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Sharing Our Vision - Strengthening Our Chapters

Visions of Strong Chapters Dance in My Head

The keynote address at the 2013 AKS Spring Convention was presented by **Jeanne Morascini**. Jeanne, a self-proclaimed non-expert, proved otherwise, as she shared ideas on how to create strong chapters through an awareness of your own personal needs as well as those of your chapter. Jeanne has many accomplishments in and outside of Delta Kappa Gamma. One that she recently learned is that she is the only member in the history of Delta Kappa Gamma International to have served as Chapter President for four different chapters.

The focus of the first portion of the keynote was on the "YOUS" of each chapter. Jeanne invented this word to emphasize the importance of the fact that chapters are made up of individuals. She reminded attendees that by their

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A Message from Marnee



Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Society



Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Kappa State offer opportunities.....
to grow
to mentor
to make new friends
to explore
to lead

You took the opportunity to join this organization of leading women educators who impact education worldwide.

You have many more Delta Kappa Gamma opportunities waiting for you.

Have you signed up for the Northeast Regional Conference that is being held in Portland, Maine, this summer on July 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th? If not, register now – it's not too late.

Have you stepped up to take a leadership role on the Chapter, State, and/or International levels? More than 80 members have. They belong to the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board.

Pat O'Connell-Buckley, International Finance Committee member, and Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, International Educators Award Committee member, have.

Have you joined the ranks of Golden Gift Leaders?

Pat O'Connell-Buckley did in 1993.

Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone did in 2004.

Carol Kraus did in 2006.

Have you applied for a Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship?

Ginny James did in 1985 and received \$3,500 from the Edna McGuire Boyd Scholarship to attend the University of Connecticut.

Carol Beam did in 1995 and received \$5,000 from the Golden Anniversary Scholarship to attend Southern Connecticut State University.

Katie Nunn did in 2011 and received \$6,000 from the Golden Anniversary Scholarship to attend St. Joseph College.

Kathleen Lozinak did this year and received \$10,000 from the Alida Park Scholarship to attend Capella University for her doctorate.

Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Kappa State offer opportunities for others as well.

Chapter, State, and International scholarships and grants totaled more than \$1,700,000 during 2011-2012.

We sponsor two major projects: Schools for Africa and Supporting Early-Career Educators.

What opportunity will you take advantage of? What opportunity will you offer to others? Reach into your hearts and take hold of the opportunities. I have, and I thank all of you for the opportunities that you have offered to me. Reach out your hand and offer those opportunities to others. They will thank you, as well.

Marnee

ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



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very nature they are servants and spend a great deal of time and energy helping people who depend on them. She shared that though this is 'the engine that drives us', it does create stress. Jeanne defined stress as the perception that the demands you face exceed your ability to cope with them.

She expounded on the topic breaking down stressors as those outside of our control like weather, world events, death and illness and the stress we create for ourselves. She shared the tendency of some people to react negatively and "marinate" in their stress. Jeanne shared several strategies to help members work to consciously control the tendency to be negative.

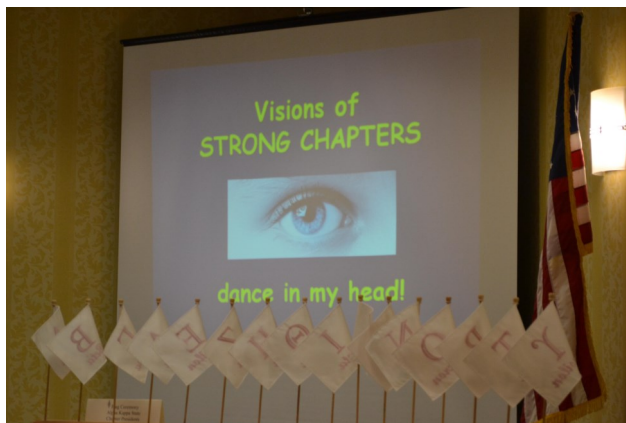
She asked people to remember that change is inevitable and can feel threatening because one doesn't have control, but how one chooses to respond is something that can be controlled. She reminded members of the fact that only 8% of the things people worry about ever come to pass. She asked members to consider adopting a calmer lifestyle. She reminded attendees that laughter is therapeutic and shared several amusing examples.

