly left the classroom to explore deeper conversations as a teacher in residence for the State Department of Education. Kim became the project leader for the Elementary BEST Program until the program ended in 2009 and has been actively involved in the development of the new Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program currently in place to provide guided support for beginning teachers as part of their induction into the profession. In this role, Kim has been humbled by the extraordinary commitment of so many educators to provide rigorous learning opportunities for Connecticut's students.

He who dares to teach must not cease to learn.
Anonymous

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A Message from Marnee

Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Society



A DKG LEADERSHIP SUMMER

Forty-eight Alpha Kappa State members and three guests attended the DKG International Convention in NYC in July. Twenty-one of those members came in on the bus sponsored by Iota Chapter. It was an amazing convention with outstanding speakers, informative breakout sessions, and many opportunities to learn more about our Society. Members came from around the world to meet and greet their DKG sisters, including members from our newest member country, Japan. The Japanese members attended many of the formal events in their native dress, thanking everyone for their invitation to join the Society each time they began a conversation.

Besides adding Japan to our group, we adopted *SEE* as an International project sponsored by the Educational Excellence Committee. *SEE* (Support for Early-Career Educators) joins Schools for Africa as a major focus for the Society in the coming years. You can find out more about this project on the DKG website and at our Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference on November 3rd.

Dr. Beverly Helms was elected as our new International President with **Carolyn Pittman** as our First Vice-President and **Lyn Schmid** as our Second Vice-President. **Alice Carrier**, our International guest speaker at the AKS 2012 Spring Convention, received the 2012 International Achievement Award. Dr. Helms has set her new theme: *Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Society*. Read her acceptance speech on the website, dkg.org, by clicking on her theme in the upper left hand corner of the home screen. On that same DKG home page, click on Photographs by Jim to see pictures taken during the Convention.

On the state level, a very productive Leadership Conference was held in June at the Coast Guard Academy. We had the opportunity to hear many speakers from the Academy, both instructors, officers and cadets. The grounds were beautiful and the fellowship was a delight. This conference was open to all and was well received, being the most well-attended leadership conference in recent history. Congratulations to the Leadership Development Committee for a job very well done.

Marnee

**AKS 2012 Leadership Conference
U. S. Coast Guard Academy**



**Dr. Laurel Goulet,
Keynote Speaker**



Participants



**AKS President
Marnee Straiton
Welcomes Chapter Officers**



Answer the Call from Alpha Kappa State

It is not too early to nominate members in your chapter for Alpha Kappa State Officers for the 2013 – 2015 biennium.

Members are invited to serve as
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
Recording Secretary

Nominations are also open for **three members of the Finance Committee and three members of the Nominations Committee**

Nomination forms are available online at the AKS website
www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/

Send nominations postmarked by December 1, 2012 to
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Chair
607 Juniper Court
Oxford, CT 06478
(203) 463-8403

Nominations Committee Members:
Patricia Faulkner, Mu Chapter
Margaret Festi, Rho Chapter
Gail Gibbons, Omicron Chapter
Lisa Hudkins, Upsilon Chapter
Karen Stoudt, Rho Chapter



2013 Annual CTAUN Conference at the United Nations "ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS"

The Committee for Teaching About the United Nations Conference is set for **Friday, January 18, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** You are invited to join your DKG sisters as we examine today's social justice issues and explore the role educators must play in helping our students understand, address and resolve them for our future. To carry out this task, young people will need to be empowered with the content knowledge and 21st century skills necessary to navigate and make significant democratic changes in their global society.

Investigating current social justice issues will require critical discussion on the complex issues of human trafficking and economic inequality. Human trafficking, including the exploitation of youth, modern day slavery and immigration/forced migration will be considered. Underlying these issues of "human security" is the primary problem of economic inequality and the essential question of how to resolve such overarching dilemmas as child labor, ensuring environmental justice and food security. Speakers and panel discussions will highlight these fundamental concerns.

All educators and concerned citizens are invited to this event. We encourage you to work with us as we move forward in promoting social justice as a means for creating economic equality and political stability for the world's citizens – the achievement of the UN's founding goals.

