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## 2015-17 Alpha Kappa State Officers



(l. to r.) First Vice President Patricia O'Connell Buckley, Recording Secretary Kimberly Albro, President Joan Konareski, Second Vice President Lisa Hudkins and Treasurer Donna Chaney

### **Anita G. Satriano, Theta Chapter 2015 AKS Achievement Award Recipient**



At the Spring Convention **Deborah B. Soresino, AKS Achievement Award Committee Chair**, presented the 2015 award to **Anita G. Satriano**. Anita was initiated into Theta Chapter in 1975. On the chapter level, she has served as second vice president, first vice president, president and Curriculum of Hope Committee chair.

On the State level, Anita has served on the communications committee, finance committee, co-chair of the program committee, chair of the nominations committee and chair of the AKS Curriculum of Hope Committee. She was a presenter for the Curriculum of Hope at the 2010 Fall Conference.

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## A Message from Terry



Sharing Our Vision—Strengthening Our Chapters

Dear Members,

Many members received a copy of the new International brochure, *A Journey for Life*, at our successful Spring Convention in April. Its purpose is to interest prospective members to join our Society. In addition to the many member benefits described, the very best one for me has been meeting and enjoying the company of diverse members throughout the state, all of whom have welcomed me to their meetings, their homes and into their lives. We have talked together, listened together, played together, laughed together and even cried together. I am grateful and honored that I have had the privilege to serve and to lead as your state president. My very best wishes are extended to the 2015-2017 state officers for a successful biennium! It is hoped that in the future more of you will say “yes” to DKG leadership roles, much as you have done in your classrooms and your lives. YOU can help strengthen your chapters, your state organization and the International Society.

This biennium, state goals set have been accomplished and include:

- ◆ a very successful 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the 2014 spring convention
- ◆ two International speakers during the biennium, **Dr. Lynn Schmid**, now International President, and **Cathy Daugherty**, International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- ◆ the induction of an International Honorary member, **Cora Weiss**, at the 2014 fall conference with two Connecticut Curriculum of Hope members being those who nominated her for that honor
- ◆ an increase in State membership by 47 new and reinstated members, thanks to the state membership committee and chapter chairs.
- ◆ an update of the original guidelines for the Margaret H. Croft Honorary Fund, resulting in the granting of two awards, thanks to the work of the Margaret H. Croft Committee.
- ◆ the revision of standing rules by 100% of our chapters, thanks to the Bylaws Committee
- ◆ the addition of a Non-Dues Revenue Committee to our state committees (This committee is raising money to supplement our annual budget and raised over \$800 selling note cards last year. Its next events will be more card selling at the Northeast Regional Conference and a book sale at the next fall conference.)
- ◆ the establishment of an Ad Hoc Investment Committee to investigate investment options to help boost our grants and funds.
- ◆ the first evaluation of our state Strategic Action Plan, now in place for two years, which determined that we are continuing to achieve our state goals in Communications, Educational Impact, Finance, Leadership and Membership
- ◆ increased global awareness through conference and convention programs by keynote speakers, Sr. Caroljean Willie and Christine Ieronimo.
- ◆ the awarding of AKS grants to students from our state universities and high schools in the total amount for the biennium of \$9,500, thanks to the work of the Professional Affairs Committee (High school grants increased from three to four to include a new grant endowed through a generous donation from the estate of **Margaret Rose Nielsen**, past Alpha Kappa State President.)
- ◆ a member recently received an International Lucile Cornetet Scholarship to attend a national reading conference and another member received a state scholarship for graduate studies, due to the stepped up efforts of the Scholarship Committee (Both members were recognized at the 2015 Spring Convention.)
- ◆ a member was represented last year on the very first Gallery of Fine Arts for her paintings and one was recognized for her photographs this year in the Spring Gallery
- ◆ a member received assistance from the International Emergency Fund
- ◆ two members applied and were appointed to DKG International committees, and a third is continuing on an International committee
- ◆ finally, members presented breakout sessions at both the 2014 International Convention and will present at the 2015 Northeast Regional Conference

State committees and members have been working to sustain Alpha Kappa State and keep it moving forward. All members should share in the pride of the accomplishments of members of our small and mighty state!

Please be reminded of the opportunity we all have to attend the Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore from July 8-11. This is another occasion to grow professionally while also enjoying the fellowship of like-minded key women educators from twenty-two Northeastern states. Hope you will consider joining us this summer for another memorable event!