An additional strategy to battle stress and worry that Jeanne shared is deep breathing. Attendees were given a moment to practice and see for themselves how it lowers your blood pressure, slows your heart-rate and provides more oxygen to the brain to help you better cope.

The third strategy Jeanne shared had to do with adopting a peaceful mindset, Jeanne provided stickers for all to place on their bathroom mirrors as a reminder to start and end their day with positive thoughts. She asked members to remember to count their blessings, try to plan for any anticipated negative events and to take control of how they respond to the unavoidable stressful events of life.

The second part of the keynote focused on the varying needs of chapters and the individual "YOU" of which they are comprised. She shared that each chapter does have the potential for greatness because each individual member is great. The question presented was, "Why isn't every chapter strong?" She asked attendees to visualize their own chapter and to use given colored notepads that were distributed to record thoughts about DKG from their own perspective.

One paper was to focus on everything you enjoy about chapter meetings and events and the other was targeted for areas with which you were not totally happy. Comments were then posted for review during the break and would be transcribed and distributed to chapter presidents.



Jeanne then went on to outline the components of those chapters considered to be strong. Through a process of reflection and analysis, several essential components were uncovered: commitment, attitude, involvement, communication and leadership.

Jeanne stated, "A strong chapter needs a large executive board whose

members have a positive can-do attitude; who are committed to success; who believe in involving every member and who recognize the value of every cherished member and the need to communicate with all."

The keynote speaker then continued to outline the important role the chapter president plays. She emphasized that the duties of the president cannot be accomplished alone. She shared an excerpt from *Leading with Passion* by John J. Murphy to assist in motivating DKG leaders to see the value in their work.

Jeanne next covered the diversity of members and their varying ability to commit to activities. She shared ways to reach out to all members and reminded attendees to "Celebrate the Seniors." She suggested having programs and events that meet the diverse needs of all members. She stressed the importance of a relaxed planning meeting that everyone is invited to attend in early summer.

The final focus was on growing chapters. She stated that it is the responsibility of every member to recommend new members. She reminded attendees to be on the look-out for new members in varying aspects of the profession; and once new members are inducted, to nurture them and move them into leadership positions. In closing she reminded members to access the tremendous wealth of experience available from past leaders and successful chapters. She sent her sisters forth with "loving thoughts."

Jeanne modeled for all present the tremendous wealth of knowledge and expertise available right here in the Alpha Kappa State. Jeanne created and presented an outstanding program on how to create and maintain strong chapters. A special thanks to **Carolyn Downs** for her technological assistance with the power point for Jeanne and for supplying copies of the script and program to the chapter presidents.

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



IN MEMORIAM



White Roses

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

Karen Shinkman, Zeta Chapter March 31, 2013

Karen was initiated into Zeta Chapter on October 17, 2012. Born in Scranton, PA. May 26, 1952, she graduated with a BA from Mansfield College and an MA from SCSU. She was a math teacher for 36 years at Amity Regional High School Woodbridge, CT until her retirement in 2010. She was an active member in and served as past-president of the Amity Education Association. She also served on the Board of Directors of the CEA. She had been a member of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education being active in the evaluation of teacher education programs. At the national level, Karen represented Connecticut on the Resolutions Committee of the NEA. Throughout her teaching career Karen was a strong advocate for teacher rights and student needs. Karen had looked forward to serving AKS and Zeta chapter in a legislative role.

Mary Jane Miller, Delta Chapter April 17, 2013

Mary Jane Miller was initiated into Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in May of 2007. She served as first vice-president and was currently serving her first year of her biennium as chapter president.

She was raised in Stratford and graduated from UConn and the University of Bridgeport with a Master's Degree in Education. She worked at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury for a number of years and in the Watertown School system for fourteen years. In Watertown, she taught French and Spanish and served as the department coordinator since 2009. She also served as the advisor to the World Language Honor Society and French Club.

In addition to her Delta Chapter membership, Mary Jane was involved with the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) and the Connecticut Organization of Language Teachers (COLT). Teaching was her number one priority.

