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**SHARING OUR VISION -
STRENGTHENING OUR CHAPTERS**



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Cora Weiss

Announcing a Fall Conference Special Highlight!!

Connecticut's 75th Fall Conference has been selected as the site of the induction of an **International Honorary Member!** Connecticut members of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, **Jeanne Morascini** and **Anita Satriano**, nominated **Cora Weiss**, peace advocate, for this prestigious honor. **International Society Representative First Vice President (2014-16) Cathy Daugherty** will also join us to preside at the ceremony.

Cora Weiss has devoted her life to the civil rights and human rights movements, the peace movement and the campaign for gender equality and women's participation in decision-making. In 1999, she presided over the Hague Appeal for Peace Conference that brought 10,000 people to The Hague to say Peace is a Human Right and Time to Abolish War. Since then,



Cathy Daugherty

she has worked to get peace education introduced to teacher-training schools and into both formal and non-formal education. She has served as the president of the International Peace Bureau and as chair of the Board of Down Town Community Television, an after school media center for young people. In 2000, she was among the civil society drafters of what became Security Council Resolution 1325 on women's peace and security, unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council. Today she is the UN representative of the International Peace Bureau and was final keynote at the CTAUN conference at the United Nations last January. Highlights of her presentation, with suggestions for teachers on how to integrate peace education into the curriculum, can be viewed online at: www.ctaun.org/conferences/conferences2014-un/. The topic of Cora's presentation at the Fall Conference will be *To Reach Peace, Let's Teach Peace*

Cathy Daugherty, newly elected International First Vice President, also currently serves as a member of the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, a DKG/NGO representative to the United Nations and is chair of the Administrative Board's Strategic Action Plan Committee. She has been a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter in Virginia since her initiation in 1989 and is a graduate of the 1997 Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar. Daugherty has held leadership positions at the chapter and state organization levels, serving as Virginia's state president from 2003-2005. She is currently chair of the state's nominations committee.

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A Message from Terry

Sharing our Vision—Strengthening our Chapters



Dear Sisters,

Welcome back to another school year and to new adventures for those newly retired or long retired! We begin the second year of the state biennium and the first year for new chapter presidents. Wishing a successful 2014-2016 biennium for chapter presidents, officers, committee chairs and members! After a motivating Leadership Conference in June, chaired by **Roslyn Etra** of Gamma Chapter, and summer planning meetings, chapters are prepared to begin the biennium with new program ideas and helpful information for leaders. Also, please be reminded that state officers and committee chairs are ready to assist at any time. Just call or email us.

Our 75th birthday year 2014 continues with our distinguished Outstanding Service Award recipient, Dr. Louise Loomis, as Fall Conference keynote speaker. We are also having a **special**, first-time initiation ceremony of an International Honorary member, Cora Weiss, renowned peace activist. You will read about her illustrious background on page 1 in this issue. **International First Vice-President Cathy Daugherty** will also be attending as Society Representative to preside at the ceremony. Connecticut is honored to host Louise, Cora and Cathy. Be sure to send in your registration early for an excellent keynote speaker and another historic event for Alpha Kappa State.

Connecticut was well represented by fourteen members and two guests at the International Convention in Indianapolis this past summer. Thanks go out to our Indiana sisters who outdid themselves producing a well-organized, interesting and delightful convention. Once again, our small state was highly visible with presentations by members of three workshops and sales at the Marketplace. Members of the Ad Hoc Non-Dues Revenue Committee worked diligently and long hours to make and sell notecards to benefit Alpha Kappa State's Available Fund. Many of our members attending also volunteered to help out. Thanks to members of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee for a successful "Global Peace Roundtable" with ten member countries represented. We were also so pleased to have a Connecticut 60-year Beta Chapter member **Geraldine Johnson** honored as a DKG Icon Woman by **International President Dr. Lyn Schmid** in her acceptance speech at the President's Banquet. Way to go Connecticut!!

It is hoped that many of you watched the first-ever live streaming of the opening session! As usual, when members of the seventeen countries marched in with their flags, we were all silent and in awe, even a few with teary eyes. We all arrived home invigorated and inspired by the excellent keynote speakers, stimulating workshops and the knowledge that we all had the opportunity to vote on amendments to our Constitution and Standing Rules.

As a result of one of the amendments, DKG International will publish a new collegial magazine, which all members will receive in addition to the *DKG News* and the scholarly *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. The magazine will be printed two times a year and focus on practical teaching tips, chapter program ideas and personal reflections making it more practitioner friendly. *The Bulletin*, will be published three times annually online only. The new magazine is an additional benefit of membership.

