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(l. to r.) President Marnee Straiton, Second Vice President Joan Konareski,
Treasurer Donna Chaney and First Vice President Terry Azoti
Absent: Recording Secretary Dorothy Shackway

Expanding Our Horizons Making a Difference

Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention Highlights Joan Krantz, Alpha Kappa State Fine Arts Chair

Celebration underscored every item of this year's agenda at the 72nd Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell on April 30th. **Joanne Woodington** from Tau Chapter began the meeting by reading "For the Garden of Your Daily Living." The final line, "There is fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow," is a perfect reminder that we do make a difference because of our mindful, careful and deliberate acts as teachers and women of action.

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Expand Our Horizons

Make a Difference



This is my last message as AKS President. Sitting here in front of the computer, my mind is filled with more than three years worth of wonderfully enriching and exciting experiences. All of them are connected to you and the continued support you have given me in our quest to further the purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. As I traveled the state, attended meetings, conferences and conventions, I always felt fellowship and our common desire to grow, learn and help other women to do the same. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was certainly right when she started this Society to show that women could unite to accomplish significant goals. Did you know that internationally we have given out \$1,645,735.91 in Scholarships/Grants-In-Aid (2009-2010)? Pretty impressive! I was stunned and proud to be a member, as I'm sure you are, also. AKS/CT was a significant contributor. Elsewhere in this Key-note you will find articles on some of our recipients, as well as articles on our very successful Spring Convention. Nearly 90 of us gathered to install our new officers,

honor our sisters and give deserving members and non-members monetary support to continue their educations. We also kicked up a storm Zumba-ing !!!!

I'm looking forward to a memorable summer, traveling to the Northeast Regional, where I hope to see many of you, and then to Baden-Baden, Germany, to attend the European Regional.

Carol

**Congratulations to the recipients of the
2011 Chapter Newsletter Awards**

Most Newsworthy	Zeta
Most Creative	Delta
Best All-Around	Mu

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



Alpha Kappa State Membership Initiative

12 x 2012



At the AKS Spring Convention, seven chapters were recognized on the **12 X 2012** membership banner for having begun to achieve the goal of 12 new or reinstated members by December 31, 2012. Congratulations to all these chapters! Five of the chapters also had met the additional goal of at least one new member from a different educational environment than any other chapter member. Many chapters initiate in late spring and early fall. So look for the banner again at the fall conference with additional chapters represented. Remember to look everywhere you go for new members who will be committed to the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Terry Azoti, AKS Membership Committee Chair

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The Celebration of Life Ceremony honored 15 AKS sisters who died. These women left a legacy through their contributions to their communities, schools and Alpha Kappa State.

Though a business meeting is not customarily cause for celebration, this meeting evoked happy sighs and smiles of satisfaction when the membership voted to accept the revisions to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Revision Committee had done such a thorough job that there were no questions or objections, and the revisions passed unanimously.

The Installation of 2011-2013 officers marked an end and a beginning. **Carol Kraus, outgoing President**, remarked on her term and thanked everyone for supporting her. The new officers for 2011-2013 were installed: **Marnee Straiton, President; Theresa Azoti, First Vice President; Joan Konareski, Second Vice President; and Dorothy Shackway, Recording Secretary.**

The Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award recognizes and celebrates members who have made significant contributions in Chapter, State, and International activities. Awarded every other year, this year's recipients accepted their awards with grace and gratitude. **Theresa A. Azoti** was initiated in 1994 into Zeta Chapter. **Judy E. Pflum** was initiated in 1966 into Gamma Chapter. **Nancy M. Roy** was initiated in 1980 into Delta Chapter. Their lists of achievements at the Chapter, State, and International levels are testament to their dedication and commitment to DKG. An up-and-coming woman leader **Paulina Auclair** from Delta Chapter received the Joan C. Lee Scholarship which will help her pursue graduate study in Educational Administration.

