



# KEYNOTE



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## FALL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS GLOBAL AWARENESS

On Saturday, November 2, 2013, Alpha Kappa State members had the pleasure of listening to Sister Caroljean Willie at the annual Fall Conference. As the keynote speaker, Sister CJ discussed her work at the United Nations, how shaping global policy affects children and multilateral action among 193 countries. Her initiatives regarding One Family-One Earth included:

- To lobby world leaders-attending conferences with them, bringing concerns to their attention;
- To bring people to the UN to speak for themselves; and
- To speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Sister CJ is a member of the Committee of Religious NGOs (people who can attend, but not speak) at the United Nations in New York. They celebrated World Interfaith Harmony Week; and when breakfast was held in the Salvation Army basement, 150 people were in attendance. The President of the General Assembly wanted to meet with the NGOs. Following this meeting, the World Peace Prayer Society met in the General Assembly Hall; and 1,500 people, including 600 students, were in attendance. The President of Iraq spoke. The traditional Symphony of Peace Prayer included 15 speakers, who each spoke for 15 seconds. The International Children's Choir performed. The United Nations program concluded with a World Peace Flag Ceremony. Sister CJ shared that Palestine participated in the Flag Ceremony for the first time. She shared numerous other activities, including UN orientations in which eight colleges or universities participate in a two-three day program about how the UN works. She

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## ALPHA KAPPA STATE MOURNS LOSS OF MARGARET ROSE NIELSEN - DEDICATED CHAPTER, STATE AND INTERNATIONAL LEADER



A most active and beloved sister, Margaret Rose Nielsen (Marge), died on December 13, 2013. Margaret had been hospitalized for a serious heart condition prior to her passing.

She was born to Ruth Redmond in Detroit, Michigan, on June 25, 1936. In August 1937, Ruth's sister and brother-in-law Rose and Ernest Nielsen adopted Margaret and changed her name from Mary Margaret to Margaret Rose.

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**Please join us for the AKS 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on April 26<sup>th</sup>**

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## A Message from Terry

### Sharing our Vision—Strengthening our Chapters



Dear Sisters,

Greetings for a very Happy New Year and best wishes for good health, happiness and most of all peace in our lives and in the world! The festive holidays have passed and another year has arrived. Time moves quickly, and we are already into the second quarter of the biennium.

Our daily lives are constantly busy. However, DKG members make time to do what is necessary to manage their family lives, their work and their leisure time. In our chapters, we are continuously ready to help others with mentoring, community/International projects and scholarships. Chapters are encouraged to adopt our two International Projects, supporting Early-

Career Educators and Schools for Africa.

Alpha Kappa State offers scholarships to members and grants for high school and university students. If you know someone seeking either a member scholarship or a grant, please encourage her/him to apply soon. Also, be reminded that International offers member scholarships for graduate study in either master's (\$6,000) or doctoral degrees (\$10,000), with an application deadline of February 1, 2014. We are proud of several of our state members who have received either state or International scholarships. Member scholarships are one of the benefits of membership in our Society.

**State Webmaster Anita Pfluger**, has informed us that the Alpha Kappa State website has just received its annual approval from International with an Official Seal of Certification. Look for the green seal in the lower left-hand corner of the pages. Congratulations and many thanks go to Anita for her constant vigilance and arduous work! Please remember to see the recently posted photos from our successful Fall Conference. In the website sidebar is the announcement of the upcoming Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) Conference on January 31, 2014 at U.N. Headquarters in New York City. The theme, *Promoting Peace through Education*, is a subject near to our hearts, here in Connecticut, corresponding to the objectives of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World. Many of our members will be attending this always worthwhile and educational event of the new year. Why not plan to attend, too?

The new Alpha Kappa State Strategic Action Plan is also on the website. Chapters are encouraged to adopt this plan in full, in part or to make their own chapter plan, after assessing where the chapter is and what is needed for continued chapter growth and success. Strategic Action Plans *strengthen our chapters*. Establishing specific, realistic and measurable chapter goals integrated with the Society's purposes, mission and vision, will help provide forward direction in our chapters. Suggestions for achievement of chapter goals are on the International website under *Tips for Strategic Action Planning* in the fall 2013 publication of *SAP Rises*. Please visit both the state and International websites for specific information.

