



## *Expanding our Horizons: Making a Difference Peace Theme Well-Received Presentations*

The atmosphere in the room was peaceful following **Dr. Donna Ferrantello's** presentation of *Moby Dick and Peace: Melville's "Gospel of the Century Revisited"*, her original study about the influence of Orientalism and Universalism on Melville and the writing of his classic novel. Most readers have come to the conclusion that he was pessimistic and anti-religious. Donna, through her research, noted that there were elements of both Christian and Oriental images in his novel. She pointed out that Melville's relatives and contemporaries were involved with the China trade and Oriental cultures which contributed to his knowledge and were reflected in *Moby Dick*. The audience left with a new perspective of Herman Melville. Donna thanked Alpha Kappa State for the Margaret Croft Grant which she received to attend the International Melville Conference in Jerusalem.



**Dr. Faye Ringel, Gamma Chapter and keynote speaker, Dr. Donna Ferrantello**

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**Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee: (l to r) Founder Jeanne Morascini, Anita Satriano, Pat O'Connell Buckley, Sue Moon and Janice McKusick**

**Meet our new  
Honorary Members!**

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**SPRING  
CONVENTION  
APRIL 30TH**

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# Carol's Corner

## Discover and Explore

## Ideas into Action



As I sit down to write this message on the heels of our uplifting Fall Conference, I am once again reminded of how important my membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is to me. I never fail to come away from a chapter, state, regional or international gathering without feeling complete. It is with wonder then that I read in this month's international president's update that new DKG members drop out at about the same rate that new educators drop out of our profession. We lose approximately 50% of our new members by year 3 of their membership. **President Dr. Jensi Souders** went on to tell us that the International Membership Committee has therefore chosen to concentrate on new resources to help chapters retain new members and invigorate all members. They will have a new model, including a Power Point and guide to share soon. We all know how busy all our lives are, yet there is something so very special about the work and friendships that we create together. Let's work to share this incredibly fulfilling experience with others.

Our January Executive Board meeting focused on the updating of our state Bylaws and Standing Rules. **Marnee Straiton** and her mighty committee worked diligently all fall. It was a daunting task, but they persevered and did a fine presentation at the meeting. Please note that all the changes in the State's Bylaws and Standing Rules will be included in the Spring 2011 *Keynote* which will be mailed to you. The changes, as presented by the State Executive Board, will be voted on at the Spring Convention; so bring along your insert to *The Keynote* for reference.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, please note that details for our regional conferences will be in the *Jan./Feb. News*, as well as on Regional Conference Websites. The registration and tour forms will be in the *Mar./Apr. News*, as well as on the websites. Those of you interested in assisting at the Northeast Regional in Hershey, let me know. **Northeast Director Lyn Schmid** has put out a call for assistance in all areas. The forms for breakout sessions will be online in January. I hope many of you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I know that our Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee will be applying to give their spectacular presentation. If you missed the presentation at the Fall Conference, this would be a great opportunity for you to see it.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful, warm, healthy and peaceful winter,

Carol

### Congratulations to Dr. Jacqueline Norcel Recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Woman of Vision and Action Award

**Jacqueline Norcel, Beta Chapter**, was honored by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society for being an **International Woman of Vision and Action** at the Convention in Spokane, Washington, August 2010. She has been a member since 1987.

**Terry Buckingham** and **Jo-Anne Kershaw** nominated her for her vision for Frenchtown School. Jackie worked with the building committee on the design, wanting it to represent a community that worked together. The school opened in August, 2002.

Jackie's vision for the integration of curriculum and numerous opportunities for student leadership led to Frenchtown School becoming the recipient of the **Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding Elementary School of the Year**. It was cited for excellence, enthusiasm and concern for students on behalf of the staff and Jackie. The award committee confirmed Jackie's belief that, "Each staff member takes responsibility for each child."





# Fall Conference

## Alpha Kappa State Initiates Two New Honorary Members



**Melissa Olson**  
**CT State Representative**  
**District 46 Norwich**

**Melissa Olson** is presently a Connecticut State Legislative Representative for District 46 in Norwich and is also a partner in the law firm of Embry and Neusner in Groton. Melissa received her Jurist Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. She presently resides in Norwich.

Melissa is a strong supporter of educational issues and regularly attends Connecticut Education Association County Council meetings. She serves on the Otis Library Board of Directors in Norwich, the Advisory Council of Women's Center of Southeast Connecticut and is a corporator for Backus Hospital. Melissa is an advocate for children, families and education. Alpha Kappa State is proud to welcome Melissa Olson as an Honorary Member.