Continuing the air of celebration, Service Pin Awards were presented to state members by **Theresa Azoti, AKS Membership Chair**, and **Judy Salemme, AKS Research Chair**. Two members, **Lucia Turisco (Eta)** and **Alta Saunders (Mu)**, were also honored for their long-time service of 65 years with congratulatory letters from **Dr. Jensi P. Souders, International President.**

Judy Cody and her committee judged the nine newsletters that were submitted and the following awards were given: Most Newsworthy won by Zeta; Most Creative won by Delta; and Best Overall won by Mu. Winners received a CD of DKG graphics to help with their newsletters and other communications.

To add flair to this celebration, many women dared to dance ZUMBA style with Annie O'Farrell. While some danced, others mingled and bought tickets to support the Curriculum of Hope, as well as the Lee Formica and Rheta Lange grants. Proceeds from the fun-filled baskets, many with a summer theme, yielded \$846.00.



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Nancy Joan Stasiunas, Tau November 6, 2010

Tau Chapter lost a long time, active and enthusiastic member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Nancy Joan Stasiunas. Nancy passed away at the age of 58. She will be sorely missed.

Teaching children was her passion, and she served as a Reading Consultant for the Region 15 School District at Pomperaug Elementary School in Southbury. Her aunt, **Dr. Joan Quilter**, was a founding member of TAU chapter who served in Region 15 for many years as Director of Student Services.

Nancy served as President of Tau chapter as well as co-chairman of the Scholarship Committee for many years. As Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, with her best friend, **Judith Maier**, many fun and inventive fund-raising events, mini-raffles at meetings, were held.

Nancy was never seen without a smile. Her energy and love of Delta Kappa Gamma is missed by all of us, especially Judy Maier. Her dedication to her students and absence from the Pomperaug Elementary staff is missed by all in the Region. She was a candle whose light was gone far too quickly!

Barbara McCabe Spehar, Eta Chapter November 28, 2010

Barbara McCabe Spehar grew up in Old Lyme, and her long career was centered on the library. She worked in the research department of the Hartford Public Library for several years. Barbara earned her Master's degree in Library Science from Southern Connecticut State University and then held jobs in the public schools of Groton, East Lyme and Old Saybrook. Waterford Public Library also benefited from her expertise during the summer and school vacations. She was instrumental in starting the media center in Saybrook High School and ran it until she retired.

She was active in the Connecticut Library Association, Connecticut and National Education Associations and the New London County Retired Teachers' Association. She was a member of Eta Chapter since 1974.

Barbara and her husband Emil were married for 34 happy years. They spent time traveling in Europe and to many islands. Even though Barbara had many health issues, she accepted every challenge with bravery and determination. She was always concerned for the welfare of others and helped many friends and neighbors in need. A mutual friend said of Barbara, "She could be an inspiration to all of us and a role model for how to deal with the twists and turns of life."

Dr. Mary Rogers Beckert, Theta December 2, 2010

Dr. Mary Rogers Beckert, a member of Theta for 25 years, spent the majority of her teaching career at Eastern Connecticut State University where she was the first Chairperson of the Department of Earth and Physical Sciences. Later on, she was involved in the design of the Planetarium on the campus and became its first Director. Mary taught the astronomy classes and also saw to it that the planetarium facility presented programs to the public and the surrounding school systems. She was highly respected by both the faculty and students alike.

Mary, a resident of Mansfield, was also involved in the American Association of University Professors and the American Association of University Women. She leaves several nieces and nephews and will be remembered by many for her passion for causes that were dear to her heart.

Jeanie Wylie Nicol England, Lambda Chapter December 11, 2010

When Jeanie Wylie Nicol England became a Delta Kappa Gamma member 32 years ago, she began at once to serve in every creative way she could. Jeanie, her real name not a nickname, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to this country when she was two. Growing up in the Wallingford area and attending schools there, she learned to love books and reading. Thus it was as natural for her as an adult to teach that love of reading to students through the years. She earned her Master's degree in Library Science at Southern Connecticut State College and worked in the New Haven and then the Cheshire School Systems as a librarian.

Jeanie was a dedicated and active Lambda member, readily saying "yes" when asked to serve on or chair a committee, take part in programs, help with decorations for a special meeting or volunteer for whatever was needed. In short, Jeanie was active, vibrant and dedicated to our Society. She served with devotion through the years until she had to move into a retirement home as falls and fading eyesight reduced her ability to serve. Her last position was as chapter historian. Jeanie's delightful personality and joy in membership are sorely missed.