Exciting plans are being prepared for our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for the April 26, 2014 Spring Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell. The birthday committee is planning a special day full of surprises. Our International Society Representative will be **Dr. Lyn Schmid, International Second Vice-President and nominee for 2014-2016 International President**. Many of us have heard and enjoyed Dr. Schmid's presentations at International Conventions and Regional Conferences. She will definitely be one of our Convention highlights.

Again best wishes for 2014,

*Terry*



## SAVE APRIL 26TH FOR ALPHA KAPPA STATE'S SPECIAL DAY!

It's hard to believe, but this spring will be the 75th Birthday of Alpha Kappa State! We have a very special day planned. It will begin with the Ceremony of Life remembering our deceased members.

Following the business meeting, we are honored to have **Dr. Lyn Schmid, International Second Vice-President** and nominee for 2014-2016 International President, as our guest speaker. **Terry Ziegler** and a committee of members from all chapters have planned a celebration that is both dignified and fun to honor our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Also, we will present the Outstanding Service Awards and will honor our members from many different areas. As if this weren't enough, you will have a chance to win a great prize from our State Fundraiser. Don't miss this unforgettable day! See you on April 26, 2014 at the Courtyard by Marriott.

**Joan Konareski, AKS First Vice-President**

## Fall Conference



*(Continued from page 1) Sister Caroljean Willie*

described side events and briefings, as well as numerous visits around the world, including Tanzania, Japan, Korea, Germany, Syria, Burma, Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans.

Sister CJ went on to discuss Microfinancing. Our members were attentive to and intrigued by her presentation. Collaboration with the UN will help eradicate poverty in all areas: social, economic and environmental. She described how Microfinancing was pioneered by Muhammad Yunus, an economics teacher in Bangladesh and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. He found that group lending was more effective than individual loans. Sister CJ described numerous examples of the success rate of Microfinancing: John and Theresa in Kibera whose dream was to purchase their own equipment and eventually hire street children to work for them on their recycling project; Jane wanted to purchase a sewing machine; in Uganda, with the implementation of the COW Project, Peter and Josephine were able to send their seven children to college. Sister CJ had the opportunity to observe a COW Project ceremony. 'Water with Blessings' was begun in Uganda with a filter developed by the US Army. This filter keeps water clean for ten years for four families. After one woman is trained, she in turn gives water to three other women. Through the generosity of members attending the Conference, \$240 was donated toward this initiative.

Sister CJ's presentation was thoughtful, inspirational and rewarding, providing much insight regarding the United Nations and program initiatives around the world.

**Deborah Ruderman, Omicron Chapter  
Member of AKS Educational Impact Committee**



**Sister Caroljean Willie**

*(Continued from page 1) Margaret Nielsen*

Margaret earned her BA from Blackburn College in Illinois in 1958 where she majored in biology and minored in English. Margaret began her teaching career at Ellis Junior High School teaching science and mathematics until 1962. She continued to further her own education with a National Science Foundation (NSF) fellowship at the University of Wisconsin in 1959-1960. Her research was the development of a synthetic diet for moth larvae. This was followed by another NSF fellowship in 1962-1963 in the natural sciences at Michigan State University, where she was awarded a MAT degree. Advanced work in biology and education was completed with a sixth year degree from the University of Illinois during 1971-1972, while on sabbatical.

From 1963 until her retirement in 1992, Margaret taught general science, AP courses and general biology in the Greenwich Public Schools. From 1976-1992 she served as science department chair at Central Junior High and department chair at Greenwich High School. From 1976-1993 she served as a supervisor for student teachers of mathematics and science for Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY.

During her long and busy career, she found time to serve her fellow teachers in the Greenwich Educational Association and as a CEA and NEA delegate to state and national conventions. She was a lifetime member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the CEA and the NEA. She was also a member of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut (ARTC).