Mary Jane loved Europe and during her career traveled with students to such countries as France, Spain, Switzerland and Italy. She worked with American Council for International Studies (ACIS) so that all the students' experiences and tours blended learning with authentic cultural experiences while traveling. ACIS believes 'travel changes lives,' and Mary Jane uttered that phrase often as she traveled with students. It was Mary Jane's quest to enrich students' lives by showing them the beauty and history of Europe! Her 'joie de vivre' was living life to the fullest.

She was a passionate, loving and dedicated mother, grandmother and educator who will be greatly missed by her family, friends, former students and, especially, her Delta and AKS sisters.

2013 AKS Convention Ceremony of Life



**Theta Chapter President
Susan Salesses**



**Eta Chapter President
Marlene Ziegler**



**Nu Chapter President
Eileen Kinahan**



AKS 2013 Spring Convention Fine Arts Exhibit

Ten talented members from around the State of Connecticut contributed to the Fine Arts Exhibit at the Alpha Kappa State Convention. Attendees viewed the creations of the following artists: **Terry Azoti** (photography), **Jeannine Belisle** (watercolors), **Joan Cariglia** (acrylics), **Dot Drobney** (photography), **Eileen Festi** (oils), **Emma Hennig** (photography), **Shirle Jankowich** (watercolors), **Joan Krantz** (photography), **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** (photography), **Holly Torrant** (acrylics and watercolors) and **Angelia Whiting** (oils). This exhibit was a step toward coordinating with the new International Arts and Humanities Jury which was proposed and approved at the 2012 International Convention in New York City. In the future, the jury will rate and select members' artwork for online publication and other displays. Categories will include sound and motion in two and three dimensional art, performance art, literary efforts, photography and crafts.

Attendees of the convention thoroughly enjoyed viewing all the displayed pieces. On behalf of Alpha Kappa State, the Fine Arts Committee sincerely thanks the contributors to the exhibit for their awesome talent and hard work. It was greatly appreciated.

**Mary Ellen Ulatowski, Lambda Chapter
AKS Fine Arts Chair**



Art Work by **Angelia Whiting, Beta Chapter**



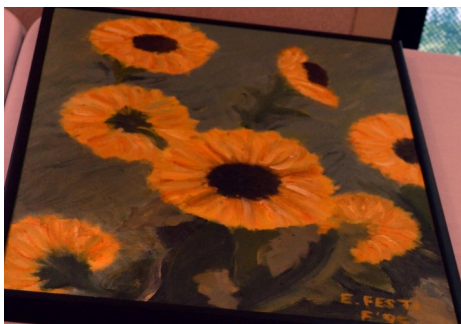
Photography by **Emma Hennig, Upsilon Chapter**



Acrylics by **Joan Cariglia, Theta Chapter**



Watercolors by **Jeanine Belisle, Epsilon Chapter**



Oil painting by **Eileen Festi, Rho Chapter**



Photography by **Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Beta Chapter**



AROUND THE

GAMMA

The March dinner meeting of Gamma Chapter was held at the Brickview Inn, the student-managed dining room at the Norwich Free Academy. The meal was delicious, the speaker was inspiring, and our membership grew by two when **Lisa Marien** and **Marilyn Lowney** were initiated. Lisa, a music teacher for over 20 years, currently works at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London. Marilyn, an honorary member, is currently executive director of the Haitian Health Foundation, where she has worked for over 25 years. This foundation has established clinics and schools in Haiti.

After the three-course meal was served, Dr. Ann Flammang, the first tenured woman captain at the United States Coast Guard Academy, was introduced by **Dr. Faye Ringel**. Dr. Flammang made an impassioned plea for all teachers to find ways to incorporate the arts into their courses at this time when so much funding for the arts is being cut. She reminded members that "art calls us out of ourselves into a circle of others."

Guests at this meeting, in addition to Dr. Flammang's husband, were Turquoise McBride and Cheray Fitzgerald. In addition to the various standing committee reports, a review of the changes in the Standing Rules, sections 4-6, was made. **Vickie Baker** was thanked for her outstanding work in this area.

