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**SHARING OUR VISION: STRENGTHENING
SOCIETY**

OUR



United Nations' Non-Governmental Organization Representative To Speak

The keynote speaker for the 2013 AKS Fall Conference will be Caroljean Willie, a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a Master's Degree in Reading and a Ph.D. in Multicultural Education. Sister Caroljean has extensive experience working cross-culturally throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America as a teacher, principal, teacher-trainer, cultural diversity consultant and retreat director. She is the author of several books, as well as numerous articles in professional journals. She is a frequent speaker at regional and national conferences and has also given presentations in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America. She currently resides in the greater New York area where she serves as the NGO representative at the United Nations for the Sisters of Charity Federation and also works with microfinancing projects in Africa. Sister Caroljean will be speaking about her work with the United Nations.

Her main focus will be on microfinancing initiatives. Microfinance is the provision of financial services such as loans, savings, insurance and training to people living in poverty. It is one of the great success stories in the developing world in the last 30 years and is widely recognized as a just and sustainable solution in alleviating global poverty. We need to recognize that the large majority of the world's poorest people are women and that they contribute decisively to the well-being of their families. By learning about ways to help the women of these communities, we will be better able to meet the DKG goal of global awareness and consider ways to help in the education of children in these high poverty areas. AKS members look forward to meeting and hearing Sister Caroljean.

**Kathleen Lozinak, Chair
AKS Educational Impact Committee**

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Fall Conference on Nov. 2nd

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A Message from Terry

Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Chapters



Dear Sisters,

Fall is in the air and with it the start of the 2013-2015 state biennium! It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve and represent you as state president. Meeting as many members as possible will be one of my personal goals as I travel around the state to help *share our vision and strengthen our chapters*.

The Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine was well-attended by a Connecticut contingency of twenty-three members and seven guests. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a serious injury from a fall. Thank you to our Maine sisters of Alpha Psi State for an excellent conference. Thanks also go out to members who attended, presented or presided at workshops, exhibited at the Info Fair and attended International training workshops. Congratulations are extended to **Patricia O'Connell Buckley** of Theta Chapter. She was awarded a gold key pendant by **International President Beverly Helms** as the Connecticut member who embodied her theme,

Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society.

Please consider joining us at the Fall Conference on November 2nd for a highly recommended keynote speaker, Sister Caroljean Willey, and an entertaining fine arts presentation by Peter Braunfield, a Wallingford Public Schools' music educator. In addition, Alpha Kappa State grants for area college and high school students will be awarded.

In spring, all chapters will be voting for new officers for the next biennium and will be offering thanks to the outgoing officers. Please plan to say "yes" if you are asked to take a leadership role in your chapter. Leadership is an opportunity to serve, motivate and inspire others. Training for new leaders and any members wishing to attend will be provided at the Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference on June 27, 2014.

Finally, 2014 is a celebration year for Alpha Kappa State! We will be commemorating our 75th birthday at the Spring Convention on April 26, 2014. A committee of members from every chapter is planning the event. It is hoped that all our members will put the date on their calendars and arrange to be there to celebrate with us.

*Happy fall,
Terry*

2014 Annual CTAUN Conference at the United Nations *Promoting Peace Through Education*



The Committee for Teaching About the United Nations Conference is set for **Friday, January 31, 2014, 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.

For more information or to register visit teachun.org.

It is not enough to teach children how to read, write and count. Education has to cultivate mutual respect for others and the world in which we live, and help people forge more just, inclusive and peaceful societies

~~ UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon 12 June 2013

ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



Welcome to our New AKS Members reported as of August 1, 2013



**Congratulations to all the new members!
We look forward to your energy and enthusiasm.**

ALPHA	Martha Taylor Nobile – Stamford Barbara Classon Oppedisano – Cos Cob
DELTA	Kathleen Ciarlo – Waterbury Deborah M. Manning – Bristol
THETA	Julia Brennan – Glastonbury Mary deVecchis- Storrs Karen Dibala – Mansfield Center Joanne Prague Doyle – Columbia
IOTA	Susan M. Crean – Danbury Jane E. Martellino – Southbury
MU	Michelle L. Gladue – Plainville Kelly A. Loveday – Hartford
NU	Rita M. Ferri – New Canaan
TAU	Jean Ficke – Torrington Sandra A. Mangan- Winsted Kathleen Mary Reeves – Goshen Megan E. Schoonmaker - Torrington