She was initiated into Alpha Chapter in September 1970 and served on chapter committees, including professional affairs and communications. She became first vice-president and then chapter president of Alpha from 1990-1994. At the state level, she worked on the technology committee, served as communications chair and World Fellowship chair, presented workshops on travel and computers at state conventions and conferences, instituted email communications for the state executive board and served as first vice-president (1997-1999), president (1999-2001) of Alpha Kappa State and Chapter Ambassador.

Margaret attended and presented at many regional conferences and International conventions. At the International level she served on the Travel and Study Committee (2000-2002), World Fellowship Committee (2004-2006) and was a Non-Governmental Organization delegate from DKG to the United Nations. Her verve and enthusiasm were brought to every meeting and to quote **AKS President Terry Azoti**, "Margaret was an active and very dedicated member who loved DKG and practiced its mission and purposes." Margaret has left a large void, and she will be missed for a long time.

She will be buried in Saugatuck, Michigan. A memorial service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 884 Newfield Avenue, in Stamford on January 18, 2014.



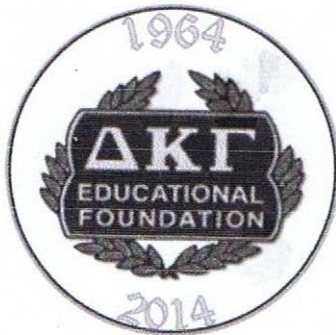


## Welcome to our New and Reinstated AKS Members Reported as of November 17, 2013



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

<b>ALPHA</b>	<b>Saggese, Kate</b> --Riverside <b>Layton, Karin S</b> --Fairfield--reinstated <b>Macri, Brenda P</b> --Greenwich-- reinstated <b>Palmer, Gloria J</b> --Trumbull--reinstated
<b>BETA</b>	<b>Coughlin, Laura</b> --Trumbull--reinstated <b>Decoster, Patricia</b> —Stratford--reinstated
<b>DELTA</b>	<b>Jakymec, Romanna A.</b> --Waterbury <b>Simko, Helen M.</b> --Litchfield <b>Flaherty, Deborah</b> —reinstated
<b>ZETA</b>	<b>Hrabchak, Margaret K.</b> -- Northford <b>Moore, Dr. Michele M.</b> --New Haven <b>Porto, MaryAnn</b> --North Haven
<b>IOTA</b>	<b>Gutis, Sara Helene</b> --Hawleyville <b>Keenan, Carolyn</b> --Danbury <b>Gregory, Joanne</b> --Redding--reinstated <b>Hyland, Kathleen D</b> --New Milford-- reinstated
<b>MU</b>	<b>Alberta Culley</b> -- Avon
<b>RHO</b>	<b>Everett, Kelly</b> —Vernon--reinstated




## DKG EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN 2014

The International Educational Foundation will award 50th Anniversary Awards in memory of Betty Mischen Dunbar. The fifty (50) \$1,000 awards will fund individual classroom, school and community projects involving learners in an educational environment.

Donations for the 50th birthday cake candles are still being accepted. Fifty dollars buys a candle, which can be made in memory of or in honor of a person, chapter or state organization.

The DKG Educational Foundation is committed to furthering educational potential worldwide. Donations to further this commitment are gladly accepted.

The Educational Foundation has awarded more than \$3.3 million to members and non-members since 1964. In 2013, \$53,263 was granted to renew 13 projects ranging from funding a German language study for abused migrant women to assisting learners with reading in Gambia. \$66,785 funded 22 new projects for programs in environmental appreciation, foster child educational support and understanding the needs of deaf or hard-of-hearing students.



**A \$50 gift to mark the Educational Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be noted with your name and a candle on the Educational Foundation website at [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org)**



## Alpha Kappa State Awards Recruitment Grants to University, College and High School Students

Since 1951, Recruitment Grants have been awarded by Alpha Kappa State to female and male college/university students majoring in education, as well as to high school students planning a career 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 Recruitment Grants were announced at the 2013 Fall Conference:

***\$500 Vera Butler Grant to Ina Shule, an Elementary Education/Mathematics Major  
Central Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Rheta Lange Grant to Elizabeth Field, an Elementary Education/Mathematics Major  
Southern Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Mary Mahoney Grant to Abigail Esposito, a Secondary Social Studies Major  
University of Connecticut***