**Joanne Goldblum**  
**President and Founder of**  
**The Diaper Bank**

**Joanne Goldblum**, pictured above with **Alpha Kappa State President Carol Kraus**, is the founder and president of The Diaper Bank (TDB), whose mission is to provide free diapers to impoverished families and to raise awareness of the issues facing families living in poverty. She holds a BA from New York University and a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work in New York. Joanne presently lives in New Haven. It is there that she serves on numerous boards, including the New Haven Early Childhood Council and the Lulac Head Start Board of Directors. Joanne has received a number of awards for her work with *The Diaper Bank*, including the 2007 New Haven Register Person of the Year and the 2008 United Way of Greater New Haven Community Change Special Recognition. Alpha Kappa State proudly welcomes Honorary Member Joanne Goldblum .



### Message from Alpha Kappa State Communication Chair Judy Cody

May each of you continue to seek ways to improve communication strategies in your chapter that give all members frequent and detailed information about the happenings at International, within the state, in your chapter and with its members. The courtesy of extending this information to all members is given to you and the communication committee members in each chapter.

Please remember that our goal is to spread the word of Delta Kappa Gamma activities and endeavors on all levels of the Society to your community and with prospective members.

Finally, a reminder that all chapters are invited to submit a copy of your chapter newsletter and/or chapter tri-fold to share at the April Spring Convention. You may bring it to the March meeting, or you may bring it to the Convention.



## Fall Conference

(Continued from page 1) *Fall Conference Presenters*

Her gentle manner ushered in the *good news*: there is hope for a peaceful world. This exciting, positive news was presented by five long-time members of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee.

**Anita Satriano** began by introducing the panel and thanking **Barbara Ann Cavanaugh** for donating the peace bracelets that were on all tables. Her overview included how the media fails to report on programs that help people around the world do work. **Janice McKusick** narrated a most informative PowerPoint on hope for health, hunger, the environment, education and gender equality. **Jeanne Morascini**, founder of the group in 1985, spoke of the DKG projects for the most needy among us. She encouraged members and guests to tell students of the many ways they can help others and become more involved. **Patricia O'Connell Buckley** reviewed the eight goals of the United Nations, known as the Millennium Development Goals, which would be the focus of the January CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) conference. She reviewed the packet all would receive containing resources to augment efforts toward furthering peace in classrooms, schools, communities, and lives. In addition, she shared two books from the packet's bibliography, *Nasreen's Secret School: a True Story from Afghanistan*, and *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*. **Sue Moon** shared her thoughts after two and one-half years as a volunteer with Heifer International. She explained how this organization is more than just about animals. It focuses on a hope for people to become self-reliant and to provide better education for women. She posed this question to the audience, "What makes you hopeful?" Several women shared their thoughts. Jeanne concluded with these words from DeWitt James, "Celebrate what's right in the world.....it's all about the journey towards a peaceful world. Believe it and you'll see it."

**JoAnne Kershaw,**  
Alpha Kappa Second Vice-President

### Alpha Kappa State Camella Maiewski Scholarship Recipient Katherine Nunn



**Alpha Kappa State Scholarship Chair  
Joanne Chenkus and  
Katherine Nunn, Epsilon Chapter**

Alpha Kappa State is proud to present the 2010 Camella Maiewski Scholarship to **Katherine Nunn**, an active member of Epsilon, who has served on the hospitality committee and handles the finances of her chapter as their treasurer. She teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Hanmer School in Wethersfield. Katherine resides in Southington and is involved in her community as a girl scout leader and a PTO volunteer at her children's school. This award will be used toward tuition at St. Joseph's College where Katherine anticipates receiving a second master's degree in Special Education.

The latest issue of the *Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World* newsletter (Winter 2011) is now online at:

[<www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/)

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

**Terry Azoti**  
**Judy Cody**  
**Carol Kraus**

**Jeanne Morascini**  
**Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone**

**Catherine Schaffer**  
**Marnee Straiton**





## Alpha Kappa State Awards Recruitment Grants and High School Grants



Since 1951, Recruitment Grants have been awarded by Alpha State to female and male college/university students majoring in education. Each grant bears the name of a distinguished member of Alpha Kappa State and is assigned to the college or university with which the honored member had a close association. The following grants were announced at the 2010 Fall Conference.