Sincerely,

*Terry*



## Why Educating Girls in Ethiopia and Around The World Can Change the World



Members in attendance at the Spring Convention greatly enjoyed the presentation by keynote speaker, Christine Ieronimo. Her presentation entitled *Why Educating Girls in Ethiopia and Around the World Can Change the World* was extremely thought provoking and dealt directly with many of the goals of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

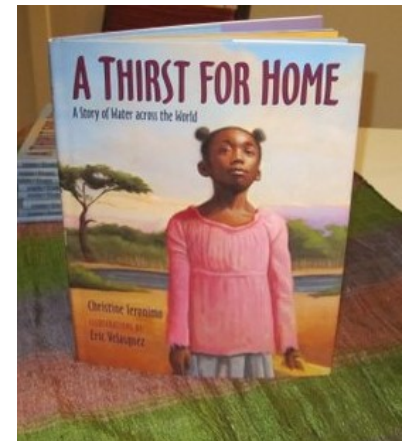
As stated in her biography, Christine lives in Bristol with her husband and four children, including adopted daughter, Eva. Christine traveled to Ethiopia to adopt Eva in 2008. She shared this story of the process of adoption and explained how that first trip and encounter with the birth mother drove her desire to write the book. The story highlights women of the world who must walk long distances to obtain water for their families. She felt a strong calling to give voice to the women and girls around the world who are burdened by the task of providing water for their families. She wrote the book as fiction, but the story is real for women and girls in many regions of the world.

Christine shared a video clip of a subsequent trip five years later and her participation at that time in the walk for water that women and girls do on a daily basis. She described the struggle and pain she felt carrying the half full water jug. She informed attendees that only 35% of people in the region have access to clean water, and that in many

cultures it is the girls who collect the water. This daily time-consuming responsibility makes it impossible for these girls to attend school.

The published book, *A Thirst for Home*, was read to wide-eyed members and guests, and reiterated the need that the best way to change the world is to educate a girl. Christine shared the use of education as a way to fight poverty and terrorism, and improve health. "An educated girl," she stated, "grows up to educate her daughters and show her sons the value of women." She strongly advocates for the education of girls while acknowledging the many worthwhile projects that exist in the area. She discussed several of her recent contributions to the people of Ethiopia, including a motor-bike and a generator. She shared that her funds come from a variety of sources including local donors and schools.

Christine maintains a website ([christineieronimo.com](http://christineieronimo.com)) and Facebook page if members are interested in further information or in supporting this worthy cause.



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

## Ellen Festi, Rho Chapter AKS Ella E. Rice Scholarship Recipient



**AKS Scholarship Chair Kim Albro** presented the Ella E. Rice Scholarship to **Ellen Festi** at the AKS Spring Convention held in Cromwell on April 25th. Ms. Festi is a second career high school business teacher in South Windsor and has been an active member of Rho Chapter for the past four years where she currently serves as vice president. Ellen has participated at the DKG state and international levels, as well. She shared an original oil painting at the 2014 Spring Convention and also presented a workshop entitled, *Creative Assessment Alternatives—Cartoons and Comics* at the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis last July. Ellen is enrolled in a graduate program at the University of St. Joseph with plans to receive her sixth year diploma in curriculum and instruction. Congratulations to Ellen Festi as this year's Ella E. Rice Scholarship recipient!

**Kimberly Albro, AKS Scholarship Chair**

(l. to r.) **Ellen Festi and Kim Albro**





## IN MEMORIAM



### *White Roses*

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

#### **Carol A. Moore, Beta Chapter May 12, 2014**

Ms. Carol A. Moore, 88, was a 65-year resident of Weston and a lifetime member of Beta Chapter. She was inducted into Kappa Chapter December 1, 1953 and later transferred into Beta Chapter. Carol received an Alpha Kappa State Service pin in recognition of 50 years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma in 2013.

Carol graduated from Wheelock College with a bachelor's degree in 1948 and then went on to get her Master's Degree in education. She taught in Weston for 35 years and retired in 1983. She ran the local Girl Scout Camp for many years.

Carol was a very active member who served on the arts committee, the social committee and the ways and means committee for many years. She often opened her home to Kappa Chapter for its Annual Green Tree Tea. Her home was always beautifully decorated, including little Annalee Christmas characters peeking out from unexpected places.

Her great love was the Arts, and she often shared information at meetings about her trips to museums and operas she had attended in the United States and London. England was her favorite destination. Carol's health curtailed her participation in both chapters in her later years. Carol will be missed by her family, friends and her Beta sisters.

#### **Doris Gale Mason, Nu Chapter November 9, 2014**

Doris was initiated into Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in October 1982. She was an active member and served on several committees. Doris was the Chapter Treasurer for many years and attended state and International conventions. Doris spent her early teaching years in India. She then taught in Norwalk for 36 years before retiring in 1988.