***\$500 Helen Moroney Grant to Lauren Mikulak, an Elementary Education Major  
Southern Connecticut State University***

***\$500 Ida Seidel Grant to Demetri Voukounas, a History/American Studies Major  
Eastern Connecticut State University***

### High School Grants

***\$750 Adelina 'Lee' P. Formica Grant — Paige Schneider, East Lyme High School  
Eastern Connecticut State University***

***\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant— Xiaoxiao Cao, Montville High School  
University of Connecticut***

***\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant— Joseph Walczyk, Norwich Free Academy  
Central Connecticut State University***



**Carol Kraus, AKS Professional  
Affairs Chair,  
with Joseph Walczyk**



**Lauren Mikulak**



**Elizabeth Field**



**Ina Shule**



# AROUND THE

## BETA

Beta Chapter's third meeting will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> (snow date March 26<sup>th</sup>) at Frenchtown Elementary School in Trumbull. The speaker will be Jolene Mullen, genealogist. Jolene is a professional researcher specializing in lineage research for heritage societies. She works in Connecticut and the eastern counties of New York, in the New York and Connecticut state libraries/archives and other repositories and states, as necessary. Her book, *Connecticut's Town Meeting Records During the American Revolution*, was published in 2011. She is currently working on Rhode Island town meeting records during the revolution and a prosopography of a Washington County, NY, cemetery. She will discuss research methodology, record groups (genealogical data to look for and where to find them) and useful internet sites (both subscription and free). Jolene is a member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**Gail Karwoski** opened her garage for members to bring household goods to be donated to Helping Hands of Bridgeport. She reported a good turnout and volunteered to do it again in the spring.

Congratulations to **Jacqueline Norcel!** She received the 2013 Saint Augustine Medal of Service from Father Christopher Samele, the Administrator of St. Stephen's Parish in Trumbull, CT. Jackie has contributed her time, talents and treasures for many years at St. Stephen's, serving as a Parish Trustee, Eucharistic Minister and Lector. The medals are conferred to men and women in parishes and ministries throughout the diocese who have given generously of themselves in service to the Church.

## GAMMA

After a delightful executive board meeting at the Yantic River Inn during July, it was decided to hold the chapter's first meeting there, as well. In October, Gamma Chapter gathered to share plans for the year with the full membership and to discuss the Three R's of membership. An important matter of business was the acceptance of the standing rules which were revised during the past year. Then **Faye Ringel** spoke about the Power of Purple campaign to end domestic violence and stressed the positive link Gamma has made in supporting this cause. We offered our congratulations and best wishes to **Lisa Marion** for winning a musical contest. She had been invited to sing with *Take Six* at the Garde Theater in New London that very night. Finally, members rejoiced when told that **Linda Shea** was making a good recovery.

In November, **President Reggie Tate**, along with **Eileen Akers** and **Barbara Dombrowski**, attended the AKS Fall Conference. It was an informative and inspiring event. Sister Caroljean Willie, the keynote speaker, made everyone there deeply aware of initiatives that will help the poorest, especially women, take charge of their lives and raise the standard of living for their families. A

special moment was meeting Joseph Walczyk who was Gamma's nominee to receive the Elizabeth Sonier grant. Joe is a music education major at Central Connecticut State University. He plays the classical trumpet.

At the December meeting, after regular business and budget matters were discussed, members were entertained by the Norwich Free Academy (NFA) Gospel Singers under the direction of Gamma member **Elaine Porter**. An ad hoc committee was formed to plan the celebration of Gamma's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## DELTA

Delta Chapter members gathered at Fairview Farms Golf Course for the Annual Holiday Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Holiday baskets, decorated trees, etc. were donated for the Silent Auction. A record \$697 was earned from this fundraiser to benefit the Delta Chapter Book Grant which is presented to an area high school senior planning to pursue a career in education.

The chapter will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup>, and members will participate in a Health and Wellness program. Delta's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration will be celebrated on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## EPSILON

The first meeting of the year was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Emerson Williams School. Members enjoyed catching up after the summer and worked hard to determine the chapter's goals and service projects for this coming year.