A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World

The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee will begin its 28th year in January, 2014. The committee was founded by Alpha Kappa State's own **Jeanne Morascini**. The mission of this committee is to study and promote critical thinking, conflict resolution and cooperative learning

skills that will help us to move toward a more peaceful world. Since its inception, members have presented keynote addresses, workshops or exhibits at DKG International Conventions, Northeast Regional Conferences and at state conferences in Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. They have spoken at many chapter meetings in CT. Their presentations generally focus on strategies for infusing peace education concepts into the curricula or ideas for reaching a peaceful mindset in daily lives.

In an effort to get the Curriculum of Hope Newsletter into every school in Connecticut, a letter and sample newsletter has been sent to every superintendent in CT asking for a contact person who will officially distribute the newsletter online to each school in the district. If you are currently teaching, it is hoped that you will be on the lookout for the letter and support this effort.

**Anita Satriano, Chair
Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee**



Building Relationships



Imagine that you walk into a chapter meeting and choose to sit next to someone you've known for years but have never really conversed with? Imagine that you choose to sit next to the youngest person in your chapter and compare classroom challenges? Imagine that you choose to take on a leadership role or chair a committee? Those choices might make a huge difference in strengthening your chapter because you have taken important steps toward supporting your chapter and learning more about your members, their values and their interests.

In her convention acceptance speech **Dr. Beverly Helms** stated, "We should develop or enhance our relationship building process; one in which every member in a chapter is reached or engaged. We cannot leave it to chance." (Taken from the *March/April 2013 DKG Membership Memo*)

No, we cannot leave membership increase to chance. We need to make choices about how we reach out to early career educators and how we engage all members. Why not strengthen your membership with conversation starters, such as

"Fun Facts About Each Other"

Put one question on a notecard and distribute one card per table and let the fun begin. This can be done at any point during the meeting, but it might work best either at the very beginning or just before the refreshment/meal.

- What thought or message would you put in a fortune cookie?
- You've been given access to a time machine. Where and When would you travel?
- What award would you love to receive and for what achievement?
- What is one goal you would like to achieve in your lifetime?
- What three words would you use to describe yourself?
- What were your favorite toys growing up?

Joan Krantz, AKS Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP MANTRA AND THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

The Strategic Action Plan accepted at the June Executive Board meeting has three membership goals: To encourage growth of chapter membership (**RE-“NEW”**), to retain members and involve them in the life of the Society (**RETAIN**) and to reinstate members and reorient them back into the Society (**REINSTATE**). These goals can be achieved if every member of every chapter works as a team to seek new members, to strengthen friendships of existing members and to reach out to former members.

Here are a few actions that you can take at the chapter level to help reach those goals:

To Encourage Growth

- Invite prospective members to your chapter meetings. (As part of communicating with chapter members, Upsilon Chapter provided its membership with a sample invitation letter for **each** member to use to invite someone.)
- Create a plan to nurture new members.

To Retain Members

- Honor members for their 5, 10, 15 or 20 years of service to the Society at a chapter meeting.
- Build relationships and friendships among chapter members by having a team-building/getting-to-know-you activity at every meeting.

To Reinstate Members

- Create a chapter committee to send letters or make phone calls to former members.
- Use the Reorientation Guide as part of a chapter meeting.

If every chapter created three committees, one for each goal, just imagine what might be accomplished. It goes back to the old saying, "Many hands make light work." Chapter membership chairs cannot do it all. They need your help and cooperation. Those members who are actively teaching might be the best resource for sending out the invitations and networking within their geographical area. Those members who enjoy organizing and planning activities could plan programs that build relationships among all members in their chapters. Those members whose friends/colleagues have dropped their membership could reconnect with them by sending out letters or calling former members. If we can accomplish this in our chapters, our statewide Society will be stronger.

At **every** meeting this year review your chapter membership goals. Also, recite the Membership Mantra.