IN MEMORIAM
(Continued)



Eleanor Bowser Pivrotto , Omicron Chapter
March 13, 2011

Eleanor Bowser Pivrotto, a proud member of Omicron Chapter, died on March 13, 2011. Eleanor was inducted into The Society on October 21, 2004.

Eleanor was a Special Education teacher for the Derby Schools for 25 years until her retirement in 2009. She was a dedicated Derby community member and a scholarship fund has been established in her name to benefit a graduating senior of Derby High School.

She served the chapter as a member of the Scholarship Committee and the Christmas Brunch Benefit Committee. She was also a member of the National Education Association.

Eleanor is survived by her husband, Richard, and three children, Richard Jr. and his wife Robin; Cheryl Crevier and her husband Harold and Elisa Keenan and her husband Michael. She also had eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Nancy L. Rivers, Beta Chapter
May 16, 2011

Nancy Rivers was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 22 years, being initiated into Kappa Chapter in 1989 and transferring her membership to Beta Chapter when Kappa Chapter rejoined Beta. Nancy had three great passions: teaching, traveling and her church. After she retired from teaching grade four at Riverfield School in Fairfield, Nancy was very active in the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers Association. Nancy was respected and well-liked. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

International Standing Rules
Adopted 2010

1.1 Jewelry
1.16 The official jewelry may be worn on a ribbon or other manner as desired by the member.

On the death of a member, it is suggested that the keypin and chapter president's bargin be returned to the chapter of membership. The chapter has the option of deciding the disposition of returned pins.
To ensure that their wishes are carried out, members may use the form below designed by International or devise their own. The signed form below should be kept with the Delta Kappa Gamma pin/s or attached to your will so families will know what to do with official jewelry.

SOCIETY KEYPIN INFORMATION
(Sign and place with will or other jewelry)

To my family and friends,
I purchased this keypin when initiated into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Other pins I may have received have been given to me in recognition of services rendered to the Society. Since only a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society in good standing is allowed to wear the keypin, I ask that, upon my death, my keypin, and any other pins from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, be returned to my chapter for continued use by other members.

Signed, _____ Date _____
A Member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
_____ Chapter, Alpha Kappa State, Connecticut

Note: Families may contact International Headquarters for information; direct inquiries to the Membership Department at International Headquarters, toll-free phone number 1-888-762-4685; e-mail promem@deltakappagamma.org



AROUND THE

ALPHA

At the end of April a group of Alpha members went to **Lucy Galasso's** Sunny Meadows Farm on the day of the royal wedding to have high tea hosted by Lucy. Everyone had great fun discussing the wedding and sipping tea with goodies. Then members all trooped to the barnyard to meet the lambs, ducks, rabbits, chickens, pony, horse and Walter, the banty rooster. All were given a half dozen eggs (turkey, duck and chicken) to take home and enjoy.

Alpha Chapter's annual spring banquet was May 24th at the Royal Green Restaurant in Stamford. Three new members were initiated. **Clare Harding**, a math teacher and high school guidance counselor; **Barbara Hertz**, a reading specialist and special education teacher; and **Cindy Woodring**, a kindergarten teacher, are now members of Alpha Chapter. Two **Virginia Obrig** Memorial Book Grants were awarded to Greenwich High School seniors who are planning to go on to a career in education. **Meaghan Garofalo**, daughter of member Diane, will attend St. Mary's College to study elementary education. **Allison Misciagno-Bergin** is planning to attend Fordham University to study American Studies. New retirees, **Margaret Bush** and **Gerry Petrizzi**, were honored. Guest **AKS President Carol Kraus** was the guest speaker and brought greetings from State and International DKG.

BETA

Beta Chapter's first meeting of the spring was held at Trumbull Public Library in partnership with the library. The guest speaker was **Christine Ieronimo**, who with her family, adopted a young daughter, Eva, from Ethiopia. Christine was so motivated by her experiences in Ethiopia and with Eva that she has written a book, *Drinking from Puddles*, which is in the process of being published. Christine had a wonderful and inspiring message. This was all made possible through the efforts of **Jo-Anne Kershaw**.