For more information or to register contact Ricky Velez-Negron, Registrar, Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) 917-797-5950.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)



Growing Your Chapter Membership

ONE GOAL + Many Members Working to Reach the Goal = Strength and Growth



Setting achievable goals is a mindset that we as teachers have developed over the years. So why not continue to set goals to help your chapter remain strong and grow? As a whole chapter or as the chapter's executive board, look at your chapter's strengths and consider ways to use those strengths in looking for new members and reaching out to former members. Here are some examples of goals that might work for you.

1. Each member will contact a former member at least once and invite her to consider reinstatement.
2. Each member will invite a guest to one of the scheduled meetings.
3. Retired members will contact a school principal to talk about DKG and potential members.
4. Members will wear the key pin to school and/or other professional meetings and be ready with an 'elevator speech.'
5. Members will celebrate professional, as well as personal, "milestones."
6. Chapter will hold one or two orientations using the PowerPoint, *Pride in the Big Picture Orientation*.
7. Chapter will use *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture Reorientation* as a program during the year.

The possibilities are endless. Growing membership is key to strengthening leadership in your chapters.

Other reminders:

- Start compiling names of Service Pin Award recipients for the Spring Convention.
- Review the instructions on mailing procedures for Form 6/Death of a Member. Included will be a member's profile outline.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT THE 12 x 12 Initiative:

This initiative will conclude in December 2012. Be sure to send Donna Chaney information about new members by October 31st so those numbers can be displayed on the 12 x 12 banner at the AKS Fall Conference. The initiative continues until the end of December, and chapters will be recognized at the Spring Convention for their efforts toward achieving the goal.

More Photos from the AKS 2012 Leadership Conference



Chapter Treasurers meet with
AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney



Chapter Presidents meet with
AKS President Marnee Straiton



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter will begin the fall with two new members: **Renee Slade** and **Sara Anderson**. Renee is a retired English teacher from Greenwich High School. She taught there for 30 years. Currently she teaches Hebrew at the Greenwich Reform Synagogue and subs at Blind Brook High School in New York. She also has a background in comedy writing. **Sara Anderson** is a biology, chemistry and forensics teacher at Stamford High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Virginia Commonwealth University and obtained her M.S. from the University of Bridgeport. She coordinated the Girls Excelling in Math and Science program at Dolan Middle School. Welcome Renee and Sara!

A social gathering will take place September 20th at **Elinor Carr's** house with wine and cheese and an Outstanding Service Award presentation by **AKS President Marnee Straiton** to **Joan Lowe** for her volunteer work in coordinating a reading program for grade school children. **Nancy Wolf, Mary Ruth Allen and Margaret Nielsen** attended the New York International Convention. Margaret presented a workshop on DKG contributions, which are now tax deductible. **Lucy Galasso, Nancy Wolf, Margaret Nielsen and Clare Harding** attended the Leadership Development Workshop at the Coast Guard Academy this past June.

The Executive Committee met at the new president's house on August 2. **Lucy Galasso** is happy to report that most of the members of this committee will continue along with the following additions: **First Vice-President Clare Harding** and **Program Chair Barbara Hertz**.

In October, Alpha Chapter will meet at the Cos Cob Library to hear Paula Luciani, President of Charter Research and Investment Group, Inc. A question and answer period will follow. Also in October, the Lord and Taylor Shop Smart/Do Good fund raiser will take place; and all revenues will support The Virginia Obrig Memorial Book Grant.

Regretfully, Alpha Chapter mourns the passing of **Betty Quinn** on November 15, 2011. She was a past president of this chapter, as well as a very involved and accomplished educator. She will be honored at the Ceremony of Remembrance at the AKS Spring Convention in 2013.

BETA

Beta Chapter's Executive Board met July 31st and discussed meeting dates, programs, projects and possible social events. The first meeting will take place at SBC Restaurant in Milford Oct. 3rd.