She was a member of the Southern Fairfield County Teacher's Association. In addition to her Nu Membership, Doris was a longtime volunteer with Friends of the Norwalk Public Library and the Norwalk Historical Society. She was a driver for FISH, a local volunteer organization that provides transportation to medical appointments for those in need. She also served as a docent for the Norwalk Lockwood-Matthews Mansion, a national historic landmark. Doris had a passion for travel and was able to travel around the world, most recently returning to India where she began her teaching career.

#### **Marjorie F. Grant, Theta Chapter February 17, 2015**

Marge was initiated into Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1987. She graduated from Marygrove College where she developed a love of musical and theatrical productions. She then received a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern CT State University.

Marge served as a substitute teacher in area schools and later served as a junior high and middle school reading teacher at Regional School District Eight (RHAM) until her retirement in 1990. In addition to her Theta Chapter membership, she held office in the Beckish Senior Center in Columbia, PTA, Fire Department Auxiliary and the Holy Name Society. For the past twenty years she served as editor for the Columbia Crossroads, a hometown newspaper with a distribution of 2,600.

#### **Barbara Kennedy Shortell, Lambda Chapter May 21, 2015**

Barbara was initiated into Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in April of 1984. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford in 1970, and a Master of Arts in English in 1977 from Southern Connecticut State University. Barbara taught English at Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford for 18 years.

In addition to her chapter membership, Barbara was a member of the SCSU Alumni Association, The University of St. Joseph's Alumni Association, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. and a past member of The Farms Country Club in Wallingford.

Declining health prevented her from continuing as an active member; however, she faithfully continued her membership each year. This generous act helped to fund grants, scholarships and initiatives on the local, state and International levels.



*IN MEMORIAM*  
(Continued)



Charlotte J. Sharp  
Former Mu Chapter and AKS member  
July 5, 1928 - April 8, 2015



Charlotte was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1959. She transferred to Mu Chapter where she served as president, first vice president, chair of the hospitality, nominations, program of work and standing rules revision committees. She was a dedicated and caring chapter member.

On the state level Charlotte was chair of the nominations, personal growth and services, as well as growth and development committees. In addition, she served as chair of Alpha Kappa State's outstanding 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.

On the International level she was a member of the Northeast Regional Planning Committee and attended a variety of regional conferences and International conventions.

After moving to Maine, she became a charter member of Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Psi State which was installed on September 12, 1997. Charlotte was honored at the Alpha Psi State 2010 convention for her dedication and service for DKG for 51 years.

Charlotte received her bachelors and masters degrees from Boston University School of Education. She completed further graduate studies at the University of Connecticut.

Charlotte loved children and literature, and taught all grades from first grade through graduate school. At various times, she was classroom teacher, reading teacher, reading consultant and then Director of Reading in Farmington, Connecticut. She supervised graduate reading clinics at both the University of Hartford and Trinity College. She also initiated secondary reading programs in the Bloomfield and Fairfield Schools.

In retirement, Charlotte moved to Parsonsfield, Maine where she helped to reopen the Parsonsfield Library and became its librarian. She also became a member of the Saco River Festival Association and enjoyed their many concerts.

She was a life member of NERA and NEA. She served on the Board of the Connecticut Reading Council and the Board of the New England Reading Association and chaired each of their conferences.

Charlotte died at the age of 86 in Parsonsfield, Maine. She is fondly remembered by her Mu and AKS sisters and will be truly missed. She is survived by her friend, companion and roommate, Janet Wade, her God-child, Leslie Buxton, of Stamford, CT and many friends.



Alpha Kappa State members extend their condolences to:

**AKS Sunshine Chair Linda Amarante** on the loss of her son, Peter

**AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney** on the loss of her twin sister, Debbie

**AKS Second Vice President Lisa Hudkins** on the loss of her father, Ralph Hann



# AROUND THE

## ALPHA

This past April, **President Lucy Galasso** hosted the Alpha Chapter meeting at her home in Bedford, NY. Marty Bodach, author of *The Story of My Totem* was the guest speaker. Bodach of Mohawk ancestry shared her journey in finding her totem, which is our animal spirit guide. Everyone had something to think about after listening to her story. Also, at this meeting **Jean DiVincenzo** was unanimously voted in as Alpha's next member and was initiated at the chapter's annual banquet on May 19<sup>th</sup>. DiVincenzo was nominated by **Linnea Stenberg**. **Anne Modugno** led members in song at the banquet. Many thanks go out to **Barbara Holden** and **Carolyn Gilbert** for two years as hospitality hosts. The membership enjoyed great food that was beautifully presented under their leadership. Kendyl Northcot and Diana Lovermi were the two 2015 grant recipients of the Virginia Obrig Memorial Book Grant. **Claire Fishman** and **Karen Nagy** are the Alpha members who worked hard to find the candidates. The grants were presented at Greenwich High School's awards assembly on June 8<sup>th</sup>. **Elinor Carr**, **Clare Harding**, **Cindy Huppert**, and **Lucy Galasso** enjoyed attending the annual AKS Spring Convention.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter members met on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Carmen Anthony's Fish House in Woodbury. Barbara Moore, Executive Director of the Valley YMCA in Ansonia, was the guest presenter. Barbara spoke about the role the YMCA plays in the communities they serve. She shared the workings of several programs, including the Healthy Kids Campaign to benefit youth, the Y's Diabetes Prevention initiative and Silver Sneakers for older residents.

**Professional Affairs Chair Claudette LaFlamme** introduced this year's Delta Chapter Book Grant recipient and her parents. Maureen Pflomm will graduate from Watertown High School and is the daughter of Gary and Marie Pflomm. She will attend UConn in the fall to fulfill her dream of becoming a secondary teacher of mathematics. The selection committee was extremely impressed with her qualifications, her involvement in extracurricular activities and her outstanding achievements in academics and athletics.

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter held its final meeting of the year, the annual Sundae Social, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Whitney Center in Hamden. A plentiful supply of appetizers was enjoyed before the meeting and make-your-own-sundae portion of the afternoon. Membership Committee presented four applications for membership. These fine women will be initiated into Zeta Chapter at the October dinner meeting. Bryan Augustine, language arts teacher at Brown Middle School in Madison, and a graduate student in the Student Leadership Program at SCSU, was awarded the Marguerite McKay Grant of \$1000. Members were pleasantly surprised with a performance by the Branford High School Music Makers, an outstanding elect choral group directed by Cathyann Roding. A book exchange for summer reading was held. Best wishes to those Zeta members attending the International Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore in July. It promises to be a wonderful experience.

Zeta would like to both thank and congratulate member **Terry Azoti** for an outstanding job done as she completes her biennium as AKS State president. Her commitment to the Society was ever present as she took on all the responsibilities of the job. Zeta is proud of her leadership and her accomplishments these past two years. Best wishes to **Kim Albro**, newly elected Recording Secretary to the AKS Executive Board, and to AKS Finance Committee member **Claudia Grantham**.

The chapter ends the year and looks forward to its Welcome Back meeting in September. Happy and safe summer to all AKS members.

## THETA

Theta is happy to report that all instruments from the Chapter's Instrument Lending Library, organized by the late **Catherine Wade**, have been distributed to music departments throughout northeastern Connecticut. **Linda Tracy** led the distribution effort, aided by **Catherine Rowe** and **Sheila Clark**.

**Anita Satriano** received the Achievement Award at the State Convention on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the award is to honor members who have made significant contributions in chapter, state and international activities. Anita has consistently demonstrated her leadership as Curriculum of Hope chair, in key committee roles and offices, as co-chair of the Soup Kitchen, as chapter president and by attending International conventions and regional conferences. In 2014, she was the keynote speaker at the European Regional Breakfast at the DKG International Convention in Indianapolis. Additionally, the following members were cited for longevity of membership at the AKS State Convention and received pins and certificates: **Betty Brennan** (40), **Anita Satriano** (40), and **Marie Desautels** (25). **Joan Cariglia** (40), **Grace Farmer** (40), **Ellen Lathrop** (40), and **Edith Prague** (30), unable to attend, received their awards from the chapter.

Chapter members prepared and served a second meal at the Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on May 30<sup>th</sup>. **Jane Moynihan** organized a *No-Bake Bake Sale*, with proceeds benefiting scholarships to *Laurel Music Camp* and *Girls State*.

Theta's last meeting of the year, held on June 3, was a dinner banquet celebrating the end of another school year and the chapter's accomplishments. Three of the four new members were initiated: **Carol LaVigne**, a retired school nurse in Mansfield; **Lisa Shaw**, a reading teacher in Windham, and **Ann Tucker**, a pre-school teacher at Mansfield Discovery Depot. The fourth new member, **Andrea Gendron**, will be initiated later this summer. The chapter's annual *Elizabeth Jordan Scholarship* was presented to **Kaitlyn Murphy**, a deserving Eastern Connecticut University student. Items for the *Summer Splash* on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Journey House and board books for *Books for Babies* were also collected.