We learned at the convention that only 25% of our total membership is under age fifty, emphasizing the need for our continuing International project of Supporting Early-Career Educators (SEE). Mentoring and assisting early educators, identified as those with one to five years experience, should be a goal of every member of every chapter, not only to help young teachers succeed but also to gain new members. Think back to when you were starting out and remember the teacher/s who helped you. Didn't it feel wonderful to know you were supported? We need to do the same now.

Hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference on November 1st. Be sure to check out the arts and crafts exhibit, the Gamma Chapter sale and the handmade note cards for sale by the Ad Hoc Non-Dues Revenue Committee. There will also be a Communications Committee exhibit of *Keynote* newsletters past and present. See you there!

Terry



AKS members and guests enjoying CT Night at International Convention



Answer the Call from Alpha Kappa State

Alpha Kappa State is seeking Officer Candidates for the 2015-17 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 (to serve from 2015-2019)**

The responsibilities for each position are available online in the Bylaws and Standing Rules document.

The nominations form is also available online at www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/

Send nominations postmarked by December 1, 2014 to
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Chair
 607 Juniper Court
 Oxford, CT 06478

Nominations Committee Members:

Patricia Faulkner, Mu Chapter
Margaret Festi, Rho Chapter
Gail Gibbons, Omicron Chapter

Lisa Hudkins, Upsilon Chapter
Susan Nadeau, Rho Chapter



2015 Annual CTAUN Conference at the United Nations *The UN at 70: Making a Difference*

The Committee for Teaching About the United Nations Conference is set for **Friday, January 30, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Join Educators, NGO Representatives, UN delegates and experts to learn why, how, and by whom the UN was founded, what has changed over these seventy years as the UN has adapted to each succeeding decade, and what the future holds as it moves forward to achieve new goals for *2015 and Beyond*. Reflecting on UN history and how it has grown from the original 51 member states to its current 193 nations, recognizing its many accomplishments and appreciating the complex institution it is today will be the focus of the 16th CTAUN Conference at the United Nations.

Our world grows smaller as technology brings us ever closer together and more interconnected. Events happening thousands of miles away have direct impact on each of us. Educators and concerned citizens are invited to join in the celebration of the “only organization that has the worldwide membership, the global reach and universal legitimacy” to tackle today’s many international concerns through diplomacy instead of through violence.

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



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Please watch for your Winter 2014-2015 online issue in late December.
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 If you are unable to access the internet, please contact your chapter president.



Growing and Sustaining Membership: It's a Team Effort

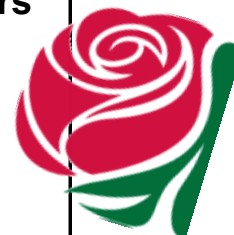
Yes, we all have a part in keeping our chapters healthy and active. Even if we missed the workshop, *It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter*, at the International Convention in July, we can find some reminders and team strategies at www.dkg.org under "Resources" where there is a three page article under "Chapter Strengthening," called **Strategies for Chapters in Quadrants 3 and 4/Engaging Members in Activities, Benefits, Development, and Service Opportunities - Quadrants 3 & 4**. If you take the time to read the handout, you'll see many reminders and suggestions for ways each one of us can become part of the membership team. Become active, become vocal, become a chapter player!

Joan Krantz
Alpha Kappa State Membership Chair

Welcome to our New and Reinstated AKS Members Reported as of August 1, 2014

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

- ALPHA** Carole L. Garinger -- Greenwich
 Dina L. Sturevant -- Ridgefield (Honorary)
 Hope Polidoro -- Riverside
- DELTA** Dorothy C. Martino -- Farmington
- THETA** Carol A. Phelps -- Windham
 Felicia O'Brien -- Columbia
- NU** Kristin Colonies -- Trumbull
 Allyson M. Power -- Fairfield
 Lauren C. LaRusso -- Stamford
- OMICRON** Patricia S. Benner -- Seymour
 Holly R. Betz -- Shelton
 Janell Krzyzek-Lovig -- Monroe
 Skyler A. Roswell -- Shelton
 Emily B Lozniak -- Shelton
- RHO** Elizabeth M. Arcouette --Vernon
 Michelle B. Saidi -- Glastonbury



Past President Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone and
President Terry Azoti

Enjoying
International
Convention



President Terry Azoti and
First Vice President Joan Konareski



The International World Fellowship Fund



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

At the International Convention in Indianapolis, **World Fellowship Committee Chair Peggy Rupe** reported that DKG members donated a total of \$79,236.97 from July 2012-July 2013. A total of \$180,200 has been awarded this biennium. She reported that 23 recipients from 22 countries were selected to receive \$4,000 each to pursue post-graduate degrees from American or Canadian universities. Ten women received extensions to previous awards. Fields of study include education, business, crime prevention, public health, nutrition, agriculture, human rights and technology, plus the arts and sciences.