On May 11th, members celebrated Founders' Day with a Birthday Party, as well as an initiation, installation and business meeting. This was held at Testo's Restaurant in Bridgeport. The significance of Founders' Day was read as a Thought for the Day. **Evelyn Montagnino** and **Donna Seidell**, co-chairs of Beta's Scholarship Grant Committee, are credited with planning a successful event.

Four new members were initiated into Beta Chapter. They are **Laura Coughlin**, a math specialist at Jane Ryan School in Trumbull; **Dr. Linda Paslov**, Director of Curriculum in Trumbull; as well as **Michelle Cretella** and **Rachel Wolfe**, who are both classroom teachers in the award-winning Frenchtown Elementary School. **Barbara Schroeder**, Past Chapter President, was installed as President to finish out the biennium.

In celebration of service to Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Chapter acknowledged members who received Membership Award pins this year. They are **Katherine Barrett**, 50 years;

Constance Dimock, 40 years; **Suzanne Burr Monaco**, **Nan Stern** and **Nancy Zorena**, 30 years; **Sheila Borstelmann** and **Eleanor Gonzalez**, 25 years. Congratulations to all.

In keeping with the chapter's theme, *Reaching Out*, members collected and donated fragrance sets and personal care items at the March meeting, which were given to the Women's Rescue Mission in Bridgeport. At the May meeting, members collected and donated food, baby care items and personal care items, which have been donated to the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Many members have tutored or are currently tutoring adult non-English speaking women at the center. The healing shawl project continues with more members getting involved. It is an effective way to reach out to breast cancer patients. **Barbara Hilli** and **Janet Drummond** are co-chairs of this important on-going project.

GAMMA

Before the chapter's March meeting began, **Dr. Faye Ringel**, a Gamma chapter member and Professor Emerita of Humanities at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, presented a captivating program dealing with the "uppity women" writers of the Norwich area spanning the centuries from the seventeenth to present times. Several members of the general Norwich community were also in attendance at this informative talk which Faye presented in her engaging style.

After regular business matters were taken care of, **Alpha Kappa State President Carol Kraus** brought greetings from State and encouraged members to attend the Spring Convention. At this convention **Judy Pflum** will be honored as an Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award recipient. In a moving moment before the meeting concluded, **Jeanne Morascini** presented the State President's bar pin which had belonged to **June Thomas**, a Gamma member, who died in a tragic motor vehicle accident in June, 1982. Jeanne, in turn, presented her President's pin to **Carol Kraus**. After adjournment, all enjoyed a delicious dinner which was served in the Ensemble Room at the Norwich Free Academy.

At the May 3rd meeting, members celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day with special cakes and ambrosia. The festive mood expanded when **Reggie Tate** conveyed how much the staff at Teachers' Memorial School, the site of the meeting that day, truly appreciated the "goodie bag" prepared by Reggie which each staff member received. Many inquiries about Delta Kappa Gamma were generated by this gesture to recognize fellow teachers still in the classroom. **Jeanne Morascini** then read the poem, *I Am a Teacher*, to remind all of the full scope of our outreach as educators.



NUTMEG STATE

Those who attended the Spring Convention gave a report about the Convention activities. Then, **Judy Pflum** passed around her Achievement Award medallion and expressed her gratitude for the recognition she had been given at the Convention, recognition for a culmination of decades of membership and achievement.

Looking forward to the future, Gamma unanimously passed a motion in favor of Connecticut's hosting the Northeast Regional in 2017. Members then prepared tray favors for patients who will be in Backus Hospital on Memorial Day. Finally, a date was set in late June for the Executive Board to meet at Jeanne's house.

DELTA

Delta Chapter held its last meeting of the year on May 11th at Chippanee Golf Club in Bristol. In addition to the business meeting, the chapter initiated **Laura Dunn**, a retired teacher who spends some of her time visiting nursing homes with her therapy dog. Laura is also a board member of the Litchfield County Connecticut Education Association—Retired. Delta made additional progress toward the 12 x 12 membership initiative by voting to accept **Rita Caruso's** application for membership. She will be initiated in September 2011.