***\$500 Vera Butler Grant to Rebekah J. Wampler, Elementary Education major at Central Connecticut University***

***\$500 Rheta A. Lange Grant to Jacqueline Crocco, Elementary Education major at Southern Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Flora Lister Grant to Kristen Mucherino, Elementary Education major at Western Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Mary Mahoney Grant to Stefanie Sonstrom, Elementary Education major at the University of Connecticut***

***\$500 Helen Maroney Grant to Amy Connell, High School Chemistry major at Southern Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Ida Seidel Grant to Kyle Rathburn Hall, Elementary Education major at Eastern Connecticut State University***

### High School Grants

***\$750 Lee P. Formica Grant—Krisela Karaja, Education major at the The University of Connecticut***

***\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant— Eric Salgada, Elementary Education major at the University of Connecticut***

***\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant— Colin Walters, Music Education major at the University of Connecticut, Storrs***



**Colin Walters, 2010 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant recipient, with Alpha Kappa State Professional Affairs Chair Cynthia Huppert**



# AROUND THE

## ALPHA

Beginning in July with a concert at Caramoor and dinner at **Anne Modugno's** home, Alpha Chapter has been engaged in "Expanding Our Horizons". In October the first meeting was at the Cos Cob Library where honorary member **Wendy Silver** is head librarian.

Comedy writer Norman Barasch, author of *The Joy of Laughter*, was the speaker about his role as a writer for the Carol Burnett Show and other shows during the Golden Age of TV.

On a lovely October day chapter members had wine and cheese at **Elinor Carr's** home. During this meeting sundries were collected for gift bags to be given to residents at the Nathaniel Witherell Retirement Residence at holiday time to make a difference in their lives. **Janess Coffina** talked about Reinventing Yourself & Massage Therapy. She is a retiree who has become a certified massage therapist.

In November many members shopped at the Lord and Taylor store in Stamford to benefit Alpha's scholarship fund. Over \$1000 was raised for the **Virginia Obrig** Book Grant to help a local high school student going into education. **Honorary member Diane Garrett** hosted the annual December get-together at her Diane's Bookstore where she suggested books for holiday giving. The Angel Tree reappeared from which members chose an angel off the tree with the age and gender of a student printed on it. Members then purchased a book for that student for his/her holiday gift. These children otherwise might not have a book of their own.

## BETA

Beta Chapter opened the year with a September breakfast at the new Hotel Sierra in Shelton. It was well attended, as the chapter honored **Jacqueline Norcel** for being named a DKG Woman of Vision and Action at the International Convention in Spokane, WA, this past summer. **Alpha Kappa State Second Vice-President Jo-Anne Kershaw** and **Terry Buckingham** read their nomination paper and presented Jackie with gifts. **Past Alpha Kappa State President Sandra Petrucelli-Carbone** spoke to the membership about her experiences at the International Convention before she presented her talk about the importance and benefits of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

The October meeting was held at the new, beautiful and award-winning Frenchtown School, where members **Jacqueline Norcel** and **Diane Streever** are respectively, principal and assistant principal. **Mary Lee Morrison**, founder and president of PAX Educare spoke about the meaning of peace and achieving a peaceful environment in the classroom, as well as in our daily lives. There were several guests from the area and also

potential members in attendance.

In the spirit of DKG and in support of our chapter's theme, *Reaching Out*, eighty-six pounds of "child-friendly" food was collected and donated to the Stratford Backpack Program. This program helps children in need by sending home donated food for the weekend in school backpacks. The supplementary food helps families over the weekends. Beta Chapter has also donated sixteen beautiful healing shawls, either knitted or crocheted by our members, to the Norma F. Pfriem Breast Cancer Center at Bridgeport Hospital. This was in addition to the nine shawls donated in May.

## GAMMA

Gamma's executive committee met in mid September to review progress made in confirming the programs for this year. Plans were also coordinated to carry out the chapter's assignment of registration for the State Fall Conference.

In early October, Gamma members gathered in the gym of Uncas School in Norwich where **Janis Sawicki** is the principal. After the business meeting **Eileen Akers** offered the thought for the day (her reading stressed the truth that one person with an idea can begin big change), then **Jeanne Morascini** offered praise and thanks to all chapter members who have stepped up to help her fulfill her duties as president. Attendees were introduced to ZUMBA Gold. Patty Flubacher led a 20-minute routine which left everyone flushed and breathless, but happy.