Applications for the 2014-2015 grants continued to challenge the committee as the personal stories and stated goals were so inspiring. The 19 recipients from 17 countries will receive \$4,000 each with four extensions of \$1,000 being awarded. Recipients will be taking a variety of skills back to their home countries. DKG continues to impact education worldwide.

Connecticut members can be proud of their role in helping these women pursue their goals. From July 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014, members donated either through individual, chapter or state contributions a total of \$1,462.00. You have much for which to be proud. We may be a small state, but we do mighty work on the international scene.

Nancy M. Roy, Alpha Kappa State World Fellowship Chair

Special thanks to Peggy Rupe for her committee report's information and to **Diane Bush** at International for the Connecticut statistics.

Margaret H. Croft Honorary Fund Awardees

The AKS Executive Board voted at its September meeting to award \$500 each to **Patricia DeCoster**, Beta Chapter, and **Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean**, Theta Chapter. The Margaret H. Croft Honorary Fund was established in 1981 on the occasion of Margaret's 90th birthday. Margaret was the third president of Alpha Kappa State, serving from 1948-1951. Margaret was a charter member of Delta Chapter and was active on the state level for many years. The Margaret H. Croft Honorary Fund guidelines indicate that a qualified applicant may request money for purposes of personal growth or for professional advancement if worthy and ineligible for a scholarship.

Patricia DeCoster is entering her fourth and final year for her Ed.D. program for educational leadership with UCONN NEAG School of Education. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean is a DKG/NGO representative from Alpha Kappa State. She attends meetings at the United Nations almost weekly, and represented DKG at the 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference in New York City August 26-29, 2014.

Congratulations to both Pat and Ann!



DKG Educators' Award Book Signing at International Convention
 (l to r.) **Rachel Adams, Ph.D.**, author of *Raising Henry: A Memoir of Motherhood, Disability & Discovery*, **Camille Kirkbride**, International Graphic Design Specialist, and **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**, member of the International Educators Award Committee



AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter members enjoyed a fruitful summer. **Claire Fishman** traveled extensively including London, Australia, China and Hawaii. **Mary Ruth Allen** visited Georgia, and **Lucy Galasso**, along with her husband, Alan, continued their volunteer work in the Dominican Republic where they ran a summer camp for children ages 5-12. This year a veterinarian traveled with them to help vaccinate dogs in the neighborhood. The lives of children and animals were made a bit happier.

Alpha is looking forward to an exciting year. New community outreach opportunities will be explored. Marc-Yves Regis I, author of *Headstrong Children*, will be the guest speaker on October 28th at the Byram Shubert Library in Greenwich. All are welcome to attend.

BETA

Beta Chapter's first meeting was held September 20th at the home of **Suzanne Burr Monaco**. Initiatives for this school year were discussed, as well as ways to strengthen the chapter and to increase membership. An initiation will take place at the December meeting.

Geraldine Johnson, a chapter member and former Bridgeport Superintendent of Schools, was recently honored for her 60-year membership in DKG at the AKS Spring Convention. In addition, Geraldine was celebrated for her lasting contributions to the field of education.

Due to the success of the May collection for the Supporting Early Educators Project, the chapter will reach out to three early educators teaching at the Stratford Academy. The committee met and assembled the "survival kits." Folders containing DKG pamphlets, a list of committee member contacts and a list of chapter meetings were prepared to present along with the kits.

Chair Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, along with committee members **Gail Karwoski**, **Vivian Manzioni** and **Patti Sorentino Galello** look forward to making the presentations.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone has been appointed to the Arts and Humanities Jury. It's an International four-year term. Congratulations, Sandy!

On a sad note, **Katherine M. Barrett**, a long-standing Beta Chapter member died in July. **Beta President Jan Isenberg** was fortunate to have worked with Kay for twenty-one years. Jan paid her respects at Kay's wake, both as a colleague and chapter president. Kay will be missed by all who knew her.

GAMMA

In July, Gamma Chapter's executive committee gathered for a delightful breakfast in order to plan the meetings for the coming year. **President Janis Sawicki** led her first meeting and did a wonderful job.

Several Gamma members answered the call to volunteer to fill backpacks for Norwich students anticipating the return to school. All are anticipating the first meeting of the year when new members will be initiated.

DELTA

Delta Chapter members met on September 24th at Juniper's in Middlebury. The theme for the meeting was *Live, Laugh and Love* and featured speaker, trainer and entertainer Michelle Gotay. When performing her zany one-woman show about personal development, Michelle takes any message and delivers it in a funny and entertaining way. Delta was honored to have **AKS President Terry Azoti** as a guest.