The May meeting began with an inspirational ceremony honoring all teachers, but especially those from Sandy Hook. **Sue Danilowicz** prepared the tribute, which included photos of the slain educators, and turned on candles as each name was read. This moving ceremony reflected the part that Gamma Chapter played at the Spring Convention when **Reggie Tate**, assisted by **Linda Shea** and **Leonille Kadambaya**, led the Ceremony of Life.

After regular business matters were handled, Reggie summarized the events of the Spring Convention. She was especially grateful for ideas about how to relieve stress and how to build a stronger chapter. Finally, chapter members put the finishing touches on favors for the patients at Backus Hospital during Memorial Day weekend. A pencil and bow were attached to all the pads designed under the direction of Vickie Baker.

DELTA

At the May 15th meeting of Delta Chapter a tribute to **Chapter President Mary Jane Miller** was offered by **Joanne Chenkus**. "Madame Miller," as she was known to her students died on April 17th while on a trip to France, Germany and Switzerland with her Watertown High School students.

Monica Kreuzer was installed as Delta Chapter president to fill the vacancy. **Pauline Auclair** was then installed as first vice president.

Professional Affairs Chair Claudette LaFlamme

presented the 2013 Delta Chapter Book Grant to Morgan Elizabeth Goodrich, a senior at Bristol Eastern High School. She will attend University of Connecticut, and her anticipated field of study is Special Education (K-8). Morgan volunteered in a learning disabilities classroom this year. In her application Morgan wrote, "I hope that I can help these students to more positively experience their world, as they have positively touched mine." In addition, she is captain of the varsity softball team.

Kathleen Ciarlo, a retired reading teacher from Watertown, and **Deborah Manning**, a business teacher at Simsbury High School, were initiated into Delta Chapter. A warm welcome is extended to both of them.

The following members of Delta Chapter were honored at the AKS Spring Convention for their years of membership: **Mildred Reed** and **Elizabeth Zaharek** for 50 years, **Janice Sambuco** for 40 years and **Carol Beam** for 30 years.

EPSILON

On March 14th, Epsilon Chapter conducted a business meeting at the home of **Arlene Lastrina** in Wethersfield. Four Teachers of the Year from surrounding towns accepted an invitation from **Joan Krantz** as a result of the state executive membership committee's initiative to increase membership. It is hoped that these fabulous women will decide to join the chapter. Kathi St. Onge, Wethersfield Curriculum Specialist, was the speaker at this meeting. She gave an overview of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and the new testing initiatives that will accompany these standards.

Katie Nunn, **Joanne Charbonneau**, **Diane Wassenhove** and **Carylrae Clinge** attended the Spring Convention; and all worked together with **Ellen Murtha** to make the raffle a great success!

The final business meeting of the year will be held on June 28th at the beach home of **Carol Koladicz**. Families are welcome, and it will be a great way to end the first year of this biennium.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter was pleased to have had thirty members attend the AKS Spring Convention. Members were especially proud as it was at this meeting that Zeta's own member, **Terry Azoti**, was installed as AKS President for the upcoming biennium. Congratulations **Terry!**

Congratulations are also in order for **Julia Nicefaro** who received her 30 year membership pin at the Convention.

Zeta Chapter was saddened by the sudden passing of new member, **Karen Shinkman**.



NUTMEG STATE

The final meeting of the school year was held June 5th at the Whitney Center in Hamden, where three new members were accepted for membership. They will be welcomed at the Initiation Dinner Meeting in October.

Several Zeta members will be making the trip to Portland, Maine, this July to attend the NE Regional Conference. Zeta members are encouraged to continue to mentor early educators in their area.



AKS President Terry Azoti and members of Zeta Chapter at the 2013 AKS Spring Convention.

THETA

Theta Chapter held its Spring Fling on April 1st at the Mansfield Discovery Depot. Diane Meade shared her Phoenix Re-Fashion program. She showed members how wardrobes can be modified to create a more stylish look. Old skirts can be made into scarves and sleeves removed from a blazer to create a vest. Members will bring fashion accessories to the next meeting to swap! Home-made pies were sampled as all socialized and then hurried home to watch UConn in the NCAA finals!

Theta Chapter members prepared and served its second meal this year at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic with help from the chapter's little sisters at the Journey House. A donation to the Danielson Soup Kitchen was also made.