President Joan Krantz recognized **Nancy Roy** as one of the recipients of an AKS Achievement Award at the Spring Convention. **Loretta Teevan** was also honored for her 25 years of service as a member of Delta Chapter.

Another highlight of the last meeting was the inspirational talk by **Christine Ieronimo**, a Plymouth resident and author of *Drinking from Puddles aka Through Eva's Eyes*. She credited an aunt who died of cancer as her influence for wanting to make a difference in the lives of people and the primary force behind her adopting a little girl from Ethiopia. She talked about the joys of adopting Eva in 2008 and her overwhelming need to share Eva's Ethiopian experience with children and adults in America. Christine's strong passion about education and many suggestions from friends compelled her to write this story loosely based on Eva's life, *Drinking from Puddles aka Through Eva's Eyes*.

Christine read her story, and then followed up by reading a preliminary draft of her second book, *Sisters of the Heart*. Both books suggest themes of unconditional love and hope. She expects her first book to be in print by the end of 2012 and her second book soon after.

She is also a strong supporter of Woodland for Women Worldwide, a grassroots organization, co-founded by Delta member **Deb Flaherty**. Christine has supported the causes of Woodland for Women Worldwide by attending the fundraising event and selling "Beads for Dreams."

Joan Krantz thanked Christine by giving her a Delta Kappa Gamma Society International bookmark as a keepsake to remind her that many women admire her courage and commitment to promote education of girls.

Delta's 2011 book grant for \$500 was presented to **Maryssa Brogis**, daughter of Roger and Joanne Brogis. Maryssa will graduate in the top 5% of her Torrington High School senior class, where she serves as class president. She is active in numerous school and community projects, as well as the recipient of many honors and awards. Maryssa has been involved in the Catholic Youth Ministry in Germany, including visiting 12 European countries and a pilgrimage with the Pope. She has also served as captain of a competitive jump rope team, which achieved recognition nationally, as well as internationally in England and South Africa. Maryssa's mother, **Joanne Brogis**, is a member of Delta Chapter. Maryssa will be enrolled in a Liberal Arts Program at Union College in the Fall.



Delta's grant recipient, Maryssa Brogis



Guest speaker Christine Ieronimo



Lana Warren "pins" Delta's new initiate Laura Dunn while Flo Goodman looks on

EPSILON

Epsilon Chapter met at the Saybrook Fish House in Rocky Hill for the December holiday meeting. Members brought toys for parents living at Mercy Housing & Shelter to give to their children for Christmas. After a delicious dinner and short meeting, members enjoyed swapping gifts and catching up on each other's activities and families. Scholarships were awarded to **Katherine Nunn** and **Kathryn Cognata** for advanced degrees in their fields of education. Katherine Nunn was also the recipient of the DKG International Golden Anniversary Scholarship for further studies in Special Education at St. Joseph College in West Hartford.



AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (continued)

The Spring Convention basket was prepared by **First Vice President Arlene Lastrina**. Members congratulated member **Dianna Wassenhove** on her nomination to the AKS Finance Committee. Epsilon met at the Wood-n-Tap Restaurant in Rocky Hill for its June meeting.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter celebrated its 62nd birthday on March 19th with a pizza luncheon at Serafino's Restaurant in Wallingford. Members were entertained by young thespians from the Children's Theater Alliance, a group which received funds from the proceeds of Zeta's auction held last November. Longtime active members, **Joan Davies** and **Dorothy Martino**, were honored.

The last meeting of the year was held on June 7th, which was the annual Sundae Social. Nine new members' applications were received. Zeta Chapter looks forward to the October initiation of these outstanding candidates.

Congratulations to newly elected **Alpha Kappa State First Vice President Terry Azoti**, who was one of the three recipients of the AKS Outstanding Achievement Award presented at the Spring Convention, and to members, **Judy Cody** and **Joan Venditto**, who received their 25 years-of-service membership award pins. Thanks for your service to the chapter and to the Society!