The chapter's December 6th meeting will be held at East Street Eatery in Wolcott. The theme for this meeting will be *Crafting Together*.

EPSILON

Epsilon met over the summer for a social outing at the beach home of member **Carol Koladicz**. Everyone had a great time picnicking, swimming and spending time together.



Back row: **Joanne Charbonneau, Katie Nunn and Ellen Murtha**

Front row: **Carol Koladicz, Dianna Wassenhove, Carylrae Clinge and Kate Adams**

Chapter members are very proud of the service project that was completed this spring, cleaning cabins at The Hole in The Wall Gang Camp in Ashford. It was a very special experience for all to witness the work of this camp to make terminally ill kids feel like they are "normal" kids having a great time at camp.



Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Clean Up Day:
Shannon Karłowicz, Katie Nunn, Dianna Wassenhove and Carylrae Clinge

It is exciting to see how Epsilon's newest member **Shannon Karłowicz** has become so quickly immersed in DKG at the chapter and state level, attending the Spring Convention and the June Leadership Conference.



NUTMEG STATE

ZETA

Zeta Chapter has begun the new biennium with its first meeting held September 18th at Ridge Road School in North Haven. Long time member **Anne Kelley** was the meeting's surprise "Spotlight". The speaker for the meeting was Chris George, Executive Director of **IRIS**, a refugee re-settlement agency in New Haven. The agency was the recipient of our worthy project earned funds from the November, 2013 auction. Mr. George spoke about the efforts of the agency and explained how our donation has been of assistance to refugees in need.

An October 7th orientation meeting will be held for Zeta's five new candidates for membership who will be initiated on October 15th at Biagettis Restaurant in West Haven. Teacher and Zeta member **Marge Drucker** will speak about New Haven's Barnard School Environmental Program.

The annual auction meeting will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 22nd, at the Whitney Center in Hamden. This year, replacing the usual morning brunch, a light lunch will be served before an early afternoon brief meeting to announce the recipient of the chapter's worthy project. Immediately following will be the highly anticipated auction led by member and auctioneer extraordinaire, **Elayne Canter**. An enthusiastic crowd of members, family, friends and prospective members is expected at this popular event. Proceeds support the two student grants and an annual worthy project donation for a community charity by recommendation and vote of the membership.

THETA

Theta member **Catherine Wade** organized another successful Summer Splash at Journey House in Mansfield on July 2nd. The teenage girls enjoyed choosing a variety of supplies such as head scarves, purses, toiletries, nail polish, note cards, notebooks and games, all donated by members, who will also be creating holiday stockings of gifts for them. On August 13th, **Ann Grosjean** and **Carol Kraus** were delighted to join their Rho sisters on a backstage tour of the Bushnell in Hartford, which included a presentation on the history of the Bushnell and its founding family, a tour of dressing rooms and an autographed wall of performers.

At the end of July, the chapter was well represented at the International DKG Convention in Indianapolis by **Ann Grosjean, Pat O'Connell Buckley, Carol Kraus, Anita Satriano** and **Annette Murphy**. Pat O'Connell Buckley moderated the Peace Roundtable for the Curriculum of Hope Committee at a breakout session. **Anita Satriano** spoke to the European Forum at its breakfast about the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World.

The Chapter held its annual potluck picnic on August 18th. **Sharon Bartlett**, membership chair, reported on the ad hoc membership committee meeting held on July 11th, which focused on recommendations and initiatives for recruiting and reinstating members. Attendees at the International Convention shared their inspiring experiences. **Susan Salesses** reviewed each of the International, State and Theta projects and funds to help members make informed decisions about which to support. The meeting concluded with the recommendation and acceptance of three new members.

IOTA

In March, Iota welcomed lawyer Barbara Reynolds who presented *ABCs of Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives*. It was a very informative and helpful evening.

In May, longtime Iota member and **Past Alpha Kappa State President Marnee Straiton** hosted a wonderful evening in her lovely home, complete with a potluck supper and a trademark Iota auction. The money raised was put toward the scholarships and book grants which Iota offers. The 2014 seniors who were awarded book grants were announced. They are Julia Lansing of Newtown and Emily Debacher of Bethel. The Executive Director of Danbury Children First, Linda Kosko, shared information about the work they do in the greater Danbury community. Their mission is that every child be successful. Iota Chapter will be supporting this organization as its yearly service project. The new chapter officers were also installed: **President Sandra Gammons, First Vice President Patricia Kelly, Second Vice President Eleanor Coffey** and **Recording Secretary Nina Shimer**.