Four Epsilon members attended the Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference in November. They joined over 70 DKG members from other chapters throughout the state to hear an excellent presentation, "How Microfinancing Women to Work Helps the Community Children and Their Education," by Sister Carol Jean Willie. Her PowerPoint presentation helped members to better understand and meet the DKG goal of global awareness. This information was shared at the chapter's Christmas meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Chapter President Katie Nunn** in Southington. There was an executive board first and then a general meeting followed by a holiday party. Members once again brought toys and household goods for the families of Mercy Housing and Shelter. The chapter carried on the tradition of the "Yankee Swap" of unique Christmas gifts.

Epsilon will be responsible for registration for the Spring Convention. Members are getting ready for this responsibility.

## ZETA

Zeta Chapter was proud to initiate three new members at its annual October Initiation Dinner Meeting at Pompeo's Restaurant in Branford. Welcome to **Margaret Hrabchak**, **Michele Moore** and **Mary Ann Porto**. **Margaret** is a retired teacher from North Branford, **Michele** is employed in the New Haven School System as Program Administrator to its five Family Resource Centers, and **Mary Ann** is a retired school nurse from North Haven.



# NUTMEG STATE

## ZETA (Continued)

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Zeta held its annual fundraiser Brunch/Auction at **The Whitney Center** in Hamden. Nearly 85 members and their guests were pleased to have member **Elayne Cantor** return in her role as auctioneer. Elayne's encouraging manner resulted in members and their guests raising the most money ever at the auction portion of the event, **\$2,671!!** Zeta's two grants each receive 25% of the earnings, while 40% goes to the annual worthy project, which this year is the IRIS Project (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services). This project helps refugees and other displaced people establish new lives while contributing to the vitality of Connecticut communities.

The chapter was also proud and pleased to earn just over \$250 each for DKG International endeavors, **World Fellowship** and **Schools for Africa**, through the sales of two special prizes. As is tradition, a collection for the **CT Food Bank** was taken, which earned \$260. Zeta is so proud of the 2013 Auction proceeds and thank all attending members and guests for their generous support.



Zeta auctioneer **Elayne Cantor** with **Joan Venditto** modeling a handmade hat being auctioned.

## RHO

Rho Chapter began the 2013-14 year with a dinner meeting at Angellino's Restaurant in Vernon. Two guests attended this meeting. They were Elizabeth Arcouette, a South Windsor teacher, and the 2013 South Windsor Teacher of the Year Mimi Saidi. Our second meeting of the year involved a presentation on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at South Windsor Public Library by Michele O'Neill, a CEA Rep. on Common Core Basics and Impact. Members were happy to welcome four guests to this meeting and hear Michele's presentation which was well done and highly informative. Also at this meeting, several bags of nonperishable food items and baby care products were collected for Hawkwing, a Native American service group headquartered in Glastonbury. Rho is continuing to support Hawkwing for a community service project this year. The organization does a December give-away at a Lakota Reservation. Rho's contribution will join hundreds of others that fill a tractor trailer for a food bank and general distribution program on the reservation. The next meeting will be a social activity on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. Members will be in the audience for Better Connecticut on WFSB Channel 3 in Rocky Hill and later participate in a brief tour of the station.



**2014-2016 Incoming Chapter Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Educational Impact/Program Chairs, Communication Chairs, as well as all Alpha Kappa State members wishing to attend . . .**

**The Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference is scheduled for Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
The Whitney Center  
Hamden, Connecticut**



## IN MEMORIAM

### *White Roses*

"A Moment to Remember...  
A Lifetime to Honor."



#### **Miss Merle Lathrop, Eta Chapter October 16, 2012**

Merle was a graduate of Colby College in Maine and a recipient of a teaching fellowship at Smith College where she earned two master's degrees. Her teaching career began in Anchorage, Alaska, in the field of science. She then went to Kampala, Uganda, to teach prospective science teachers at the college level, and then to the Mystic Oral School where she taught the hearing impaired.

She spoke Swahili, safaried to the East African savanna, travelled Lake Victoria and down the Nile River. She enriched her students' lives through her many varied life experiences.