# NUTMEG STATE

## IOTA

2015 has been a good year for Iota. **President Sandy Gammons** and member **Jacqui Farrell** attended the CTAUN Conference at the United Nations in late January along with four other members of AKS. In April, seven Iota members attended the AKS Spring Convention in Cromwell. **Pat Kelly** received a 40-year member award pin, and **Lois Weiss** received her 30-year pin.

In March, Iota met at the Sarah Noble Intermediate School in New Milford. Along with the business meeting, Denise Fitch of the Green Spot in New Milford gave an informative and helpful presentation on *Establishing and Caring for a Maintenance-Free Perennial Garden*.

The annual auction and potluck was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at **Marnee Straiton's** house. The proceeds of the auction go towards the chapter's High School Book Grants and Graduate Program Scholarship. This year, two High School Book Grants were awarded in honor of long-time member **Mary Roberts**. The students were from Bethel High School and Henry Abbott Tech in Danbury. The organization also has received six applications for the Graduate Scholarship. Before the business meeting, **Anita Satriano** and **Jeanne Morascini** did a presentation about the Curriculum of Hope. They shared the inspiring first six months of the organization and an update on present day activities.

Members are looking forward to planning the 2015 - 2016 events at the annual meeting to be held during the summer in Stonington.

## LAMBDA

Winter's snow played havoc with Lambda's annual birthday dinner. Finally, in March, members convened at Gaetano's Tavern on Main in Wallingford. Candace Schaff, physical therapist and daughter of Lambda member, **Sandy Conway**, gave an informative presentation on women's wellness, focusing on diet and exercise as paths to a healthy mind and body. After a short business meeting, members enjoyed a buffet dinner, 1950's birthday trivia and birthday cupcakes.

Lambda's May meeting was held at Monticello's in Meriden. **Kathy Hanisko** announced the three high school grant recipients and shared highlights of their application essays and recommendations. The recipients of the \$500 grants were: Michael Rider from Maloney High School (attending Southern Connecticut State University in the fall), Jessi Rudewicz from Lyman Hall High School (attending Southern Connecticut State University in the fall) and Alice Chen from Cheshire High School (attending Duke University in the fall). Michael was on hand to receive his grant in person. He and his family were guests of Lambda for dinner that evening. After dinner, a short business meeting included a vote on the budget and changes to the Chapter's Standing Rules. To celebrate member **Joan Konareski's** installation as AKS President, Lambda Chapter treated her to dinner that evening.

Joan presented AKS membership award pins to **Margaret DiPersio** (30 years), **Elizabeth Martha** (30 years), **Sharon Manley** (25 years) and **Joanne Pfluger** (25 years).

Lambda's **Education Excellence Chair Joan Roczynski** hosted a planning meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Final touches were put on a calendar for the 2015-2016 year. Informative programs, including a visit from an author and a glimpse into a fifth grade classroom, will be on next year's agenda.

## MU

Mu Chapter had a wonderful spring. In March, a book meeting was held. Members contributed the titles of their favorite books before the meeting, and a book list was created and distributed at the meeting. Some of the members then talked about their favorite books on the list, as well. By the end of the meeting was, everyone had a wonderful annotated list of books to read for the summer.

In May, a new member was welcomed into the chapter. **Nora Goeler**, an art teacher at Avon Middle School, was initiated. Also at the May meeting, Mu Chapter presented a grant to Octavia Hall. She plans on attending UConn West Hartford or Manchester Community to pursue a major in special education. She wants to work with high school students. This summer members will meet to bundle the Books for Babies for the Hospital of Central Connecticut.

## NU

Nu Chapter kicked off the year in October with great enthusiasm at the home of **Karen Curth**. **Ann Novotnik** was installed as Nu Chapter's president during the evening, which also included great friendship, an Italian dinner and a special thanks/recognition to outgoing **Nu President Eileen Kinahan**.

The January meeting gave Nu an opportunity to try something a little different. Members enjoyed a book club/breakfast meeting at the home of **Debi Boccanfuso** on Saturday morning, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The chosen book was *The Compound Effect...Jumpstart your Income, Your Life, and Your Success* by Darren Hardy. It was such a hit that members planned another book club meeting.

Nu was very proud to have two more well-deserving women accept Life Membership Awards this year: **June Roberts** and **Marilyn Spence**. Sadly, Nu Chapter lost two of its sisters. **Doris Mason** died in early November and **Marilyn Spence** in May. They will be deeply missed. **Mary Skelton**, **Anna Chase**, **Pauline Randall** and **Mary Honeycutt** joined **President Ann** to honor Marilyn at a family celebration of life. **Marion Jewell** wrote an original poem to honor Marilyn.