Recently a number of members bade goodbye to summer at a planning meeting in Stonington at **Past President Deb Soresino's** picturesque condo overlooking Long Island Sound. The members are excited and looking forward to the slate of events including many great speakers to promote a deeper understanding of education and continuing personal growth of members.



AROUND THE

LAMBDA

During the May meeting at Il Monticello's, Lambda presented grants to graduating seniors who will be studying education. Thanks to **Kathy Hanisko** and **Nancy Maynard** for their continued dedication to the grant recipient selection process. In addition, Lambda enjoyed a wonderful performance by the Vivace Singers, a high school singing group directed by the chapter's own **Jane Haffner**. Many thanks to Jane for sharing your students with Lambda!



From left to right: **Kathy Hanisko**, Gabrielle Ciotto, Lyman Hall HS, attending Central Ct State University; **Danielle Chambrelli**, Cheshire HS, attending Lasell College in Newton, MA; **Jacqueline Kevorkian**, Maloney HS, attending UConn; and **Joan Roczynski**

MU

This summer Mu Chapter wrapped Books for Babies. A total of 1,086 books were wrapped in packages of two. This provided the Hospital of Central CT books for 543 babies. The Ferdinand Sauer Birthing Center was overjoyed with the donation.

At the chapter's September 22nd meeting at the Avon Library, **Kelly Loveday** did a presentation on 'Farmers' Markets.' Kelly is the director of her local market and is an example of the 'Teacher of the Year' initiates who are contributing so much to our organization. Members enjoyed a potluck supper. With an abundance of great cooks in Mu Chapter it is hoped that a cookbook can be compiled with these potluck recipes.

NU

Nu Chapter held its Anniversary Dinner on April 8th at the Waters Edge in Darien.. During this meeting **AKS President Terry Azoti** presented **June Roberts** with her 50-year service pin. Chapter members also welcomed **AKS Sunshine Committee Chair Linda Amarante**. Three new members were initiated into Nu Chapter that evening: **Kristin Colonies**, a language arts teacher at Middlesex Middle School; **Lauren LaRusso**, an English teacher at Darien High School, and **Allyson Powers**, a world language teacher at Middlesex Middle School.

OMICRON

Omicron held an Initiation Ceremony for new members, and an Installation Ceremony for new officers on June 17th at St. Mary-Michael's School in Derby. New members included **Jannell Krzyzek-Lovig**, Stratford; **Patricia Benner**, Bridgeport; **Skylar Roswell**, relocating from Ithaca, NY; **Holly Betz**, Shelton and **Emily Lozinak**, Connecticut State Technical High School System, Platt. **Patricia Block**, a retired teacher, was re-instated. A light supper was enjoyed by all. Installation of new officers took place. **President Kathleen Lozinak**, **Treasurer Emily Lozinak**, **Recording Secretary Barbara Shepperd**, **Corresponding Secretary Jannell Krzyzek**, **Parliamentarian Arlene Clancy**, **Membership Chair Linda Phillie** and **Communications Chair Laurie Mihalcik**.

Several Omicron members attended the AKS Leadership Conference. **Emily Lozinak** as treasurer; **Holly Betz**, membership committee; **Laurie Mihalcek**, Communications Committee, **Kathleen Lozinak**, president; and **Skylar Roswell**, Education Impact Committee. All attendees obtained valuable information to share with the chapter.

On July 28th, Omicron held a planning meeting at the home of **Pat Block**. Present at the meeting were **Kathleen Lozinak**, **Arlene Clancy**, **Emily Lozinak**, **Linda Phillie**, **Debbie Ruderman**, **Joan Guiardina**, **Pat Block**, **Skylar Roswell**, **Pat Chagaspanian**, and **Barbara Shepperd**. Skylar, who attended the Leadership Conference in June, reported on ideas for chapter meetings. Kathleen spoke on the International goals of DKG and how to best align chapter meetings and plans with the International focus. A September social was planned as well as an October Initiation ceremony at St. Mary's in Derby.



Omicron Chapter's new initiates:
(l. to r.) **Patricia Benner**, **Skylar Roswell**, **Holly Betz**, **Emily Lozinak** and **Jannell Krzyzek-Lovig**



NUTMEG STATE (continued)

RHO

Rho Chapter held its final meeting on May 15th at Crandall Pond Lodge in Tolland. Members enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner followed by the initiation of two new members: **Mimi Saidi** and **Elizabeth Arcouette**. New officers for the 2014-2016 biennium were installed: **President Margaret Festi**, **Vice President Ellen Festi**, **Secretary Sue Nadeau** and **Treasurer Dottie Shackway**. **Karen Newcomb** will serve as Membership Chair. Rho's popular teacup raffle was held with items donated by those in attendance. This generated \$45.00 for the treasury. Members collected 25 nonperishable items that were donated to Champ's Place, the Somers food pantry.