Members will welcome **Lisa Ryan**, a language arts teacher/instructional chair/team leader at Hillcrest Middle School in Trumbull, to the chapter and will be treated to a storyteller who will not only tell stories (for adults), but she will also speak to how storytelling can enhance the

curriculum. The second meeting will be at Frenchtown School on November 28th. The third meeting, set for March 19th will be held at the Trumbull Library. The last meeting will be at Riverview Restaurant on May 15th at which time new members will be initiated.

Last May, the chapter welcomed **Karin Layton**. **Linda Paslov** and her committee are working diligently to provide stimulating and interesting programs. At the first meeting, members will discuss upcoming projects.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone attended the DKG International Convention in New York City from July 24th - 28th. She served on the International Elections Committee and as a Table Hostess at the President's Banquet. Sandy has been appointed to serve on the International Educators Award Committee.

GAMMA

On a beautiful mid-July morning, Gamma's executive committee and program chairs met at the home of newly installed **President Regina Tate**. For nearly four hours, the group brainstormed about the coming biennium and the goals that had been set by International, as well as by Alpha Kappa State. The five Gamma members who had attended the AKS Leadership Conference at the Coast Guard Academy updated the group about their experiences. A calendar of events and programs for each meeting was acted upon. During breaks in the discussions, members enjoyed a varied and delicious brunch prepared by Reggie. At the October meeting, new members will be initiated.

DELTA

At the May meeting, Delta's **Professional Affairs Chair Claudette LaFlamme** announced that the 2012 Delta Book Grant in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Molly Sczucka. Molly graduated from Torrington High School in the top 5% of her class. She will attend Emmanuel College in the Fall. Her dream is to some day teach history at the secondary level. Molly was very actively involved in her school and community.

Membership Chair Lana Warren reported that Delta Chapter had reached the 12 x 2012 goal set by initiating or reinstating at least 12 members by December, 2012.

Many Delta members were busy this past summer attending the AKS Leadership Conference at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in June and the DKG International Convention in New York City in July. In addition, a chapter planning meeting was held at **President Mary Jane Miller's** home.

The September meeting will be held at Watertown High School. The theme for the meeting will be *Teachable Touchable Technology*. Members will demonstrate the latest technology used in the classroom. The December 8th meeting will be held in Waterbury. The theme will be *Caring for the Community*.



AROUND THE

The September Delta Chapter newsletter has a fascinating article by new member, **Janet Galasso**, an art teacher at Berlin High School. Janet relates how she left the world of graphic design to become a teacher. According to Janet, "I knew I couldn't live my life in a stuffy cubicle with an inbox and an outbox. Instead, I'd rather be impacting the lives of others." She tells about being moved by the book, *I Married Adventure*, by Luci Swindoll. Janet describes the effect the book had on her life, "It has inspired me to look at my life differently, and to try to grab hold of at least one tidbit of each day and be able to have a story to share at my next meal." She further states that her art connection immersed her in 'hands-on art history', which then led to her involvement in Summervision DC - eight museums in four days. Janet's compelling article can be found in the September issue of Delta Chapter's newsletter which is available online at the AKS website under Chapter/Newsletters.

EPSILON

Epsilon Chapter met in June at the home of **Past AKS President** and **Past Chapter President Carylrae Clinge**. A delicious 'Tastefully Simple' potluck luncheon was presented by **Carol Koladicz's** daughter, **Lori Koladicz**. The following chapter officers were installed for the 2012-2014 biennium: **President Ellen Murtha**, **First Vice-President Joanne Charbonneau**, **Second Vice-President Ann-Marie Moore**, **Treasurer Dianna Wassenhove** and **Secretary Carol Koladicz**. **Pamela Solnik** will serve as chapter parliamentarian. Epsilon looks forward to inviting new members to join the chapter this year.