IOTA

Iota Chapter members met at Ridgebury Elementary School in March. Prior to the business meeting, members viewed the DVD/Video on International's new project: Schools for Africa. Following dinner, **Carolyn Balmer** spoke on New Technology in Education. Carolyn showed examples of projects completed by third, fourth and fifth graders using integration of sound, pictures and flip cameras.

In April, members enjoyed a docent-led tour of American Masterpieces Exhibit at the New Britain Museum of American Art. This represented an overview of three centuries of art in the museum's permanent collection. Following the tour, members enjoyed lunch at the museum's Café on the Park.

The theme for the May meeting was Retirement. Robert Scalzo, Northern Fairfield County Association of Retired Teachers, spoke on Retirement and Health Insurance issues. The meeting was held at Sarah Nobel Intermediate School in New Milford.

The chapter's summer planning meeting will take place on July 12th.

RHO

Rho Chapter had a busy spring. Members met in March for an author presentation by **Jane Svejik**, a retired teacher from Union, who wrote a murder mystery, *Bells, Books and Murder*. The book tells the story of a

beloved school principal who is murdered. Jane's presentation was very interesting, and she autographed copies of her book for members. On April 12th, **Gloria Matthews** hosted a tea at her home in Tolland to introduce a prospective member to Delta Kappa Gamma and Rho Chapter. In May, the annual potluck dinner meeting was held at Crandall Pond Lodge in Tolland. **Ellen Festi**, daughter of member **Margaret Festi**, was initiated at this meeting. Ellen teaches Business Education at South Windsor High School. Members enjoyed a book swap and heard from guest speaker **AKS President Carol Kraus**. June 7th was the date of the chapter's "campership fundraiser" at Friendly's in Vernon. Rho received a percentage of the total sales from restaurant guests who brought in the Rho Chapter fundraiser flyer. The annual fundraiser helps provide camperships for needy children at Channel 3 Kids' Camp. Members look forward to an organizational meeting over the summer where the calendar for 2011-2012 will be set.

Alpha Kappa State members enjoying Zumba at Spring Convention



Looking Forward to AKS Fall Conference

Two Chapter Fundraisers

Zeta Chapter will be selling red quilted fabric jewelry cases in which to keep your pins, along with a card attached. This card is similar to the one found on Page Five of The Keynote giving instructions about returning DKG pins to The Society.

Delta Chapter will be selling scarves as a chapter fundraiser. The proceeds benefit the annual Delta Chapter Book Grant.

Look for more information about chapter sales in the Fall issue of The Keynote.



**ALPHA KAPPA STATE
ACHIEVERS**

Holly Tarrant, Tau Chapter, was selected as Region 6 Teacher of the Year. Holly has been a teacher in Regional School District 6 for 15 years. She is a fourth grade teacher and a member of the math team at James Morris Elementary School in Morris, CT. Holly is currently serving as Tau Chapter’s Vice President, but she has also served as Secretary for several years.

She is a member of the Nutmeg Writer’s Guild and the Housatonic Valley Art League. Holly has also volunteered time and supervision on several mission trips to Appalachia, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. She is also an active member of the Norfolk Curling Club and has offered to show the Tau Chapter how to curl at one of our meetings scheduled for next year.

Holly Tarrant is a talented teacher and writer. She was trained at The Teachers College Reading & Writing Project at Columbia University under the supervision of Katie Wood Ray, author of *Wondrous Words*. Holly developed her craft by writing a memoir documenting her years involved in 4-H, a national organization for youth.

Holly’s hobbies include painting, scrapbooking and spending time with her husband Jeff and their new puppy. One of her previous students penned, “...Mrs. Tarrant takes time to touch my mind.” Holly spreads joy wherever she goes. We are all so very proud of our Tau sister Holly.



Katherine Nunn, Epsilon Chapter, was awarded the \$6,000 Golden Anniversary Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Scholarships are awarded each year to 30 members for graduate studies.