Gamma is proud that two of its members head the two school systems in Norwich. **Abby Dolliver** is presently superintendent of the Norwich Public Schools; and **Jackie Sullivan**, coming out of her recent retirement, is serving as interim Head of School at Norwich Free Academy, while the search for a new Head of School is being conducted. Moreover, Gamma members were delighted to nominate Representative **Melissa Olson**, serving the 46th District, to become an honorary member of Alpha Kappa State. Melissa is a staunch advocate of education and of women's and children's rights. Melissa is currently serving on several community boards, including that of Otis Library.

On November 6th, six Gamma members (**Jeanne Morascini, Sue Danilowicz, Barbara Dombrowski, Roz Etra, Faye Ringel, and Reggie Tate**) were present at the Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference when **Melissa Olson** became an Honorary Member in a moving ceremony. Gamma Chapter sends out special thanks to **Gina Hanrahan** of Salem, a non-member, who graciously helped out Gamma by printing name tags for the Fall Conference using the new international logo.

The December meeting focused on the Schools for Africa project. Members were then entertained by musicians and singers from Norwich Free Academy.



# NUTMEG STATE

## DELTA

Delta members gathered at the East Side Eatery in Wolcott for the holiday meeting. Following the business meeting and brunch, members had time to socialize and work together to create fleece blankets under the direction of **President Joan Krantz** and **Sondra MacDonald**. The blankets were brought to Delta homebound members, along with handmade cards which were created by members in a stamping workshop led by **Carol Reeves**. The chapter welcomed two new members: **Stacie Broden**, a second grade teacher at Pomperaug Elementary School and recipient of the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching; and **Linda Bartholomeo**, an art teacher at Watertown High School.

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter held its Initiation Dinner meeting October 20th at Pompeo's Restaurant in East Haven. **Carolyn Downs** was introduced as the newest initiate. She has attended several meetings this past year as a prospective member. In addition, Carolyn has graciously volunteered to be the new editor of our chapter newsletter, *The Zeta Zone*. Zeta members serving for 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years were recognized and received certificates of recognition for their years of service to Zeta. North Haven teacher Christine Willet was the guest speaker discussing her personal journey with breast cancer while pregnant with her second son. Pink breast cancer month pens donated by member **Dorothy Logan** were sold, and over \$100 was collected to present to Chris for her foundation, **After the Storm, Inc.** The evening was one of joy and inspiration for all.

The annual Zeta Chapter Brunch and Auction was held at Cascade Banquet Hall in Hamden on November 20th. Zeta Chapter member **Elayne Canter** served as auctioneer once again to the delight of the nearly 100 members and guests attending. Slightly over \$2000 was earned with almost half of the proceeds going to the chapter's two scholarship grants and \$400 going to each of two selected charities: **After the Storm, Inc.** and **The Children's Theater Alliance**. **Raffles for World Fellowship** and the **Delta Kappa Gamma/UNICEF Schools for Africa Project** which earned approximately \$200 each. Over 100 canned goods were collected for the **North Haven Community Services Food Bank**. Thanks go to the event co-chairs, **Albina Cannavaciolo** and **Judy Primavera** and to the chapter officers for their hard work, along with special thanks to auctioneer, **Elayne Canter**.

Chapter members can now look forward to the annual Birthday Party event to be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at Serafino's Restaurant in Wallingford.

## THETA

Members of Theta Chapter are off to a great start this year. The first meeting was held in October at St. James' School in Danielson. The program opened with a Zumba Gold demonstration enjoyed by all members. This was followed by a business meeting and refreshments.

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the chapter gathered to vote on the recommendation of new members during the business meeting and then had a stamping workshop that was led by a local craft person. A potluck breakfast preceded these events.

Throughout the year, Theta members collect books for their Books for Babies project, diapers for local Diaper Banks and items for the girls at Journey House. Each member is being encouraged to bring at least one item for one of these causes to each meeting this year.

## IOTA

Members of Iota Chapter met on December 1st at Rocco's Restaurant in Brookfield. Lou Ann Bloomer, President and CEO of The Bridge to Independence and Career Opportunities (TBICO) was the guest speaker. TBICO is a Danbury-based resource center for women who want to improve their skills to be properly prepared for the workforce. It assists women in securing good jobs, teaches them to be more efficient money managers and encourages them to pursue lifelong learning. Iota members were encouraged to support this worthwhile organization by a donation of money or supplies to highlight the service extended by the chapter to the community.