ZETA

At the June Sundae Social, the Zeta Memorial Grant of \$750, awarded biennially to a high school senior intending to be an educator, was presented by **Grant Committee Co-Chair Anne Brandt** to Aliyah Brogdan from Career High School in New Haven. Aliyah will attend Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

President Roz Gamberdella, **Treasurer Claudia Grantham** and **Corresponding Secretary Carole Franceschet**, all new Zeta chapter officers, attended the June 29th AK State Leadership Conference at the Coast Guard Academy. All were pleased with the day's activities and with new information they gathered relating to their prospective jobs as they enter their new biennium. Zeta Chapter members also attending, in a capacity for the state executive board, were **AKS First Vice-President Terry Azoti**, **Treasurer Donna Chaney**, **Chapter Ambassador** and **Communications Committee Chair Judy Cody** and **State Photographer Carolyn Downs**.

Several Zeta members attended some portion of the International Convention held in N.Y. City July 24th – 28th.

It was exciting to see so many members take advantage of the event being held so near the New Haven area. Those attending wish to thank the chapter for its financial support that assisted with expenses.

Plans are in the making for Zeta's Welcome Back meeting on September 27th, the Initiation Meeting/Dinner on October 17th at which time three new members are to be initiated, and the chapter's annual fundraiser auction to be held November 17th at which time family, friends and prospective members are invited to join in on this popular, well-attended event.

Incoming President Roz has many new ideas and activities planned for this year to support early educators. Chapter members look forward to participating in these activities as all also are challenged by the Membership Committee, chaired by **Kim Carew** and **Judy Cody**, to initiate 10 new early-career educators during this next biennium.

THETA

Six members of Theta Chapter attended the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New York City this summer. **Susan Salesses**, **Jeanne Morascini**, **Carol Kraus**, **Pat O'Connell-Buckley**, **Ann Grosjean**, and **Sue Moon** attended. Theta's own **Jeanne Morascini** presented *Lighten Up! How to Handle Stress with a Peaceful Mindset*. It was so well attended that there was "sitting on the floor" room only! **Patricia O'Connell-Buckley** was elected to the International DKG Finance Committee that week, as well.

On August 20th, Theta members gathered at the home of Secretary Sharon Bartlett's home for a picnic. Members were able to get reacquainted and welcomed new members who were initiated in the Spring: **Karen Anger**, **Katie Firth**, **Raquel Luna**, **Anneliese Parsell**, **Sandy Popeleski**, **Kelley Putz**, **Megan Reed** and **Lauren Townley**.

At the meeting on October 13th, Theta members will have the International Potluck Luncheon where they will learn about our DKG member countries and share favorite dishes with a "foreign flair"! Two new members will also be initiated.

IOTA

Iota Chapter's spring meeting was held at **Marnee Straiton's** home. Prior to the meeting, members could donate an item to be listed on eBay. To kick off the new eBay fundraiser, Iota member **Ruth Ellen Hunt** showed all members how to access e-bay and the current bids for the donated item. Ruth Ellen will continue to list donated items that she believes will sell. Proceeds will be used to help fund the chapter's annual book grants.

In July, twelve Iota members boarded the bus to the International Convention. For most members, this was the first time they had attended an International event.



NUTMEG STATE (continued)

Members had the opportunity to take part in the business meeting, break-out sessions and attend the AKS dinner before heading home.

Iota's summer meeting was held at **Deborah Soresino's** home in Stonington. Every member at the meeting was key to the decisions and plans for the upcoming year. The fall meeting will be at Hopkins Inn on Lake Waramaug, a 55 year celebration for Iota.

New to Iota members this fall will be a newsletter. **Elizabeth Ricci** has worked with several chapter members to make this happen. Her hard work will be evident when members receive the fall issue.

LAMBDA

At Lambda's May meeting, grants were awarded to area high school seniors interested in pursuing teaching careers. The recipients were: Talia Erris, Troy Sundwall and Amy Marie Brazauski. At an Initiation Ceremony, Lambda Chapter welcomed new member, **Anne Sharnick**. Anne teaches first grade at Roger Sherman Elementary School in Meriden. **Sue Mattingly** was recognized for a beautiful display board featured at the AKS Spring Convention. **Camille Golod** was also recognized for her award-winning newsletters. In addition, the chapter received a thank you note from Joan Roczynski, a trained volunteer, for 75 books donated by the membership to the "Read to Grow Program" at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

MU

In July, several members of Mu Chapter gathered at **Cathy Pepe's** home in Burlington to complete the Books for Babies project. Approximately 600 books were wrapped in packages of two and then delivered to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain.