Katherine is completing studies in Special Education at St. Joseph’s College in West Hartford. She is the second Alpha Kappa State member to receive an International Scholarship. **Carol Beam, Keynote Editor**, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship in 1995.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR
CANCELLED POSTAGE
STAMPS**

**Money earned from the used stamps goes
directly to a non-profit church
organization:
CHURCH WORLD SERVICES**

**Bring stamps to your chapter meeting.
Thank you,
Eleanor Decker, Theta**



Paulina Auclair (Delta) receives an Alpha Kappa State Scholarship from State Scholarship Chair **Joanne Chenkus**



Alpha Kappa State 2011 Membership Award Pin Recipients

Congratulations to the following Alpha Kappa State members

65 years

Lucia Turisco *Eta*
Alta M. Saunders *Mu*

50 years

Katherine Barrett *Beta*
Harriett Sonk *Eta*

Margaret Nemec *Beta*
Lucia Dauplaise *Lambda*

40 years

Constance Dimock *Beta*
Catherine Vigilante *Nu*
Mary Ann Supp *Omicron*

Dorothy French *Delta*
Celeste Beattie *Omicron*

30 years

Marilyn Arvoy *Alpha*
Suzanne Burr Monaco *Beta*
Nancy Ann Zorena *Beta*
Judith Grenier *Theta*
Ann S. Brittain *Tau*

Dr. Carol A. Sarabun *Alpha*
Nan Stern *Beta*
Sandra Ames *Theta*
Karen Krick *Lambda*
Jeanne A. Lutze *Tau*

25 years

Sheila Borstelmann *Beta*
Loretta Teevan *Delta*
Dr. Joan Venditto *Zeta*
Sandra Rijs *Theta*

Eleanor Gonzalez *Beta*
Judith Cody *Zeta*
Janet Haines *Theta*
Patricia Faulkner *Mu*



(l. to r.) AKS President Carol Kraus, Membership Committee member Linda Amarante, Eta Chapter President Terry Ziegler and Alta Saunders, 65-year member (Mu)



Loretta Teevan, 25-year member (Delta) with AKS President Carol Kraus



(l. to r.) AKS Research Chair Judy Salemm (Lambda), AKS Membership Chair Terry Azoti, AKS President Carol Kraus, Membership Committee member Linda Amarante, Dr. Joan Venditto (Zeta), 25-year member and Judy Cody (Zeta), 25-year member



Spring Convention Photos



**Birthday Celebration
Terry Ziegler and Alice Neuman,
Eta Chapter**



**(l. to r.) Achievement Award presenter Sandra
Petrucci-Carbone with 2011 AKS
Achievement Award recipients: Terry Azoti (Zeta),
Judy Pflum (Gamma) and Nancy Roy (Delta)**



Members enjoying Zumba



Alpha Kappa State Chapter Ambassadors welcome Carol Kraus.



Delta Chapter members



**Alpha Kappa State Fine
Arts Chair Joan Krantz
and Zumba presenter
Annie O'Farrill**



Zeta Chapter members



2011 Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award Recipients



Theresa A. Azoti
Zeta Chapter
Initiated in 1994



Judy E. Pflum
Gamma Chapter
Initiated in 1966

Chapter Achievements:

Books for Babies Chair
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
President
Research/Publicity Chair

State Achievements:

World Fellowship Chair
Achievement Award Committee Member
Membership Chair
Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee Member
Editing and Reviewing State Conference and
Convention Programs and Booklets
Reviewer for *The Keynote*
Leadership Conference Workshop Presenter and
Panel Participant
State Bylaws Review and Revision Committee
Member

International Achievements:

Attended Northeast Regional Conferences in Ohio,
Michigan and Vermont
Attended pre-conference training for Membership
Chairs
Attended International Conventions in Minnesota,
California, Illinois and Washington
Attended pre-convention meetings for Membership
Chairs and related workshops

Besides meeting all of the qualifications, Terry is an active member who goes out of her way to support and mentor those around her. She founded Zeta's educational project, Books for Babies, and wrote the booklet which is given to new mothers so they will read to their newborns. Her contributions are far-reaching and will continue well into the future. It is a privilege to honor her with the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award in 2011.