## MU

Mu Chapter had a busy fall with fundraisers. For the month of November, Mu members staged a Food Drive to give to Gifts of Love. Again, this was a resounding success. Mu Chapter is also very proud to share talented **Lillie Feierabend**, who presented a wonderful program on folk dancing at the Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference. **Nancy Methot** and **Carolyn Hallifax** created a wreath for the Festival of Trees at the Wadsworth Athenaeum in Hartford. Also this fall, **Chapter President Jeanne Morascini** led members in a re-commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma. The sisters have been giving their time and energy to benefit others and DKG.

## NU

Nu Chapter met at the Villa Maria Education Center on October 20th for the Fall Initiation. Eight outstanding new members were welcomed: **Katy Gale**, who teaches fifth grade at Hindley School in Darien; **Polly Metz**, who is a Special Education teacher at Middlesex Middle School in Darien; **Suzanne MacLehose**, who teaches English at Darien High School; **Paula Napoletano**, who is a Special Education teacher at



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Middlesex Middle School; **Liisa Petersen**, who is a Science Educator and Academic Team Leader at Middlesex Middle School; **Jennifer Sacks**, who teaches English at Middlesex Middle School in Darien; **Wendy Sharon**, who is a Special Education Teacher at Middlesex Middle School and **Carleen Wood**, who is Director of Special Education for Middlesex Middle School and Darien High School. The meeting was well attended, and members look forward to interesting programs and events planned for 2011!

## RHO

Rho chapter met on Nov. 9th to celebrate the adoption of **Past President Kelly Everett's** Chinese daughter. For almost six years Kelly has been in the process of adopting a baby from China. In early September, the journey was completed when she traveled to China with a friend to adopt eight-month-old Sarah. A delightful baby shower was held in the Friends Room of the South Windsor Public Library. Sarah entertained the gathering by assisting her mother in opening gifts, crawling off with ribbons and waving wrapping paper. All her Rho sisters wish Kelly and Sarah much happiness as a family.

## FOLK DANCE AROUND THE WORLD Fine Arts Presenter: Lillie Feierabend

Everyone eagerly got out of their seats and made their way to the dance floor. Laughter began after reviewing left and right directions. Linking hands together, we created an enormous circle as we experienced the Art of Folk Dance.

Humor, love, kindness and exuberance are universal. Folk Dance builds a bridge where we are offered a glimpse into another culture and are delighted to find ourselves looking back. We can appreciate and begin to know a little something about the Basque people and their hearty sense of humor when we breathlessly try to maintain the rapidly changing tempi on Baztango Esku-Dantza. We are calmed by the tranquil elegance in Zemer Atik, a beautiful Israeli spiral folk dance, but surprised and caught off guard by the mischievous way the spiral winds back on itself in Savila Se Bela Loza, a delightful gift from Yugoslavia, yes, Yugoslavia. History, spirit and heart are present in a country's dance culture. This knowledge can lead us to greater awareness and global understanding.

The enthusiastic response from all was a result of the remarkable energy and talent that we experienced from **Lillie Feierabend, Mu Chapter**. The world might become a kinder, more tolerant place if we all held hands and danced a bit.

Roslyn Etra  
Alpha Kappa State Fine Arts Chair

Members enjoying the folk dancing demonstration led by Lillie Feierabend.



Be sure to visit the State and International websites for upcoming information on AKS and DKG news and activities:

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International: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

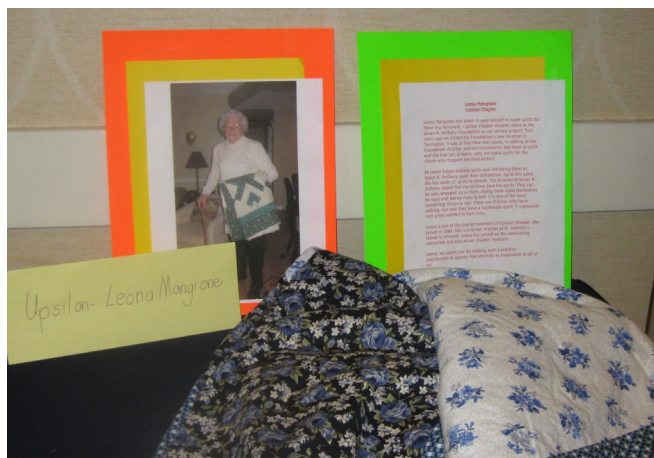


# Fall Conference



**Gamma Chapter members with new Honorary member Ct. State Representative Melissa Olson  
(l. to r.) Reggie Tate-, Sue Danilowicz, State Representative Melissa Olson, Barbara Dombrowski and Alpha Kappa State Program Chair Roz Etra**