The first meeting of the year will be held at Canton High School. Robin Kraemer, the Community Relations Coordinator at Interval House, will be the guest speaker. Since 1977, Interval House has made a positive difference in the lives of nearly 164,000 women and children, who have experienced psychological and physical abuse at the hand of a domestic or intimate partner. It provides a safe place to live, as well as a range of services, including legal advocates in court, a 24-hour hotline, support groups, a children's program, community outreach and education. Members will bring a variety of school supplies as a donation to Interval House.

RHO

Rho Chapter recently held a planning session for 2012-13. Members will start the year with a fundraising tag sale on September 8th at the Willington Green Flea Market. A dinner meeting will be held on October 3rd at

Wood 'n Tap in Vernon. Rochelle Ripley of *Hawkwing*, a charitable service program helping Native Americans in North Dakota, will present possible areas in which Rho could be actively involved. On November 14th, two chapter members, **Sue Nadeau** and her daughter **Jennifer Vechinsky**, will present *Working with Children with Autism*.

The January meeting will be a follow-up to the autism program with a pizza and movie night to view the film *Temple Grandin*. In March, members will welcome back Sandy Merrill, "the beading lady," with a workshop on creating beaded jewelry. Rho Chapter hopes to hold a new member tea in April, followed by the May potluck dinner, book swap, teacup auction and initiation of new members. The chapter's goal for 2012-2013 is to build membership and attendance at meetings with stronger communication among members.

UPSILON

Members of Upsilon Chapter met in August with AKS officers, **President Marnee Straiton**, **First Vice-President Terry Azoti** and **Membership Chair Joan Krantz**. Program ideas and dates were discussed. Themes and locations were set.

The first meeting will be held on October 11th at Barkhamsted School. The theme will be *Honor Our Members*. **State Membership Chair Joan Krantz** will be in attendance and will show a video about recruiting new members in keeping with the chapter's goal to increase membership.

The December 6th meeting will be held at the Susan B. Anthony Project in Torrington. This is the chapter's annual holiday get-together and service project.



Roz Etra,
2012 Leadership Conference Chair



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2012 New York City Convention

Alpha Kappa State members at 2012 International Convention



Front Row (l. to r.) **Marnee Straiton, Terry Azoti**
 Second Row (l. to r.) **Christine Comeau, Sue Moon, Carol Kraus, Jeanne Morascini, Margaret Nielsen**
 Third Row (l. to r.) **Nancy Wolf, Mary Ruth Allen, Ann Grosjean, Judy Cody, Linda Amarante**
 Fourth Row (l. to r.) **Mary Ellen Harmon, Phyllis Hickey, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Sue Salesses**

Workshop Presenters

Jeanne Morascini



Lighten Up! How to Handle Stress with a Peaceful Mindset

Margaret Nielsen



Your Tax Deductions Can Enable Future Opportunities for DKG Members



**Marnee Straiton
Alpha Kappa State President**



Pat O'Connell-Buckley with Sharon Vinson, Illinois



AKS members at First General Session



Terry Azoti and Marnee Straiton

Connecticut Night Dinner



Judy Cody and Roz Gambardella



Emergency Fund Raises over \$20,000 at the NYC Convention !

Approximately 2,000 DKG members were in New York to enjoy the workshops, speakers and sights and sounds of the city, as well as the restaurants. Collections for tax deductibles to the **Emergency Fund** occurred at the regional breakfasts. Assume that all of the members attended the July 27th Breakfasts, so that the average donation to the fund exceeded \$10 per member. **International President Beverly Helms** sent letters of receipt to those writing checks during August. She noted in her e-mail letter that the donations to this fund were "eligible for IRS tax credit."

Perhaps members of the Connecticut chapters could consider enlarging the fund to help fellow members that have suffered losses during tragedies such as Hurricane Isaac or the Colorado fires. Over the years this fund has helped members that are victims of flood, fire and earthquakes. Just write a check to the DKG Emergency Fund for \$5 or \$10. Complete Form 43 on the www.dkg.org website and mail to headquarters, as instructed on the form. Perhaps this could be a chapter project.