RETAIN, REINSTATE, RE-“NEW”

Good luck!



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE

ALPHA

Alpha's annual spring banquet was held at The Waters Edge at Giovanni's where new members **Martha Taylor-Nobile** and **Barbara Classon Oppedisano** were initiated. Martha taught English at Greenwich High School for 37 years, and Barbara is a school psychologist in the Greenwich Public Schools. **Kate Saggese** will be initiated this September. Alpha also welcomes new members to its executive board. **Carolyn Gilbert** and **Barbara Holden** will be replacing **Martha Awdziewicz** and **Janet Stroble** as hospitality chairs, and **Janet Mackenzie** has replaced **Marla Shainman** as the sunshine chairperson. **Nancy Wolf** is now the AKS Historian; **Marilyn Arvoy** will represent Alpha on the AKS Outstanding Service Award Committee and **Lucy Galasso** is on the AKS Ad Hoc Non-Dues Revenue Committee. Alpha was well-represented at the August state executive board meeting with **Marilyn Arvoy**, **Nancy Wolf** and **Lucy Galasso** in attendance. Alpha's summer activity included a cultural trip to Caramoor in Bedford, NY. This outing was arranged by **Anne Modugno** and was well represented.

The first meeting of this year will take place at **Elinor Carr's** house where wine and cheese will be served. The October meeting will feature **Laura Schroff**, the New York Times' best-selling author. Ms. Schroff will be discussing her book, **An Invisible Thread**, the story about a young homeless youth who found his way through the intervention of a caring adult. Many stories of the author's childhood were also revealed in this very compelling book. All are invited to come and hear Ms. Schroff speak on October 29th at the Byram Schubert Library in Greenwich.

BETA

Beta Chapter's first meeting took place at Stanziale's Restaurant in Stratford on Oct. 2nd. **Patti Sorrentino-Gallelo** was initiated into the chapter. The speaker was Lisa Acerbo, author and teacher at Trumbull High School. Her first book, **Apocalipstick**, takes place in a post-apocalyptic world occupied by zombies and a group of outsiders called the "others." Her main character is also caught in a love triangle. Acerbo's first foray into fiction came out Aug. 1st, published by Eternal Press. Beta members brought nonperishable food for Trumbull Food Bank to this meeting.

At the final meeting of the 2012-2013 school year, the guest was Kristin Record, CT Teacher of the Year 2011. Kristin teaches physics at Bunnell High School. She spoke about teaching and specifically about her experiences at Space Camp. Those in attendance enjoyed her presentation immensely.

Beta's spring project, **Books for Beardsley**, was a highly successful endeavor resulting in the donation of more than two dozen new picture books to Bridgeport's Beardsley School Library. **Anita Pfluger** suggested the project at the spring dinner meeting and prepared a recommended book list. **Jo-Anne Kershaw** not only collected funds from Beta members but also arranged for Linda's Story Time in Monroe to purchase the books.

Two members of Beta chapter attended the 2013 DKG

Northeast Regional Conference in Maine. **Anita Pfluger**, **Alpha Kappa State Webmaster**, participated in the webmaster training workshop.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, a member of the **Educators' Award Committee**, announced the 2013 award-winning book, *Exit: The Endings That Set Us Free* by Dr. Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot. In addition, Sandra presented a workshop and hosted a table at the Society Info Fair, featuring the award-winning book and five 'must reads' selected by the committee.

Suzanne Burr-Monico, **Beta Chapter**, has submitted three of her paintings for the upcoming DKG Arts and Humanities Gallery, a new online gallery which will open in November. Submissions will include works of two-and-three dimensional art, literary works of poetry, short fiction and original blog entries and crafts including quilting, jewelry-making and wood-working. This is a juried gallery with high selection standards. Best wishes to Suzanne.

DELTA

Delta Chapter congratulates **Colleen Spieler**, **AKS Outstanding Service Award Chair**, on her recent retirement. **Carol Beam**, **AKS Keynote Editor**, attended the 2013 DKG Northeast Regional Conference in Maine and participated in the editors' workshop.