Rho member **Dora Metrelis** portrayed Pvt. Thomas Albert Baker, a young Union soldier on the battlefield in the first Battle of Bull Run. This presentation took place at the Holland, MA, Community Center on July 21st marking the anniversary of the first Battle of Bull Run. Dora gave her audience a glimpse into the life and times of a young soldier in 1861.

The next meeting was a planning/calendar meeting held in July at the South Windsor Public Library. The chapter also held a tag sale at the Wellington Green Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 6th. This was Rho Chapter's major fund raiser for 2014-2016.

UPSILON

Upsilon Chapter welcomed four new members: **Jenn Kreske**, a Barkhamsted School teacher; **Barbara Olender**, Barkhamsted's librarian and media specialist; **Maryse Sydowski**, a retired teacher who substitutes and volunteers in Barkhamsted; and **Lesley Talarski**, a Special Education teacher in the Hartford Public School system. The chapter's annual scholarship was awarded to Amanda Binghi who graduated from Northwest Region 7. Two members were recognized at the AKS Spring Convention for their years of membership: **Fran Barber** (30 years) and **Karen Hicks** (25 years). New officers are **President Judy Ludwig**, **Treasurer Karen Hicks** and **Secretary/Communications Tricia Wu**.



Tidbits from International

DKG is a professional honor society for women educators with more than 81,000 members. Established in 17 member countries around the world, the Society defines its mission as promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The Society held its first convention in May, 1930, at the Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas.



Omicron Chapter A Very Special Event

On June 17th, **Emily Lozinak**, was initiated into Omicron Chapter. She is the third generation educator from her family to become a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Emily's mother, **Kathleen Lozinak**, is Omicron Chapter president; and her grandmother, **Arlene Clancy**, is Omicron Chapter's parliamentarian.

Alpha Kappa State extends its congratulations to Emily, Kathleen and Arlene.

Chapter Sales Fundraiser at Fall Conference

Gamma Chapter will be selling pencils at the Fall Conference to raise money for its grants to high school students each year. The pencils will sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. These pencils will make great stocking stuffers.

For each pencil purchased, you will be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt created by a chapter member.





AKS June 27, 2014 Leadership Conference Whitney Center, Hamden



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Carolyn Downs
AKS State Photographer





International Convention First-Timers' Impressions . . .

As first timers to an International Delta Kappa Convention we have put together our Top Ten Reasons for attending an International Convention:

- #10 Appreciation and respect for the work done by International Committees in keeping the business of the Society moving forward, changing with the times and adapting to current trends.
- #9 Outstanding keynote speakers who cover interesting topics from improving your memory, keeping membership growing in our chapters, and educating us on global conflicts here and abroad with positive actions to combat these conflicts.
- #8 Over 100 workshops to promote professional or personal growth. We both came away with ideas to use in our chapter (Margaret) and classroom strategies (Ellen). As a presenter, Ellen also appreciated the hotel's preparation of workshop rooms with available technological resources that all worked!!
- #7 Cultural opportunities – Indiana State Museum, retail therapy – the DKG Marketplace and downtown mall, dining experiences – local restaurants, and physical activities – hotel exercise room or walking in the White River State Park.
- #6 The Flag Presentation to open the convention with all seventeen countries that are represented in Delta Kappa Gamma International. Many flag bearers wore the traditional clothing of their country. This provided an inspirational reminder of how we are all connected as educators.
- #5 Indiana Night and the Wright Brothers Band. Their renditions of popular music got everyone singing and dancing in the aisles.
- #4 The J W Marriott as the convention site and hotel. All hotel staff were polite and helpful. Ellen also gives two thumbs up for the Starbucks Café located on the third floor.
- #3 The welcome extended by our Indiana sisters in hosting this event. They streamlined the registration process, staffed an Information Center, made restaurant recommendations and worked tirelessly to insure the success of this event. The “goody bag” they provided on Indiana Night was useful (snacks and a water bottle) and thoughtful with the limestone cutout of the state of Indiana.
- #2 The musical parody on teaching in the twenty-first century by North Carolina member **Angie Ruffin** was hilarious. This woman could go into stand-up comedy.
- #1 The warmth and enthusiasm of 1,200 plus DKG sisters as they convened to *Share Our Vision and Strengthen Our Society*.

Ellen and Margaret Festi, Rho Chapter



As a “first-timer” at the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis at the end of July 2014, my initial question was whether or not I would know what to do. I regularly attend local and state meetings, but this was a different setting. I was very warmly welcomed by the Connecticut representatives, especially **State President Terry Azoti**.