If you prefer to donate to a different cause, such as Scholarship, simply designate that fund. The International Scholarship award was raised from \$6,000 to \$10,000 at the 2012 Convention and helps members who are working on graduate degrees. Other funds, such as the Educational Foundation, provide funds to members for educational projects. Several funds help to provide speakers for meetings and fund local conferences. Of course, the Schools for Africa Project and World Fellowship are also tax deductible. Choose a favorite.

All the information for each fund can be found on the DKG web site. These donations will help those who itemize their deductions on April 15, 2013. For additional information contact **Alpha Kappa State International Funds Chair Margaret Nielsen** at 203-322-3976 or e-mail MRNielsen@aol.com.



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

“Every good life leaves behind the fiber of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.”

Elizabeth A. Quinn, Alpha Chapter November 26, 2011

Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Quinn was initiated into Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in 1953. She served as chapter president from 1958-1960 and had various other Alpha Chapter leadership roles.

Betty received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Rhode Island School of Education and her Master’s Degree in Education from Fairfield University. Her career in education, which spanned 55 years, began in Seekonk, Massachusetts, where she was a teacher in science and physical education from 1942-1951 at Seekonk Junior High. In 1951, she moved to Connecticut to become assistant principal and teacher of science and physical education at Saxe Middle School in New Canaan.

In addition to membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chapter, Betty was elected the second President of the Connecticut Science Teachers’ Association. She was an active president, helping CSTA to become a viable organization. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Science Teachers’ Association, traveling nationwide to assist teachers with programs to improve their offerings in science education for students of varied ages and capabilities. For this effort, Elizabeth was honored as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the highest award available.

Besides these activities, she supported programs of the DeLaSalle Christian Brothers, an order to which her brother James Quinn belonged. In recognition of her support, she was honored as an Affiliate of the Christian Brothers. Colleagues characterized her as a ‘sweetheart’ who was a disciplinarian, but fair. Betty was concerned about middle school students who struggled. She remembered them through the years, as they remembered her. One of her former students believed that she had become a teacher because of Miss Quinn.

Dr. Martha Counts, Delta Chapter April 17, 2012

Dr. Martha Counts was initiated into Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in 1960. In 1972, she transferred from Iota Chapter to Delta Chapter. In Delta Chapter, she served as Second Vice-President from 1982-1984 and First Vice-President from 1984-1986. In October 1986, she resigned as President due to health reasons. She also served on the Scholarship Committee from 1978-1982 and the Social Concerns Committee from 1990-1992. At the state level, Dr. Counts served on the Membership Committee from 1975-1977 and on the Professional Affairs Committee from 1977-1981.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1945 from Swarthmore College, her Master’s degree in 1949 and her PhD in 1956 both from Columbia University.

She was a college professor for 23 years with the state of Connecticut working at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury for 12 years and at Tunxis Community College in Farmington for 11 years where she taught history. In addition, she was a member of ‘Friends of Bristol Library.’

During World War II, Martha was a civilian working for the War Department in intelligence in Australia and Washington, D.C.

Martha will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. She was a humble person, role model, dear friend to all, and she will be remembered as an inspirational woman.



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Eunice McLean Waller, Eta Chapter April 20, 2012

Eunice McLean Waller was initiated into Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in 1968. She was the parliamentarian at both the state and local levels of AKS, and she chaired the Policy Committee.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Fayetteville State University, where she graduated summa cum laude. Her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision was from the University of Pennsylvania. She was a National Foundation Scholar at the University of Vermont where she earned a certificate to teach new math.

After teaching in the Washington, D.C. area, she accepted a position to teach chemistry at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, becoming its first African American professor. She also taught for Waterford Public Schools.

She was a community activist, a member of many political, civic, cultural and social organizations. She was a founding member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund Foundation; Mayor of New London; member of at least three boards of education; active in the Lions Club and the League of Women Voters; president of the New London AARP and a life member of the NAACP.