(l. to r.) **Beta Chapter President Jan Isenberg**, **Kristin Record** and **Beta Program Chair Dr. Linda Paslov**

Delta Chapter members met at Juniper's Restaurant in Middlebury on September 28th. The chapter's theme for the year is *Strengthening our Society*. The guest speaker was Donna Palomba, a nationally recognized speaker, author and advocate for sexual assault survivors. After a harrowing home invasion and assault in 1993, Donna faced further victimization when the police department mishandled her case. Her extraordinary strength, perseverance and leadership brought meaningful change to both police policy and Connecticut state law. Donna's experiences led her to found a national



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nonprofit dedicated to sexual assault survivors in 2007 and are chronicled in her new book, *Jane Doe No More*.

Delta's holiday meeting will be held on December 7th, snow date December 14th. At this meeting members will donate baskets or services for a silent auction. Delta Chapter looks forward to celebrating its 70th Birthday Celebration on May 14th.

EPSILON

Epsilon tried twice to meet for a summer beach meeting at the home of member **Carol Koladicz**, but the weather was uncooperative. Although they did not have the benefit of meeting, members were still doing some great things with and for children. Many members of Epsilon have young children of their own at home. One of the newest additions is Margaret Tara Adams (Maggie) born to member **Kathryn Adams** in February. Maggie is currently working on sitting up on her own!

President Katie Nunn and member **Mary Naumec** laced up their walking shoes for the third year in a row and participated in the 25th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk on September 8th. The Walk is one of the largest fundraisers for children with cancer and is a 26.2 mile course which follows the same route as the Boston Marathon. This Walk was especially meaningful after the tragic events of the Boston Marathon this past year and was widely attended.

An executive board meeting was planned for September 12th. The chapter's calendar was mapped out at that time. Epsilon looks forward to a successful year.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter kicked off the new school year on September 26th with a Welcome Back meeting held at Ridge Road School in North Haven. Packets for early educators were distributed, and a Ceremony of Life was held for **Karen Shinkman**, a newly initiated member who passed away suddenly last March. A representative of Family Centered Services of CT, the organization to which Zeta contributed funds from their auction, visited and led a discussion of how the contribution was spent.

On October 16th, Zeta will initiate three new candidates for membership at Pompeo's Restaurant in Branford. Their orientation was held October 1st. The chapter's annual fundraiser auction will be held November 23rd at the Whitney Center in Hamden.

Zeta Chapter was proud to have several members attend part or all of the DKG Northeast Regional Conference in Portland, Maine, in July. The following members were in attendance: **Linda Amarante, Albina Cannavaciolo, Donna Chaney, Judy Cody, Carolyn Downs, Zeta President Roz Gambardella, Mary Janeczek, Nancy Janeczek, Louise Manfreda and Carol Sbabo**. It was a great time being together in Maine and experiencing the many unique aspects of a Northeast Regional Conference. Thanks to Zeta Chapter for supporting attendees by paying their registration fee to the Conference.

THETA

Theta welcomes its newest members, **Julie Brennan, Mary deVecchis, Karen Dibala and Joanne Prague Doyle** who were installed at our May meeting! Members also congratulated **Sandy Popeleski** on her retirement in June!

Theta Chapter was well represented at the recent Northeast Regional Conference. **Pat O'Connell-Buckley, Ann Grosjean, Sue Moon, Anita Satriano and Susan Salesses** enjoyed their week in Portland, Maine. Pat was a workshop presenter, while Sue and Susan served as presiders for sessions. **DKG's International President Dr. Beverly Helms** honored one DKG member from each state for her work in the Society that best fit the conference theme, *Sharing Our Vision, Strengthening Our Society*. Congratulations to **Theta's Pat O'Connell Buckley** who was the Connecticut recipient!

Members enjoyed the first meeting, a picnic at the home of **Sharon Bartlett** on August 19th. Close to 30 members attended, and it was great to see everyone. Now the chapter is looking forward to a Healthy Eating presentation and fellowship gathering on October 19th.