#### **Dr. Claire Fulcher, Beta Chapter November 2012**

Claire received a bachelor's degree from Pomona College in 1946, a master's degree from Stamford University in 1950 and a doctoral degree from Columbia University in 1955. She was the Dean of Women, Associate Dean of Students and Professor of Education at the University of Bridgeport from 1954-1973.

In addition to being a member of Beta Chapter, Claire was the United Nations Representative for Business and Professional Women International for over 30 years. Each year the annual Dr. Claire Fulcher Dinner is hosted by Enterprising and Professional Women of New York. She was the state chairman of the committee on local higher education and was vice-president of the state division of AAUW and corporate delegate from the University of Bridgeport.

#### **Mrs. Evelyn Merwin, Beta Chapter March 9, 2013**

Evelyn received a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State College in 1956. In 1966, at the time of her initiation into Beta Chapter, she was pursuing her master's degree. She worked in the Milford Public Schools for many years as a second grade teacher.

In addition to her membership in Beta Chapter, she served as a soloist in the church choir and was active in many church and civic activities.

#### **Jeannine Belisle, Epsilon Chapter September 14, 2013**

Jeannine Belisle was initiated into Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1976. She was chapter president from 1984-1986 and served on several committees including: Finance, Scholarship Chair and the AKS state executive board. She was also the chapter photographer for many years.

Jeannine received her bachelor of science degree from Gorham State Teachers College in 1952 and completed her Master's Degree in Education from Colorado State in 1954. She received her sixth year professional degree from the University of Connecticut in 1960. Jeannine was the sixth grade teacher at Weeks Street School in Bath, ME, in 1953. From 1954-1970, she taught biology, algebra, geometry, math and calculus at Weaver High School in Hartford. She also worked as a guidance counselor and was chairman of the guidance department. From 1970-1991, Jeannine was vice principal and later principal at East Hartford High School.

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, Jeannine belonged to CEA/NEA and was on the board of directors with Birth Right, Sea Scape Condominiums and the Interracial Scholarship Committee.

Jeannine was extremely artistic and will be remembered for her beautiful painting, stained glass and silver jewelry. She was also an avid UCONN women's basketball team supporter and attended many games. Epsilon Chapter mourns her loss and will always remember her wonderful smile and kind words. Members are blessed to have known her.

#### **Miss Catherine S. Spillane, Zeta Chapter October 8, 2013**

Catherine (Kathleen) was born on July 10, 1923. She was a faithful member of DKG since 1974 and was a former vice president. She taught in the Hamden Public School System for 38 years serving at several elementary schools; sometimes at two schools on the same day. Teaching kindergarten was her passion. In her own words she said, "Rather than move on, I wanted to stay with kindergarten. That really was my life."

Throughout her career she had several challenges with job offers in Vermont and at Southern Connecticut State University. She received a master's degree from the University of Connecticut and worked on a PhD in Individualized Curriculum.

On her recent birthday, Catherine received 84 letters from students she had taught over her 38 year career. One of her students wrote, "If a candle was lit for every life you've touched, the sky would be filled with a radiant glow!"





## IN MEMORIAM

*Continued*



### **Emily Zeller, Beta Chapter November 14, 2013**

Emily was a much-loved, long-time member of Beta Chapter. Initiated into the Society in November, 1958 she served as treasurer, historian and chairperson of various committees. She was mentor to many, had a wealth of knowledge regarding our chapter founders and made it a point to reach out to new members.

Emily received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Danbury Teachers College in 1938 and a master of arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1952. She was a kindergarten teacher for many years at Thomas Hooker School in Bridgeport. Many former students wrote beautiful online tributes and remembered her fondly as a dedicated kindergarten teacher.

In addition to DKG membership, she was active in various educational organizations and activities: Emily was published in *Grade Teacher*, 'The Dramatization of the First Christmas for Kindergarten Children.' She was a member of the Henry Barnard League, president of the Association of Childhood Education (State and International), as well as membership chair and second vice-president of the Bridgeport Teachers Association. Emily was also an active member of the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers Association.



### **Dr. Kathryn H. Vacha, Past Alpha Kappa State President**

Kathryn was 94 years old when she passed away on August 13, 2013 in Austin, Texas. She was born on July 18, 1919 and lived her life on the family farm near Washington, Iowa. She received a Bachelor's Degree in education from Iowa State Teacher's College and began her graduate studies at UCLA but then transferred to Columbia University where she earned a Master's Degree and a PhD in higher education.