Twelve members attended the AKS Spring Convention to hear Theta's own **Jeanne Morascini** as the keynote speaker. Theta Chapter is also proud of **Carol Kraus**, a 2013 AKS Achievement Award recipient!

The Bakeless Bake Sale replenished the chapter's scholarship funds with members only having to write a check. Thank you to Jane Moynihan for organizing it!

At the May 23rd meeting at Freedom Green in Mansfield members welcomed AKS President Marnee Straiton as the guest! Four new members were initiated, and the chapter honored its 2013 retirees: **Sharon Bartlett**, **Norma Fisher-Doiron**, **Carol Kraus** and **Barbara Zirakzadeh**!

MU

It has been a busy year for the members of Mu Chapter. In March, members heard of a school in Africa in need of supplies, and the chapter donated to the school. Caroline Lloyd, daughter of **Shelley Lloyd**, a Mu member, thanked us for the school supplies.

At the chapter's May Scholarship Dinner, **Dr. Sally Swanson** was presented with her 30-year pin. Sally is also chairman of the chapter's Scholarship Committee, and she presented Mu's two \$1,000 grants to Annie McPherson and Mary Kate Dyson. Annie has just completed her freshman year at Middlebury College. Mary Kate will be graduating from Farmington High School in June and will be attending UCONN's West Hartford branch in the fall. Annie's mother accepted for Annie, as she was taking her finals and along with Mary Kate and her family attended the Scholarship Dinner.

New members were initiated into Mu Chapter. They are **Alberta Culley**, a recent retiree from Squadron Line School in Simsbury; **Michelle Gladue**, a sixth grade teacher at Thompson Brook School in Avon; and **Kelly Loveday**, a World Language teacher at Lewis Mills High School in Region 10. After the initiation, they were welcomed by the chapter members.

In June, Mu members will be holding a wrapping party for Books for Babies. The books will be donated to the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain to be given to new mothers.

RHO

Rho Chapter met in January for a pizza and movie night at Birch Grove Primary School in Tolland. Members viewed the movie *Temple Grandin* as a follow-up to the autism program presented by two members in November. A lively discussion followed the movie. In March, members once again enjoyed a beading workshop at the South Windsor Public Library with Sandy Merrill of East Longmeadow, MA. Members created lovely beaded jewelry and made the necklace and earrings which were donated to the AKS Spring Convention Raffle. The final meeting was a Potluck Dinner at Crandall's Lodge in Tolland. This meeting included a presentation by **Dr. Jackie Abbott** on her role as the past AKS UN Delegate. AKS Member Service Pins were presented that evening to **Jackie Abbott** for 40 years and **Brina Abrahams** for 30 years. The 2012-13 Teacher of the Year recipients from the Rho area were invited to the potluck dinner to introduce them to Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa State and Rho Chapter.



Membership Mantra—The Three R's

With a new biennium comes a new membership initiative. For 2014-2015, there are two parts to the initiative. One focus will be on the THREE "R" Mantra: **Retain, Reinstate and Re-"New."** The number one priority is for all chapters to RETAIN their current members. And the question is how can we do that? To begin, each member needs to accept the fact that lives change and people get busy in different ways whether they are still working or retired, but maintaining membership in DKG can be a constant source of emotional support from DKG sisters. Retaining members also means we need to reach out to sisters and stay connected even if we or they miss a meeting or two.

Another part of the membership mantra is to REINSTATE. Those friendships forged in becoming a member can be very strong and when a sister decides to drop membership for whatever reason, we need to find out why. Again, communication is key. Once a sister drops out, she may feel awkward about returning after staying away for a long period of time so a phone call, a note, an email might be just enough for her to feel comfortable. Also, difficult or complicated life circumstances that caused them to leave the chapter may have abated and they may be ready to rejoin. However, we won't know that unless we invite members back.

And the third "R" of the mantra is RE-"NEW." **The goal is to add TWO new members during the two year biennium.** We need to energize our chapters with new members who can share their enthusiasm, personal and professional experiences, and their energy. Once we invite strong candidates for membership, communicate our mission and purposes and inform them about our chapters' activities and programs, we can tap their ideas and resources to strengthen our chapters.