LAMBDA

Lambda Chapter's April meeting took place at the Roger Sherman School in Meriden. A speaker from Hope House in Cheshire spoke about their valuable work. Members brought baby items to help unwed mothers and their children. In early spring, an Applebee's breakfast was hosted in Plainville to raise money for chapter grants. The final dinner meeting of the year was held at Il Monticello in Meriden. The 2013-2014 budget was passed. Lambda's hard working members were honored; and three high school seniors from Cheshire, Meriden and Wallingford were presented grants.

On September 9th, Lambda Chapter members held a Welcome Back meeting at Serafino's Restaurant in Wallingford. The chapter's community service initiative for the year was discussed. On October 15th, the Retiree Luncheon will be held at Sans Souci in Meriden. The October 22nd meeting at Cheshire Academy will feature Carol O'Donnell, CT Early Childhood State Advocate. The chapter executive board will meet on November 7th at the home of **Chapter President Mary Ellen Ulatowski**.

MU

On August 19th, many Mu Chapter members met at **Pam Beach's** new home in Granby, enjoyed the beautiful day and wrapped 1,078 books. They created 539 packages of books for new mothers who birth their babies at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. This is an all-time record for Mu Chapter! Thank you to all who helped to make all of this possible by donating books. Thank you again to Pam for sharing her home. Thank you to all of the sisters who helped and created such a bountiful lunch. Many hands made light work and much fun!



NUTMEG STATE (continued)

Mu's first meeting of the year was held on September 24th at the Farmington Library. **Recording Secretary Carolyn Halifax** spoke about *Creativity in Retirement*.

RHO

Rho Chapter met in July to plan the 2013-2014 meetings. The year began with a dinner meeting on October 3rd at Angellino's in Vernon. At the dinner meeting, a book was selected to read for the book group meeting at South Windsor Public Library in January. A joint meeting in November with Theta is tentatively planned to include a speaker from CEA on a current topic of interest to all members. On January 20th, chapter members hope to be in the audience of Better Connecticut on WFSB Channel 3. This will include a brief tour of the Rocky Hill Channel 3 studio. A new member tea is being planned for April and perhaps another social outing. In May, Rho Chapter members will have their annual potluck dinner at Crandall Park Lodge in Tolland where new officers for 2014-2016 will be installed, and new members will be initiated.

UPSILON

In June, Upsilon awards a scholarship to a graduating senior in one of the schools in the Upsilon Chapter's area. Schools are selected on a rotating basis. The 2013 scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Nathaniel Brooks of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. Nathaniel is attending St. Anselm College in New Hampshire.

Upsilon Chapter held its first meeting of the 2013-2014 year on October 3rd at the Old School House in Barkhamsted. The program was *School House Days*.

Kudos from Alpha Kappa State to Catherine Wade

Dr. Catherine Wade, Theta Chapter, was named the 2013 EVA (Extraordinarily Valuable Asset) by Regional School District 11. This is one of the highest civic honors.

An EVA is an award created by the Regional School District 11 Board of Education to honor people who have had a positive impact on the regional Parish Hill Middle/High School, or on the sending towns of Chaplin, Hampton and Scotland. It was named after **Eva Loew**, who was the first EVA recipient in 2006, in recognition of her work establishing the school and her support of the

school after it was built. Eva was an Honorary Member of Theta Chapter.

"I was very honored and very humbled," Wade said. Steve Dunn, chairman of the District 11 Board of Education, said Wade constantly showed support for the Parish Hill community and frequently attended school and community events.

Catherine graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, received her doctorate from the University of Connecticut in 1947 and then began her lifelong career in music education.

In the beginning, she taught at one-room schoolhouses, traveling between area towns. She then taught at Windham High School until her marriage and a baby intervened.

When she returned to work, she taught in the Coventry school system before a music position opened up for her again at Windham High School. She retired in 1992 after more than 30 years. During her time at WHS, she received the Outstanding Music Teacher of the Year Award from the Connecticut Music Educators Association.

Music is not only the center of Catherine's career, but also her hobby and a driving force behind her contributions to her community. She has played the French horn in various symphonies, including the Willimantic Orchestra, which later became the New London Symphony and the Hartford Symphony. Catherine has also established a lending library of instruments, taught music to incarcerated juveniles and had given music lessons from her home.

She has served on the Windham Regional Arts Council and is currently active in her town, as well as a member of the Hampton Board of Education.