Unfortunately, I was only able to attend a portion of the week, but Terry and the others filled me in on pertinent information and voting procedures. I learned a great deal about governing policies for the organization. International women from many locations spoke on issues of importance where I was able to gather and consider different viewpoints prior to deciding on a position. Most importantly, I was able to network with many individuals from fascinating backgrounds, all committed to education. In addition, many workshops were offered for professional development for both active and retired educators. There were a number of vendors available offering a wide range of products. As the conference concluded and we prepared to return to our home locations, I decided to have lunch at a great little restaurant in close proximity to the hotel. A woman asked if she could join me, and it happened to be the Ohio state president. She informed me of prior conventions, both regional and international, and ways to become more involved in the process. Two years from now I will be in Nashville for the next convention as this first-time was truly inspirational and one event not to be missed.

Joanne Brogis, Delta Chapter



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Lucia Turisco, Eta Chapter Died July 7, 2014

Lucia was initiated into Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1946 and was a member for 68 years. In her later years she became a reserve member until her passing.

She received a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1940 from Teacher's College of Connecticut and taught elementary school in Niantic, Waterford and, lastly, New London, retiring in 1979.

Lucia was a volunteer at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and was an active member of the Catholic Women's League. She liked keeping her mind sharp by playing bridge and Scrabble and also enjoyed knitting. She was a cheerful and thoughtful person and was loved by all who met her.

Katherine M. Barrett, Beta Chapter July 31, 2014

Katherine was initiated into Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1961 and was an active member for 53 years until her passing.

She graduated from Southern Connecticut State University in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She received a Master of Arts degree from Yale University in 1950 and a sixth year certificate from Fairfield University.

Kay taught in Fairfield and Cheshire before moving to the Milford Public Schools. She was appointed principal in Milford at age twenty-nine, the youngest principal in the state of Connecticut. That record still holds today.

She became Director of Education and then Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Grades K-8. She created several innovative programs, such as health education and Head Start.

In addition to her Beta membership, she was a member of the SCSU Alumni Association, The Catholic Women's Club and United Way of Milford. She will be missed by her family and her many colleagues and friends.

Global Peace Roundtable

Theta members **Ann Grosjean, Carol Kraus, Anita Satriano, and Pat O'Connell Buckley** represented the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee at the *Global Peace Roundtable: Worldwide Educational Initiatives* breakout session at the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis on July 31, 2014. Sixteen members from ten countries participated in the roundtable discussion. The countries participating were Germany, Costa Rica, Estonia, Great Britain, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, and the United States. They shared initiatives that promote peace and educate global citizens in their respective countries. They shared common themes such as helping children value other children and the need to integrate or imbed peace education in other subject areas. The participating teachers emphasized that teaching the attributes of caring, respect, responsibility and compassion, along with skills such as critical thinking and conflict resolution, are essential elements to educating global citizens to live in a culture of peace. The committee will compile all of the presentations and post them on the DKG International website to be shared electronically with each of the DKG countries. The roundtable was positively received by all participants and each person shares the hope of a peaceful world for future generations.





Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2014 Indianapolis Convention



Front Row (l. to r.) **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Marnee Straiton, Joan Konareski Terry Azoti, Deborah Soresino, Carol Kraus and Annette Murphy**
Second Row (l. to r.) **Anita Satriano, Donna Chaney, Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Eileen Festi, Margaret Festi, Pat O'Connell-Buckley and Phyllis Hickey**
(Absent from picture: Joanne Brogis)



AKS Delegation



**At the International President's Banquet
(l. to r.) Pat O'Connell Buckley, Deborah Soresino, Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Terry Azoti, Joan Konareski, Carol Kraus and Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean**



Fall Conference Special Event (Continued from page 1)

At the International level, Cathy has served as Southeast Regional Director from 2008-2010. She has chaired the Administrative Board sub-committee charged with proposing the Society's first international project. She has been point-person for the Schools for Africa project since its official adoption in 2010, authoring all issues of the *SFA Newsette*. She is a frequent presenter, leadership trainer and Society Representative to state organizations, including a visit to Connecticut's Spring Convention in 2010.

Connecticut welcomes both Cora and Cathy to our Fall Conference. All members are encouraged to attend and witness this special, first-time ever event for Alpha Kappa State and Connecticut!



**AKS Welcomes
DR. LOUISE LOOMIS,
Keynote Speaker**

Louise Loomis, Ed.D. founded ThinkWell Center in 2011. She began her career as a science teacher in Cleveland, Ohio, and continued teaching in Hartford, Connecticut. A class in critical and creative thinking led to her fascination with the brain's potential and a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Lou founded Hartford Critical and Creative Thinking Center in 1989. It later became New England Cognitive Center. She presented hundreds of programs to students, educators, corporations and nonprofit organizations. At the same time, she worked as a college instructor.