Planning for the end of the year gathering is in the works for mid-June. Along with enjoying each other's company, members will be remembering Nu's sisters who passed away this past year, as well as celebrating **Jenny O'Grady's** 40 years of being a DKG member!



## AROUND THE NUTMEG STATE (continued)

### OMICRON

On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Omicron Chapter held its Spring Meeting at Tavern 1757 in Seymour. Chapter member, **Laurie Mihalcik Thayer**, was installed as corresponding secretary. New member, **Diane Toscano**, was initiated. The speaker for the evening was member, **Patricia Benner**, who spoke about her multi-faceted position in the Bridgeport School System. Patty is employed as a Special Education teacher who provides direct service to preschoolers in Head Start, YMCA and private preschools and day cares. She also is an integral member of the Parent-Child Program that meets four days a week at the Skane School. This program enhances play skills for preschoolers, as well as adult parenting skills. She also works with the Consultation Center which handles requests for special education services.

Crocheted lap afghans made by member **Pat Chaghatzbanian** were donated to the Griffin Hospital Cancer Care Center in honor and remembrance of Omicron Chapter members. Omicron Chapter will be selling DKG apparel at the Fall Conference.

### RHO

Rho held two spring meetings. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the chapter met at South Windsor Public Library for pizza and craft sharing. Members brought their own craft projects and enjoyed sharing their hobbies with others. It was voted to give Rho's community service donation to the Vernon Arts Center for a children's program.

The final meeting was held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Crandall Pond Lodge in Tolland. Those attending enjoyed a potluck dinner, book swap, teacup raffle and fellowship. Members who attended the AKS Spring Convention also shared their reflections on the convention.

Congratulations to Rho member **Ellen Festi** on receiving an AKS graduate school scholarship and also winning the first-timer raffle for a free ticket to a future AKS conference or convention.

In July, Rho Chapter will be holding a planning meeting for the 2015-16 year.



Installation of 2015-17 AKS Officers (l. to r.) President Terry Azoti, Incoming President Joan Konareski, Incoming First Vice President Patricia O'Connell Buckley, Recording Secretary Sue Carpenter, Incoming Recording Secretary Kim Albro, Second Vice President Deb Soresino and Incoming Second Vice President Lisa Hudkins.

**Welcome to our New and Reinstated  
AKS Members  
reported as of May 27, 2015**



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

### ALPHA

Jean DiVincenzo—Greenwich

### BETA

Kathleen Flanagan- Trumbull  
Margaret Fedell - Trumbull  
Jeanne Malgioglio - Monroe





**ALPHA KAPPA STATE  
ACHIEVERS**



**Alpha Kappa State President Terry Azoti, Zeta Chapter**, has three of her photographs published on the Spring 2015 DKG International Gallery of Fine Arts. The images are titled *Fire 'n Ice Parrot Tulip*, *Sunflowers* and *Entwined Calla Lilies*. Congratulations to Terry from her AKS sisters. Terry's photos can be seen on the International website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

**Alpha Kappa State Keynote Editor Carol Beam, Delta Chapter**, was one of five women inducted into the New Britain YWCA Women in Leadership 'Academy Honorees.' The criteria for selection is that the honorees share a commitment to encouraging women to fulfill their dreams and excel in their careers in their communities. They are saluted for their extraordinary personal and professional accomplishments. They stand out and excel while making a positive difference in people's lives and are role models for other women. The 2015 Women in Leadership luncheon was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville.

**Alpha Kappa State Curriculum of Hope Committee Chair Anita Satriano, Theta Chapter**, was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of St. Joseph. Since 1974, the USJ Alumni Association has celebrated the accomplishments of its alumni with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Five alumni are honored each year. In May, Anita received the Mary Rosa McDonough Award for outstanding service and distinction in education.

"I am overwhelmed and very humbled by the award," said Satriano. "I have lived my life doing what I felt was important in my profession, my church and my community. By recognizing the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, the extraordinary women on the Curriculum Committee are also being honored by the University of Saint Joseph for making a difference in the world. For that I am truly grateful."

**AKS Professional Affairs Committee**

The Professional Affairs Committee reviewed over 100 applications this spring and awarded four High School Grants to well-deserving recipients. These students from Stonington, Newington, Wethersfield and Farmington received a total of \$2,500 from the **Elizabeth Sonier Grant** for a senior entering a planned program in music education, the **Hannah Griswold Grant** for a minority high school senior, the **Lee Formica Grant** for a high school senior entering a planned program in teacher education and our first year of the **Margaret Rose Nielsen Grant** for a senior pursuing a degree in math, science or technology education. Our state universities selected junior/senior students enrolled in an education program, who are Connecticut residents evidencing qualities for future leadership in education, to receive a \$500 grant each. These grants are disbursed using foundational money left to AKS by members' bequests. Many thanks to **Helen Moroney, Ida Siedel, Mary Mahoney, Vera Butler, Flora Lister and Rheta Lange**. Your memories and thoughtfulness create wonderful opportunities for many. We should all be proud of the past, present and future we have and will create with these awards.