"I know she's held in the highest respect by people in all three communities," said Regional School District 11 Superintendent Kenneth Henrici.

"She's a pretty amazing woman. She's touched a lot of lives. She's really incredible."



SPECIAL ALERT

DKG is offering 50 \$1,000 awards in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the International Educational Foundation. These awards are for employed classroom teachers for individual, classroom, school and/or community projects involving learners in an educational environment. The interactive application is available at www.dkgef.org and is due November 15th, 2013



Alpha Kappa State Outstanding Service Award

Alpha Kappa State Outstanding Service Awards are presented to outstanding community volunteers who, without thought of recompense, devote time, energy and caring attention to the children and youth of Connecticut. Recipients are not required to be members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Undoubtedly, many worthy candidates within Connecticut's individual communities deserve recognition and honor with our Outstanding Service Awards. These awards are given at the Spring Convention in even-numbered years.

Outstanding Service Awards Nomination Form and Procedure:

- Nominations may be made by chapters or by individual chapter members.
- Complete the nomination form describing the nature of the nominee's volunteer work.
- Include two letters of recommendation from chapter members, youth or community members who have knowledge of the nominee and his/her volunteer work.
- Submit the nomination form and additional documentation by snail mail to **Colleen Spieler, 960 Bunker Hill Ave., Waterbury, CT 06708. Forms are due by January 15, 2014.**

Below are some ideas for looking into who might be eligible to receive the award. Also, here is a suggested time line to help you meet the deadline for completing the Outstanding Service Award Form.

1. Discuss what the Outstanding Service Form is at your first meeting in September or October.
2. Assign the second vice president to oversee the follow-up for finding a person worthy of receiving the Outstanding Service Award in September or October.
3. Receive the nominations and letters of recommendation by your second meeting in November or December. Mail the nomination forms and letters of recommendation to the Outstanding Service Award Committee Chair Colleen Spieler by January 15, 2014.

Suggested places where Outstanding Service Award nominees may be found:

Colleen Spieler, Chair AKS Outstanding Service Award Committee

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Seals • Churches • Local libraries • Town Hall • Baby Bundlers • Day Care Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diaper Bank • After-school programs • Schools • Children's museums • In-school volunteers • Summer/children's camp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Programs • Volunteer Music programs • Child Advocates • Mentoring • Family shelters, i.e. St. Vincent DePaul |
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The 2014 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar

The Golden Gift Fund was established in 1979 to commemorate DKG's 50th anniversary. The responsibility of the Golden Gift Fund Committee is to conduct a Leadership Management Seminar financed by interest from investments and contributions. The seminar is held in early July of even-numbered years on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. The 2014 seminar will be held from June 29 to July 11, 2014.

The Leadership Management Seminar is an intense residential learning experience taught by world-renowned experts in the fields of leadership, management and communications. Any member who has belonged to DKG for at least three years may apply. Each applicant must receive a referral from her chapter president. Applications and referent forms are available on the DKG website (www.dkg.org). The deadline for applying is December 1, 2013.

The successful applicants pay a registration fee of \$500. The Golden Gift Fund pays the remaining expenses of approximately \$5,500 for tuition, full-board lodging, round-trip travel and teaching materials.



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2013 Northeast Regional Conference



Pat O'Connell-Buckley accepts award as state member who best embodies theme, *Sharing our Vision—Strengthening our Society*, from DKG International President Beverly Helms.



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Photo by Jacqueline & Assoc.



Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, a member of the DKG International Educator's Award Committee, announces the winner of the 2013 Educator's Book Award.

AKS members and guests at Connecticut Dinner Gathering



AKS photos taken by Phyllis Hickey and Peter Salesses



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Sarah Hubbard DalPozzol, Delta Chapter July 14, 2007

Sarah Hubbard DalPozzol was initiated into Delta Chapter in 1953. She had been a lifelong resident of Torrington. She worked in Torrington and retired from teaching after 35 years. She taught in the elementary school and high school English classes. She also taught at the American Dependent School in Japan for one year.