**Stratford Diaper Bank Project  
Kathleen Lozinak  
Omicron Chapter**



**Service Project display by  
Leona Mangione, Upsilon Chapter**



**Woodland for Women service project  
Lisa Olivere and Deb Flaherty, Delta Chapter**

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## IN MEMORIAM

### *White Roses*

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



#### **Ann Cupello, Eta Chapter August 18, 2010**

Ann Cupello was initiated into Eta Chapter in May, 1975, and stayed active with the chapter through the beginning of 2010. She was a gracious and helpful lady in many ways, proven by her 28 years of working the front desk at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London. Her bright red hair and her cheery smile were a welcoming sight for all entering the hospital.

Ann taught in New London and Waterford, retiring in 1979. She was then an active member in the Waterford Historical Society, the Waterford Senior Citizens, Retired Teachers Associations and the L & M Hospital Auxiliary. She is missed but remembered by all in Eta Chapter.

#### **Thelma Mathewson, Zeta Chapter September 14, 2010**

Thelma Mathewson began as a classroom teacher at Pumpkin Delight School in Milford, Bethany Community School and Center School in North Haven. She later became reading consultant, curriculum director and vice-principal of Clintonville School. Thelma was so proud of her membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, serving as President of Zeta Chapter from 1984-1986 and being an active member for 33 years. She was a visionary charter member of The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee.

Thelma knew about modifying for individual students and mentoring new teachers, before anyone else had heard of modifying and mentoring. She mentored informally and formally. Thelma coached on teaching procedures and student behavior. She modeled being a gracious, kind and knowledgeable person. Thelma was counsel to principals and superintendents who all respected her educational opinions. To this day, she is an inspiration as a model and mentor.

She was also involved as a member of the First Church of Christ in Bethany where she lived for many years. Thelma was always proud of her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved sharing stories of them. She will be missed and always remembered.

#### **Marion C. Wilson, Gamma Chapter October 4, 2010**

Marion C. Wilson was initiated into Gamma Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society on April 20, 1967. She served as recording secretary for two terms and on the Program and Music committees. She received her 40-year service pin from Alpha Kappa State in 2007. She was also a member of American Personnel and Guidance Association, Connecticut Personnel and Guidance Association, CEA, NEA and the Norwich Teachers League.

Marion received her B.S. from Bridgewater State College. She earned her M.A. from Duquesne University, where she served as a graduate assistant. She taught Physical Education in Maine and Massachusetts from 1952 to 1962. She was guidance director at Kelly Junior High School in Norwich from 1962 until retirement in 1989.

Outside of education Marion, had numerous interests. She loved Maine, RVing and camping, her dog and sports, including UConn women's basketball. She wrote poetry and told stories around the campfire with her friends. She spent her summers in Maine and traveled to Florida and Georgia in the winter.

#### **Ann Mestuzzi, Omicron Chapter October 6, 2010**

Ann Mestuzzi was an active and faithful member of Omicron Chapter. Ann served the chapter as co-president in 1988-90. A teacher for 41 years, she wrote and directed operettas each spring for the fifth and sixth grade students at Mohegan School in Shelton, which were the envy of the entire city. Ann served as a mentor to many new teachers and also worked on the BEST Program for the state each summer. She was Shelton's Teacher of the year in 1987.

Ann earned her B.S. Degree from Central Connecticut State University and her Master's and Sixth Year Degrees from Southern Connecticut State University. She also attended Columbia University Teacher's College. Throughout her life Ann was always generous, kind and caring. She is survived by her sister Diane Frolish, two nephews and her best friend Margaret Comerford.



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**Madelyn C. Carroll, Gamma Chapter  
October 29, 2010**

Madelyn C. Carroll was initiated into Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on April 6, 1957. She was always proud of her DKG membership and was very pleased to receive her 50-year service award three years ago. She served on several committees, including chairing the Pioneer Women and Research 1961-62. She also served on Publications and Publicity, as well as Personal Growth.