Since 1951, Alpha Kappa State has been upholding our purposes through these grants. Each year approximately \$5,000 is given to support men and women who show the potential for distinctive service in all fields of education. Over the last six years we have supported many students awarding \$12,500 in high school grants and \$15,000 in university grants for an aggregate total of \$27,500. Congratulations!

**Carol Kraus, AKS Professional Affairs Committee Chair**

**ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT**

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



# Alpha Kappa State 2015 Membership Award Pin Recipients

Congratulations to the following Alpha Kappa State members

### 60 years

Alma J. Collins, *Mu*

### 50 years

Marilyn V. Spence, *Nu*

### 40 years

Mary E. Connell, *Beta*  
Isabel L. Trudeau, *Beta*  
Carol Sbabo, *Zeta*  
Genevieve J. Rafferty, *Eta*  
Betty Brennan, *Theta*  
Grace P. Farmer, *Theta*  
Anita G. Satriano, *Theta*  
Lola W. Guglietta, *Mu*

Carolyn H. Miller, *Beta*  
Eileen Akers, *Gamma*  
Bettye R. Fletcher, *Eta*  
Cecelia S. Whelan, *Eta*  
Joan F. Cariglia, *Theta*  
Ellen W. Lathrop, *Theta*  
Patricia L. Kelly, *Iota*  
Jennie P. O'Grady, *Nu*

### 30 years

Karen Ruppel D'Auria, *Gamma*  
Elayne S. Canter, *Zeta*  
Edith G. Prague, *Theta*  
Margaret M. DiPersio, *Lambda*  
Patricia M Chaghatzbanian, *Omicron*  
Cynthia C. Prelli, *Upsilon*

Barbara A. Dombrowski *Gamma*  
Betty S. Tylaska, *Eta*  
Lois Heckler Weiss, *Iota*  
Elizabeth A. Martha, *Lambda*  
Arlene A. Clancy, *Omicron*

### 25 years

Janess Coffina, *Alpha*  
Brenda Monroe-Fitzpatrick, *Epsilon*  
Pamela J. Solnik, *Epsilon*  
Ruth O. Meinsen, *Zeta*  
Susan Daniels, *Lambda*  
Joanne L. Pfluger, *Lambda*  
Christine O'Connor, *Mu*  
Susan Carpenter, *Tau*

Frances A. Flynn, *Delta*  
Janie Pertillar, *Epsilon*  
Mary Janeczek, *Zeta*  
Marie B. Desautels, *Theta*  
Sharon Ann Manley, *Lambda*  
Halina Mirecki, *Mu*  
Dorothy A. Shackway, *Rho*

State Honorary Member Christine Niedermeier



Recipient of a 40-years member award pin  
Eileen Akers, Gamma Chapter,  
and  
AKS President Terry Azoti



AKS President Terry Azoti and  
25-years State Honorary Member  
Christine Niedermeier



**Spring Convention Photos**



**AKS Birthday Celebration**  
(l. to r.) **MaryEllen Ulatowski**  
(Lambda), **AKS First Vice President Joan Konareski** and **AKS President Terry Azoti**



**Ceremony of Remembrance**



**Thought for the Day**  
(l. to r.) **Sandra Gammons (Iota)** and **Ann Novotnik (Nu)**

**Membership Award Pin Recipients**



**President Terry with Elayne Canter (Zeta)**  
30 years



**President Terry with Barbara Dombrowski (Gamma)**  
30 years



**Jeanne Morascini presents a certificate to Terry Azoti welcoming her into the sisterhood of past AKS presidents.**



**President Terry with Pat Chaghatzbanian (Omicron)**  
30 years



**Janie Pertillar (Epsilon)**  
25 years with **President Terry**



**President Terry with Brenda Monroe-Fitzpatrick (Epsilon)**  
25 years



**Ellie Decker (Theta)**  
with **AKS Presidents' Book**





## Fine Arts Performance at Spring Convention



(l. to r.) **Melanie Kane, Faye Ringel, Roz Etra and Corrado 'Cory' Alicata**

AKS members attending the Spring Convention were treated to a cabaret style performance by Melanie Kane and Cory Alicata, accompanied by **Roz Etra** and **Faye Ringel**. The selections represented a variety of Broadway shows.