Sarah was committed to her membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for 54 years. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Gertrude Stull Berman, Nu Chapter October 20, 2012

Gertrude was initiated into Nu Chapter in 1965. She was a founding member of the chapter. She graduated from Danbury Teachers College (Western Connecticut State University). In addition, she received a master's degree from Columbia University.

In 1935, she began her teaching career with the Norwalk Public Schools. She retired in 1977, after teaching in Norwalk for 42 years. She was a proud lifelong resident of Norwalk.

Nu Chapter appreciated Gertrude's many years of dedication. She will be dearly missed by its members.

Leslie Kirschenbaum, Theta Chapter December 20, 2012

Leslie Kirschenbaum was initiated into Theta Chapter in 2010. Unfortunately, she was only able to participate for two short years.

She received a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from Syracuse University and a Master's Degree in Reading from the University of Connecticut. Leslie taught kindergarten in the Windham Public Schools for over 30 years where she loved the diversity, challenges and joys involved in dealing with young children. She was also well-known in the field of reading. After retirement, Leslie helped to coordinate the funding and realization of the Cultural Arts Program in several Windham elementary schools.

In addition to Theta Chapter, Leslie was a member of the local AAUW, serving for several years as chapter president. She recently became involved in trying to cope with the issue of homelessness both locally and in the political arena. Leslie was a kind, caring person who gave freely of herself. She will be missed by her family, colleagues and friends.

Alta M. Saunders, Mu Chapter January 9, 2013

Alta Saunders was a 60-year member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was 97 years old at the time of her death.

Before transferring to Mu Chapter, she taught in Amherst, MA. She moved to Plainville in 1949 and served as a reading consultant in Plainville and Newington. Alta retired in 1976 after 34 years of working with elementary school children and teachers.

Alta led a full and productive life in her church and community. She was a member of the Plainville Art League and a volunteer at the New Britain Public Library.

Alta was always a 'ready-to-work' member of Mu Chapter, serving on many committees. She never said, "I can't." She was a joy to work with. Her interest in the doings of Mu Chapter continued long after she was able to attend meetings.

Alta was so pleased to be recognized by Alpha Kappa State in 2011 for her 60 years of membership. It was a highlight of her later days.

She will be remembered as a quiet, strong and supportive woman of teachers and children. Especially dear to her was Rhianna Logan, a special needs child and neighbor to whom she gave much time, as well as giving support through the Children's Medical Research Foundation.

She was an exemplary woman educator!



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**Mary Hatzis, Iota Chapter
February 20, 2013**

Mary was initiated into Iota Chapter in April 1963. She served as Iota Chapter president from 1982-1984. Mary compiled the history of Iota Chapter 1957-2000. She was to be honored for her 50 years of service at the 2013 AKS Spring Convention.

She received both a bachelor’s degree and master of science degree from Danbury State Teacher’s College (Western Connecticut State University). She earned her Sixth Year Certificate in Education from the University of Bridgeport.

Mary was a dedicated teacher in Redding for 35 years, at both the elementary and middle school levels. She and a co-worker spearheaded the annual Silver Lake Program, a camp which promotes children’s interest in the study of nature.

Mary is remembered for her willingness to help her chapter, as well as for the unfailing friendship and support she showed to all who loved and cared about her.

**Gloria Dowaliby, Epsilon Chapter
June 17, 2013**

Gloria was initiated into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in 1963. She was a member of both Lambda and Epsilon Chapters. On the chapter level, Gloria served as president and first vice president of both Lambda and Epsilon, as well as second vice president of Epsilon Chapter. She also served on numerous chapter committees, including communications, membership, personal growth and services, program, professional affairs, scholarship and world fellowship. Gloria also served as chapter historian. On the state level Gloria was a member of the communications, legislation, membership and scholarship committees. She was presented the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award in 1997.

Gloria served on the CT Education Association (CEA) legislative committee for 20 years. She received the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship in 1960 and participated in Project Peru.

She received her teaching degree in 1952 from St. Joseph College in West Hartford. She also held master’s degrees and a sixth year certificate.

Gloria was best described as a “one of a kind” educator. She did sterling work as a teaching professional in Hartford and Southington. She taught grades 7-12 English, history and Spanish for many years before her retirement.