Madelyn received her B.S. Degree from College of Mount Saint Vincent in 1929 majoring in languages (English, Latin and French). She earned her Master’s Degree in 1930 from Columbia University. She began teaching English and Latin that fall at Plainfield High School and taught for 6 years, married and raised 4 children. In 1956 she returned to teaching because she loved it. She was named English Department Chairman and retired in 1972.

Madelyn loved people, and they loved her. She enjoyed music, drama and played the violin. She lived her 101 years in the family home in Danielson, CT. After retirement, she spent time in Florida in the winters.

**Barbara Reimers, Alpha Kappa State Honorary Member  
November 13, 2010**

Barbara Reimers, an Alpha Kappa State Honorary Member since 1976, passed away on November 13th at the age of 91. Barbara was born in Brooklyn, New York and was a 1939 graduate of Vassar College. She received her LLB law degree from LaSalle Extension University in 1968.

Barbara’s belief in the importance of education led her to serve as a member of the Branford School Board, President of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, President of the National School Boards Association and a member of the Connecticut General Assembly Education Committee. She served one term in an elected State Senate seat from 1977-79.

Barbara has shown undying dedication to the advancement of education at all levels. For this dedication, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the Connecticut Boards of Education in 1978 and was made an honorary member of the Connecticut Association of School Administrators. She also was selected in 2005 to Branford’s Education Hall of Fame.

Barbara led a distinguished and active life. Her leadership in securing equality for women’s athletics has helped open the door for many young women who now have unlimited opportunities for college scholarships.

When Barbara left political life, she pursued many hobbies including golf, tennis, photography and painting. She was a true model for all Delta Kappa Gamma women. Barbara is survived by her husband Frederick, her three daughters, Terry Byrnes, Jean Reimers and Clare Reimers, her five grandsons and her two sisters, Frances Schoenfeld and Doris Ferguson.

**Alpha Kappa State Membership Initiative**



**12 x 2012**

Members, are you looking for employed or retired professional educators to nominate for membership? Please adhere to deadlines for nominations set by chapter membership chairs. Help your chapters achieve the goal of 12 new or reinstated members by December 31, 2012!

**Terry Azoti  
Alpha Kappa State Membership Chair**

**ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT**

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



## MEMBERSHIP Q & A

### How do I wear my Delta Kappa Gamma keypin?

According to the new International Standing Rules of July 2010, each individual member is to make the decision as to how to wear Society jewelry.

Standing Rule, Article 1, 1.16 now states: *Official jewelry may be worn on a ribbon or other manner as desired by the member.*

In the past, it was suggested that the pin be worn over the heart to signify loyalty to The Society. The new relaxed Standing Rule gives a member flexibility to wear the pin, always with honor, at the member's discretion.

Terry Azoti  
Alpha Kappa State Membership Chair



**Make plans now for the  
Northeast Regional Conference  
at  
The Hershey Lodge  
Hershey, Pennsylvania  
July 20—23**

Interested in presenting a workshop???  
The deadline for applying is Feb. 13th  
Visit the Northeast Regional website  
at <dkg.org>

Get ready for great speakers,  
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**Please Note:**  
**The Spring issue of The Keynote,**  
**which is mailed, as well as being online,**  
**will be devoted to the Convention, Nominations,**  
**and Bylaws/Standing Rules changes.....**  
**no chapter news, etc.**



### **Needed: Vendors and Exhibitors for 2011 Northeast Regional Conference**

Where: Hershey Motor Lodge

When: Thursday, July 21, 2011 and

Friday, July 22, 2011

Cost for DKG Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:

\$100.00 for one draped table with 2 chairs  
\$50 extra for electricity

Cost for Non-Affiliate Vendor or Exhibitor:

\$250.00 for one draped table  
with 2 chairs for vendor  
\$200 for one draped table  
with 2 chairs for exhibitor  
\$50 extra for electricity

Contact Wanda Keller for more information and an application.

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**Great opportunity for  
Chapter fundraiser!**

### **Alpha Kappa State Schedule for a Biennium to Discover and Explore!**

**March 26, 2011**

**Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting  
II Monticello (Meriden, CT)**

**April 30, 2011**

**Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention  
Crowne Plaza, Cromwell**

**June 11, 2011**

**Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting  
II Monticello (Meriden, CT)**

**July 20—23, 2011**

**Northeast Regional Conference  
Hershey Lodge  
Hershey, PA**