The second focus of the initiative is for each chapter to create its own measurable goal, such as a specific number of invitations to early career educators, a percentage increase in new members, or a specific number of reinstatements. Sharing the goals and your successes with meeting the goals can boost the morale of your own chapter, as well as DKG sisters around the state.

So at every meeting this year review your own membership goal and recite the Membership Mantra:

RETAIN, REINSTATE, RE-"NEW."
Good luck!

**Joan Krantz, Delta Chapter
AKS Membership Chair**





In Memory 2012

To honor the memory of the victims of the Sandy Hook Tragedy on December 14, 2012, the Connecticut State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has made a contribution to the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee to continue its work against violence in the world.



Anita Satriano

Committee Chair



A Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World



Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World
Chair Anita Satriano
Founder Jeanne Morascini



Tribute Table



ALPHA KAPPA STATE ACHIEVERS

Kathleen Lozinak, Omicron Chapter, is the recipient of the 2013 DKG International Alida Park \$10,000 Scholarship. Kathleen is pursuing her Doctorate from Capella University. She was also named 2013 Stratford Teacher of the Year.

Kimberly Albro, Zeta Chapter, was selected as the 2013 Hartford Teacher of the Year. Kim is a teacher at the Renzulli Academy for the Gifted and Talented in Hartford.



Alpha Kappa State 2013 Membership Award Pin Recipients

Congratulations to the following Alpha Kappa State members

60 years

Carol A. Moore, *Beta*

50 years

Ruth Wilson, *Alpha*
Claire E. Fulcher, *Beta*
Mildred Reed, *Delta*

Elizabeth Zaharek, *Delta*
Mary N. Hatzis, *Iota*
Mary P. Roberts, *Iota*

40 years

Mary E. DeAngelis, *Beta*
Janice L. Sambuco, *Delta*
Louann Daragan, *Iota*
Judy L. Costa, *Lambda*

Joyce O'Dea, *Lambda*
Pauline E. Randall, *Nu*
Jacqueline A. Abbott, *Rho*
Joan M. Quilter, *Tau*

30 years

Marilyn J. Maxwell, *Alpha*
Joanne Zammit, *Alpha*
Carol H. Beam, *Delta*
Rita A. Landino, *Zeta*
Julia V. Nicefaro, *Zeta*

Frances M. Pagliaro, *Zeta*
Roberta VanNostrand, *Iota*
Sally Swanson, *Mu*
Brina S. Abrahams, *Rho*
Frances Barber, *Upsilon*

25 years

Carolyn C. Gilbert, *Alpha*
Lurline McLaughlin LaPolla, *Alpha*
Caralliene Westbrook, *Alpha*
Carolyn Dickens, *Beta*
Angelia Whiting, *Beta*

Joan A. Konareski, *Lambda*
Karen J. Smith, *Lambda*
Karen A. Hicks, *Upsilon*
Lisa H. Hudkins, *Upsilon*
Beverly B. Sanders, *Upsilon*



(l. to r.) Lisa Hudkins (25 years), Joan Konareski (25 years), Angelia Whiting (25 years), Carolyn Dickens (25 years), Julia Nicefaro (30 years) and Carol Beam (30 years)

AKS President Marnee Straiton (left) and AKS Membership Chair Joan Krantz (right) with Membership Pin recipients: Pauline Randall (40 years) Mary Roberts (50 years) and Mildred Reed (50 years)



Spring Convention Photos



Mu Chapter members Janet Ferraris and President Patty Faulkner at registration table



(l. to r.) AKS Executive Secretary Linda Shea, AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney, AKS Assistant Treasurer Joan Haffey and Incoming AKS President Terry Azoti



Holly Torrant, Tau Chapter, with AKS Chapter Presidents during flag ceremony organized by Tau



Jeanne Morascini (Theta Chapter) Convention keynote speaker

Epsilon Chapter members Joanne Charbonneau and President Katie Nunn announce the winners of the fundraiser.