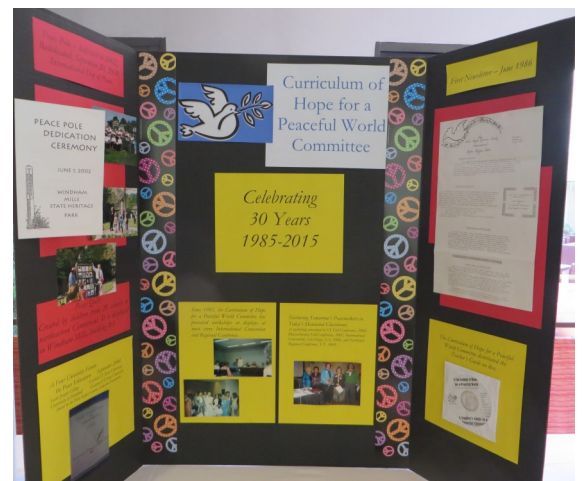
Cory studied Shakespeare, comedy and musical theatre at Adelphi University. He has starred in many productions at the Spirit of Broadway Theater in Norwich, the Playhouse on Park in West Hartford, the Post Playhouse in Crawford, Nebraska and the Peterborough Players in New Hampshire. In June, Cory played 'Eric' in *My Gay Son's Wedding* in Hartford. This summer, he will be in residence at the Adirondack Summer Theatre in upstate New York.

Melanie, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island Theatre Department, lives in a perpetual fantasy world and works at Lexus of Warwick in Rhode Island. She appeared in Chelsea Players' Broadway Cabaret at Prime 82 and on tour. There, she was given the chance to channel one of her ultimate favorites, Julie Andrews. Most recently, she crossed puppetry off her list by appearing as the 'Ghost of Christmas Past' in *A Christmas Carol* featuring Big Nazo Puppet Lab. She has appeared in outdoor Shakespeare Under the Stars productions with Flock Theatre in New London, as well as musicals at the Courthouse Center for the Arts in Kingston, RI.

AKS is proud to have such talented members as Roz and Faye. Thanks to both of you for all you do.



**Chapter Flag Ceremony**



**Curriculum of Hope Display Board**





(Continued from page 1) Anita Satriano

At the International level, Anita has attended Regional Conferences, as well as International Conventions. In 2014, she was the keynote speaker at the European Regional Breakfast at the International Convention and a participant in the Global Peace Round Table.

She is best known for her work with the Curriculum of Hope, guiding the committee for the past seven years. Throughout her 40 years as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, she has held key committee roles and offices, and she has served her chapter yearly in many unrecorded ways. She is well-organized and especially conscientious about any job with which she becomes involved, resulting in outstanding results. It is an honor to add Anita's name to the list of outstanding sisters who have received this award, having shown exemplary leadership skills in chapter, state and International endeavors. She is most deserving of this award.



**AKS Achievement Award Recipients**



(l. to r.) **AKS Achievement Award Committee Chair Deb Soresino, 2015 Achievement Award recipient Anita Satriano and AKS Treasurer Donna Chaney**

## 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 M. Roy (Delta)  
Theresa A. Azoti (Zeta)
- 2013: Carol Kraus (Theta)  
Marnee Straiton (Iota)



**Alpha Kappa State**

**Dates to Remember**

July 8-11, 2015  
Northeast Regional Conference (Baltimore, MD)  
The Hyatt Regency

Saturday, September 19, 2015  
9:30 a.m.  
Executive Board Meeting  
Meriden Public Library

Saturday, October 31, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
AKS 75th Fall Conference  
Courtyard by Marriott  
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Saturday, January 9, 2016  
9:30 a.m.  
Executive Board Meeting  
Meriden Public Library

**Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference**  
**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Courtyard by Marriott**  
**Cromwell, CT**

**SPECIAL . . .**  
**'Buck-a-Book' Sale**  
**at Fall Conference**



**More details in Fall Keynote**

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Join us at the  
2015 Northeast Regional Conference  
in Baltimore, Maryland  
July 8—11

The following Alpha Kappa State  
members will be presenting work-  
shops:

**Kathleen Lozinak, Omicron,**  
**Ask Not What DKG Can Do For You...**  
**Okay Ask!**

**Patricia O'Connell Buckley, Theta,**  
**(with Sharon Vinson, IL)**  
**Engaging in DKG Finances**  
**Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone, Beta,**  
**(with Jackie Thomas, PA)**  
**Celebrate DKG Women of Talent**

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**NEXT KEYNOTE DEADLINES:**

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**December 1, 2015**

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