In addition, Gloria was best known for being a world traveler.

**IN MEMORIAM
Dr. Paula Dent**



Alpha Kappa State extends its sympathies to the family and friends of **Paula Dent** who died on August 12th. Paula served as DKG International President from 1996-1998. She was our Northeast Regional Director from 1986-1988 and was the recipient of the DKG International Achievement Award in 1999.

A special thank you to the reviewers for *The Keynote*:

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AKS 2013 Fall Conference
Fine Arts
Education through Movement
Presented by Peter Braunfield



Mr. Peter Braunfield will be giving a Fine Arts presentation entitled, *Education through Movement*, at the AKS Fall Conference. He will discuss skill building strategies that can help learners of all ages. In addition, volunteer participants can practice a few of the effective techniques.

A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Peter majored in recorder and music education. His further educational accomplishments have included private studies on recorder and early instruments such as the shawm, dulcian and baroque tenor oboe. He has completed summer studies in the following programs: the Amherst Early Music Workshop, the "Education through Movement" Certification workshops with Phyllis Weikart and The Kodaly Certification program at Hartt College.

Collegium, the Hartt School

Collegium, the University of Connecticut Collegium and the Connecticut Baroque Band. Peter is currently a performing member of Alta, a renaissance wind trio.

Presently, Peter is a music educator in the town of Wallingford. For over 30 years hundreds of children in various elementary schools have benefited from his musical prowess. In addition, Peter has organized recorder clubs, directed in the "All Town Chorus," served on professional committees and presented numerous professional development workshops. AKS members will be most honored by his presence.

Peter is an accomplished instrumentalist. He has performed with the Five College

Mary Ellen Ulatowski, Chair
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**Congratulations to
Anne-Marie Carlson, Pi Phi Chapter, New York**

Anne-Marie has been elected as chair of the executive committee of Non-Governmental Organizations associated with the United Nations Department of Public Relations (NGO/DPI). The DKG NGO representatives attend weekly briefings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

DKG has eight representatives who are charged with familiarizing members with the activities and programs of the United Nations, especially those related to education and human rights.



ALPHA KAPPA STATE 74th FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 2, 2013



Courtyard by Marriott
4 Sebeth Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416 Phone: 860-635-1001

SHARING OUR VISION: STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY GLOBAL AWARENESS

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sister Caroljean Willie: *How Microfinancing Women to Work Helps the Community Children and Their Education*
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sister Caroljean Willie (continuation)
- 11:30-12:15 p.m. Break, Chapter Sales, Chapter/Committee Displays
- 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Fine Arts Presentation— Peter Braunfield: *Education Through Movement*
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. Founders' Celebration
- 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Alpha Kappa State Recruitment Grants
- 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Delta Kappa Gamma Song

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONVENTION

Please send form below with meal choice(s) and check made to: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa State
Mail to: Gail Gibbons, 32 Morris Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525
(203)393-0226 gail.gibbons@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Traveling North or South: I-91 North or South to Exit 21, turn right at end of exit. Turn right just before Burger King onto Sebeth Drive. Hotel is on the right.
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Parking is at front, side and back of hotel.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 18, 2013

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Check your choice(s) below:

- _____ Panko Crusted Tilapia with a Lemon Parmesan Sauce \$35.00
 - _____ Chicken Marsala sautéed with Marsala Wine and Mushrooms \$32.00
 - _____ Pasta Primavera with Fresh Vegetables & Parmesan Cream Sauce \$30.00
- (All entrees include: Garden Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Rolls, Dessert, Coffee/Tea)

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INDICATE: _____

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Sharing Our Vision -
Strengthening Our Chapters

November 2, 2013

Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
 Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

January 11, 2014

Snow Date: January 25, 2014

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

January 31, 2014

Conference on Teaching About the United Nations
 (CTAUN)
 United Nations (New York)

March 8, 2014

Snow Date: March 22, 2014

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

April 26, 2014

Alpha Kappa State Convention
 AKS 75th Birthday Celebration
 Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

June 27, 2014

Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference
 Whitney Center (Hamden)



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Check out the new top navigation and drop-down
menus to help you find more items quickly!

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