Chapter Achievements:

Legislation Committee
Chapter President
Parliamentarian
First Vice President
Chapter President
Membership Chair

State Achievements:

Executive Board
Parliamentarian

International Achievements:

Attended three Northeast Regional Conferences
Attended two International Conventions

Judy has been a devoted, contributing member of Gamma Chapter since 1980. After serving as Chapter President in 1986-1988, Judy stepped up to be the President again in 2004 when the chapter had no leadership. She then served two biennia. Currently, she is an active Membership Chair using innovative techniques to regain past members. Judy cares deeply for Delta Kappa Gamma and volunteers for whatever job needs to be done. Gamma members recognize all of her efforts for both the chapter and the state. It is a privilege to honor her with the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award for 2011.



2011 Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award Recipients



Nancy M. Roy
Delta Chapter
Initiated in 1980

Chapter Achievements:

Corresponding Secretary
Second Vice President
First Vice President
President
Research, Enrichment, Personal Growth and
Services Committees Member
Delta Chapter's 50th Birthday Committee Chair

State Achievements:

First Vice President
President
2010 Leadership Conference Chair
Chapter Ambassador
Membership on the following committees:
Finance
Networking for Children Conference Planning
SAVE
Alpha Kappa State's 50th Anniversary
Nominations
Communications

International Achievements:

Attended Northeast Regional Conferences in
Pennsylvania, Ohio and Vermont
Attended International Conventions in Tennessee,
Arkansas and Minnesota
Co-presented a workshop at International
Convention in Minneapolis
Attended the 2010 Seminar in Purposeful Living in
Washington

Nancy has been actively involved at the chapter, state and International levels. She has exhibited her leadership skills in a variety of programs and projects in Delta Kappa Gamma, as well as in her church, school and community. In 2002, she was the recipient of the Joan C. Lee Scholarship Award. Nancy's varied experiences continue to be an asset to all three levels of our Society. Her energy and willingness to help extends from community service to chapter and state activities. It is a privilege to honor her with the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award for 2011.

Past Achievement Award Recipients

- 1989: Camella R. Maiewski (Epsilon)
Ella Rice (Kappa)
Rheta Lange (Zeta)
Dr. Jacqueline Abbott (Rho)
Elizabeth Sonier (Upsilon)
- 1991: Marguerite McKay (Zeta)
Charlotte Sharpe (Mu)
Helen Sheldrick (Upsilon)
- 1993: Isobel Broadhurst (Kappa)
Hannah Griswold (Epsilon)
Linda Shea (Sigma)
- 1995: Anne Modugno (Alpha)
Elizabeth Coppeler (Epsilon)
Jeanne Morascini (Theta)
Posthumous Award
In honor of Joan C. Lee
- 1997: Gloria Dowaliby (Epsilon)
Nancy Scofield (Tau)
- 1999: Joan E. Haffey (Theta)
Judy C. Villa (Lambda)
- 2001: Barbara-Ann Cavanaugh (Kappa)
Phyllis Hickey (Theta)
Dr. Virginia James (Lambda)
Marcella Miller (Upsilon)
- 2003: Mary Connelly (Gamma)
Rita Ward (Gamma)
Pamela Solnik (Epsilon)
Eleanor Decker (Theta)
- 2005: Margaret Nielsen (Alpha)
Judith Cody (Zeta)
Patricia Lovelace (Xi)
- 2007: Carylrae Clinge (Epsilon)
Susan G. Salesses (Theta)
- 2009: Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta)
Carol H. Beam (Delta)
Donna Chaney (Zeta)
Patricia O'Connell-Buckley (Theta)



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Dates to Remember

July 20-23, 2011
Northeast Regional Conference
Hershey, PA

August 10, 2011
Summer Committee Meeting
Marnee's House

September 10, 2011
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Il Monticello (Meriden)

November 5, 2011
Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

January 21, 2012 [Snow Date: Jan. 28]
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Il Monticello (Meriden)

March 24, 2012
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Il Monticello (Meriden)

Saturday, April. 28, 2012
Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention

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Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
Saturday, November 5th
Courtyard by Marriott
Cromwell, CT

Embracing Our Vision:
Designing our Future

Hope to see you all there!

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In Hershey, PA
July 20—23**

**The following Alpha Kappa State
members will be presenting workshops.**

Dr. Jacqueline Abbott
Carol Kraus
Sue Moon
Jeanne Morascini
Margaret Nielsen
Pat O'Connell-Buckley
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