Connecticut College Vice-President Ulysses Hammond called Mrs. Waller a Renaissance woman of great courage, vision, stature, grace and intellect who supported and promoted education in her community. She was a trail blazer. Her wonderful sense of humor and her ability to make people comfortable will be greatly missed by all in Eta Chapter.

Dr. Lois M. Bernier, Lambda Chapter May 18, 2012

Dr. Lois M. Bernier was initiated into Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on December 1, 1969. Lois received Bachelor and Doctorate Degrees in Education from the University of Connecticut. She also studied at Oxford University in London, England.

Lois began her teaching career at Sprague School in Waterbury. She then taught school in Bremerhaven and Frankfurt, Germany for the U.S. Government. Upon her return to Connecticut, she taught at Darcy School in Cheshire and then became an instructor of English at Cheshire High School. She retired in 1995.

Lois was a participating member of Lambda Chapter for 42 years. In addition, she was a life-long member of the National Education Association and the University of Connecticut Alumni Association.

During her years in Germany, Lois travelled throughout Europe, as well as East Berlin, Poland, Hungary, Russia, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia and North Africa. Upon her return to the states, Lois travelled throughout the U. S. during summer vacations. She was an avid reader and continued to take courses and attend lectures offered by Yale, UConn, elderhostels and libraries. She enjoyed visiting NYC to attend ballets and operas. Lois was also an avid Yankees fan and followed all their games.



Trevor Smith Leads Us to Laughter at Fall Conference



At the Fall Conference on November 3rd, the Fine Arts presentation will be something completely different: an interactive program on the art of laughter. Trevor Smith will help us appreciate the world and our profession and better understand ourselves--all of which are also the goals of any artistic endeavor. Trevor's presentation, *Laughter: The New Bottom Line in the Workplace*, is particularly appropriate for our emphasis on supporting early-career educators who need techniques for dealing with the stress of their new profession. Trevor will provide tips for "creating healthy lifestyles in the classroom through laughter and humor."

There is indeed an art to laughter as therapy: comedy that builds up instead of tearing down. As Trevor says, "There can be sensitive issues around humor, so we skip jokes entirely. We laugh with each other, not at each other. At first, the laughter exercise routines can seem a bit contrived; but soon peals of genuine happiness-and-health-boosting laughter ring out and roll on."

In keeping with our International emphasis, according to his website, Trevor has been certified as a Laughter Leader through the "World Laughter Tour, an international clearinghouse for the global grassroots laughter movement, with the mission of bringing events to every continent that promote health and peace through laughter." Trevor holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from Curry College in Milton, MA, and a Master's Degree from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA. He also received a Master's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Springfield College in Springfield, MA.

For more information on the therapeutic benefits of laughter and about Trevor's other accomplishments, check out his website <http://www.laughforyourhealth.com/html/programs.html>.

Faye Ringel, AKS Fine Arts Chair

Bountiful Baskets of School Supplies Alpha Kappa State Supports Early-Career Educators



The theme of the 73rd Fall Conference, to be held on November 3rd at Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell, parallels International's latest initiative of Supporting Early-Career Educators (**SEE**). Early-career educators are those who have one to five years experience or have recently changed to new positions in their educational environments. It may also include educators who have just completed a degree and are beginning second careers as educators.

As an added bonus at the Fall Conference, there will be a name drawing of early-career educators in attendance at the conference. A few lucky members will win bountiful baskets of school supplies donated by members of the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board. Registration forms for the Conference contain a final statement to identify our members who fit this category. Be sure to check if you qualify. Early-career educators are invited to come enjoy a day at the Conference, get .2 CEUs, and possibly win a basket of useful items to take back to their classrooms. We'll be looking for you there!

Terry Azoti, AKS Educational Excellence Committee Chair



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November 3, 2012

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Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

January 18, 2013

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(CTAUN)
United Nations (New York)

January 12, 2013

Snow Date: January 26, 2013

Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

March 16, 2013

Snow Date: March 23, 2012

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June 8, 2013

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July 24-27, 2013

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