2013 Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award Recipients



Carol Kraus
Theta Chapter
Initiated in 1997

Chapter Achievements:

President
 First Vice-President
 Second Vice-President

State Achievements:

Parliamentarian
 Leadership Development Committee
 Chapter Ambassador
 President
 First Vice-President
 Second Vice-President
 Fine Arts Committee Chair
 Curriculum of Hope Committee

International Achievements:

Golden Gift Leadership Recipient
 Attended several Regional Conferences,
 Including London, Germany and Iceland
 Attended all International Conventions for the
 Past ten years.
 Presented at breakout sessions in London,
 Germany, Iceland, San Diego and
 Arkansas.

Carol has been actively involved at the chapter, state and International levels since the day she was initiated. She is always willing to take on responsibilities and always follows through with extreme diligence. It is a privilege to honor her with the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award for 2013



Marnee Straiton
Iota Chapter
Initiated in 2001

Chapter Achievements:

Treasurer
 President
 First Vice-President
 Membership Chair
 Scholarship Chair

State Achievements:

President
 Standing Rules Committee
 First Vice-President
 Second Vice-President
 Bylaws Revisions Committee Chair
 Expansion Committee Chair

International Achievements:

Attended Northeast Regional Conferences in 2009 and 2011
 Attended International Conventions in 2004, 2008, 2010 and 2012
 Arranged AKS Dinners at the Hershey Northeast Regional Conference in 2011 and at the New York City International Convention in 2012

Marnee has been an active, involved member of Delta Kappa Gamma at the chapter, state and International levels. When she serves on a committee or accepts a position, she follows through on all responsibilities and expectations of the job. As president of AKS, she has listened to and solicited input from executive board members and chapter presidents to address concerns and to improve communication. She is approachable and encourages members to become involved. Marnee's commitment and contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma make her a highly qualified and deserving candidate. It is a privilege to honor her with the Alpha Kappa State Achievement Award for 2013.



Past AKS Achievement Award Recipients

- 1989: Camella R. Maiewski (Epsilon)
Rheta Lange (Zeta)
Ella Rice (Kappa)
Dr. Jacqueline Abbott (Rho)
Elizabeth Sonier (Upsilon)
- 1991: Marguerite McKay (Zeta)
Charlotte Sharpe (Mu)
Helen Sheldrick (Upsilon)
- 1993: Hannah Griswold (Epsilon)
Isobel Broadhurst (Kappa)
Linda Shea (Sigma)
- 1995: Anne Modugno (Alpha)
Elizabeth Coppeler (Epsilon)
Jeanne Morascini (Theta)
Posthumous Award
In honor of Joan C. Lee (Rho)
- 1997: Gloria Dowaliby (Epsilon)
Nancy Scofield (Tau)
- 1999: Joan E. Haffey (Theta)
Judy C. Villa (Lambda)
- 2001: Phyllis Hickey (Theta)
Barbara-Ann Cavanaugh (Kappa)
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)
- 2011: Judy E. Pflum (Gamma)
Nancy Roy (Delta)
Theresa A. Azoti (Zeta)



(l. to r.) Joan Konareski (Lambda), Achievement Awards Committee Chair; Marnee Straiton (Iota Chapter) 2013 AKS Achievement Award recipient; Carol Kraus (Theta Chapter), 2013 AKS Achievement Award recipient; and Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone (Beta Chapter), Chapter Ambassador and AKS Nominations Committee Chair



AKS Communications Chair Judy Cody congratulates AKS Photographer Carolyn Downs, editor of the Zeta Zone

Congratulations to the recipients of the
2013 AKS Chapter Newsletter Awards
Most Newsworthy Beta and Lambda
Most Creative Upsilon and Iota
Best Overall Zeta



Alpha Kappa State

Dates to Remember

July 24-27, 2013
Northeast Regional Conference
Portland, Maine

August 14, 2013
Summer Informal AKS Meeting

September 21, 2013
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Meriden Public Library

November 2, 2013
Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

January 11, 2014 (Snow Date: Jan. 25)
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Meriden Public Library

March 8, 2014 (Snow Date: March 22)
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Meriden Public Library

Saturday, April. 26, 2014
Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention
75th Birthday Celebration
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)



Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference
Saturday, November 2nd
Courtyard by Marriott
Cromwell, CT

Sharing Our Vision:
Strengthening Our Society

Hope to see you all there!

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