Recent programs by Louise Loomis have included:

- ***Creative Wisdom***
- ***Building Brain Power***
- ***Memory Fact and Fun***
- ***Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Making the Most of the Second Time Around***
- ***Family Life Education at Its Best®***
- ***Nimble Thinking***, published in 2010, is Dr. Loomis' first publication for the general reader.

Dr. Lou has five children and nine grandchildren. In her spare time, she travels with some or even all of them to both exotic and familiar locations. Her many journeys have inspired a belief in the importance of maps in public places and a Maps for All Project. After teaching people to "think well" for more than 35 years, Dr. Lou maintains her enthusiasm for the power of thinking about thinking and believes that it is both transformative and stress-reducing. Alpha Kappa State welcomes Dr. Loomis to its 75th Fall Conference.



AKS Fall Conference Craft Exhibit



A members' craft exhibit will be featured at the midday break during our Fall Conference. If you have examples of your handiwork such as knitting, crocheting, braiding, scrapbooking, wreath making, jewelry making, woodworking, etc., please consider bringing them for display. The talent of our members never ceases to amaze!

Displays will be labeled by the Fine Arts Chair with small signs indicating crafts, names and chapters. Crafts will be brought by members on the day of the Conference and stored in the small closet in the meeting room. Just prior to the break, crafters will be requested to retrieve their exhibit-ready items and set them up on the display tables in the promenade. Crafters will be expected to remove items from exhibit tables at the end of the break. Thank you for your consideration. Chapter Presidents have received a flyer with all information that is needed for craft submission. The deadline for receipt of information for the exhibit is Friday, October 17th. If you have any questions, e-mail **Mary Ellen Ulatowski** (mulatowski75@sbcglobal.net).

We are looking forward to hearing from many members to make this a varied and memorable display. Please consider photographing your crafts to be juried by the Arts and Humanities Jury for online display on the International Gallery of Fine Arts. Go to www.dkg.org for next submission date, application and details.



Mary Ellen Ulatowski
AKS Fine Arts Chair



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

**Terry Azoti
Judy Cody**

**Jeanne Morascini
Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**

Nancy Roy



ALPHA KAPPA STATE 75th FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott

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SHARING OUR VISION: STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY

- 8:15 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Welcome, Introductions and International First Vice President Cathy Daugherty
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Louise Loomis: *Teaching to Abundance: Brainwise Learning with Our Natural Thinking*
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Louise Loomis continues
- 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Founders Ceremony
- 11:30 - 12:15 p.m. Break, Chapter Sales, Non-Dues Revenue Sales, Members' Craft Exhibit, Communication Committee's Display
- 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and drawing
- 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. Alpha Kappa State Recruitment Grants
- 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. Installation of Cora Weiss as a DKG International Honorary Member
- 1:45 - 2:15 p.m. Cora Weiss: *To Reach Peace, Let's Teach Peace*
- 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and the *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: Lucy Galasso, 41 E. Field Drive; Bedford, NY 10506

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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 Sebethe Drive. Hotel is on the right.

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Parking is at front, side and back of hotel.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 17, 2014

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

COFFEE and TEA available from 7:30-9:30 a.m. (no breakfast available)

Check your choice(s) below:

- Chicken Cordon Bleu stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese \$32.00
- Citrus Grilled Salmon topped with citrus mint beurre blanc \$36.00
- Garden Penne Primavera with grilled vegetables in white wine garlic sauce \$30.00

(All entrees include: Garden Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Rolls, Dessert, Coffee/Tea)

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INDICATE: _____

CONFERENCE COSTS:	Registration fee <u>per person</u>	\$ 5.00
	Late fee (Postmarked after 10/17/2014)	\$ 5.00
Guest Name/s: _____	Lunch Cost/s (see item/s checked above)	+ _____
Choice _____	GRAND TOTAL	_____

PHOTO RELEASE: By your attendance at this event you are granting permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means and are granting full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Check here, if this is your first Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference. _____



***Alpha Kappa State Dates to Remember
Sharing Our Vision -
Strengthening Our Chapters***

November 1, 2014

Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

January 10, 2015

Snow Date: January 24, 2015

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

January 30, 2015

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

March 14, 2015

Snow Date: March 21, 2015

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

April 25, 2015

Alpha Kappa State Convention
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

June 13, 2015

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

July 8-11, 2015

Northeast Regional Conference
Baltimore, MD

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Congratulations to:

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone
Beta Chapter
Appointed to the 2014-2018
International Arts and Humanities Jury



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

NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINE: December 1, 2014
SPRING KEYNOTE DEADLINE: February 28, 2015
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