Kathryn's career began in Des Moines, Iowa. She then was recruited to teach in the Private Joint Oil Company School in Maracaibo, Venezuela, where she taught for four years. When she returned to the U.S., she traveled all 50 states as an educational consultant with Row Peterson Publishing. She was also a professor at New York State University in Oswego and also at Western Connecticut State University where she became Assistant Director of Graduate Studies. After 19 years in Connecticut, where she was a DKG member of Iota Chapter and Alpha Kappa State President from 1979 to 1981, she moved back to Austin, Texas, to become the International Editor for the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International News* and the *Bulletin*. She resigned that position in November, 1982; but Kathryn never really retired. She received numerous awards for her service efforts. Kathryn's volunteer work involved being the docent at the LBJ Presidential Library and president of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Austin. She was an accomplished musician and traveled to six continents. She was also a member of the educational entourage permitted to tour China after Richard Nixon's visit opened foreign travel there.

She will be remembered for inspiring people to achieve and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

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

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



## DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL ALPHA KAPPA STATE CONNECTICUT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to financially assist members of Alpha Kappa State who are enrolled in accredited programs of graduate study or who attend national/regional professional workshops and/or institutes. Alpha Kappa State and International offer scholarships to members. Several of our state members have received either state or International scholarships. Member scholarships are another of the rewards of membership.

Three member scholarships are available each fiscal year (July 1—June 30) at the state level. These scholarships are awarded in the fall and in the spring, or as long as the designated scholarship amount is available.

<b>Camella Maiewski Scholarship</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>Ella Rice Scholarship</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>Joan Lee Scholarship</b>	<b>\$700</b>

### Criteria for Eligibility:

- Two years membership in good standing in Delta Kappa Gamma
- Endorsement from chapter president (download form from the AKS website and submit to the Scholarship Committee Chair)

### Submitting an Application:

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, as long as the application is submitted within six months of acceptance by the institution offering the course of study or workshop.

Application forms may be downloaded from the AKS website:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/scholarship.php>

Applicants may also request a form from their chapter's scholarship chair or chapter president.

The applicant must submit the completed application with accompanying documents (course description, fees, etc.) to the state scholarship committee chairperson.

The chapter president will submit the endorsement form to the scholarship committee chairperson.

**Kim Albro, Alpha Kappa State Scholarship Chair**

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### ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



## Fall Conference

### Fall Conference Fine Arts Presentation

#### “Move to the Beat” using “Education through Movement” for Active Learning

**Presented by Peter Braunfield, Elementary Music Educator**



Peter Braunfield began his presentation with a brief description of the “Education through Movement Program” from the HighScope Foundation. The program develops movement and music abilities while supporting the growth of academic skills. Children are engaged through a movement-based active learning process that builds on their natural ways of learning which leads to ownership of concepts from any curriculum area. They use their bodies, voices and minds to bring about important cognitive-motor connections for understanding. The teaching model may be used with students of all ages, including teens, adults and seniors. The program also includes a complete “Folk Dance Curriculum” and a “Moving Toward Health Initiative to Help Improve Elementary Students.”

Components of this program include: the Teaching Model (separate / simplify / facilitate); the Four Step Language Process (Say Say / Do Whisper / Do Think & Do); describing movement (talking about movement while doing it/ planning the movement before doing it / recalling a movement after doing it and linking a single word to a single movement ).

Peter then gave examples of his professional application of these components and how it all ties to the Common Core and State Standards. His second graders at Highland Elementary School in Wallingford are working on multiplication tables of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10. To a steady beat, they practice speaking the numbers, skip counting by 2,3,4,5 and 10's first. This is followed by speaking with a steady beat which can be kept in a multitude of ways, including “HEEL” bouncing, bouncing a ball with drum sticks, with bean bags and also with walking. Another activity to reinforce the beat is the Victorian Parlour Game, “The Minister's Cat.” The game involves describing the cat using adjectives beginning with each letter of the alphabet and patting to the steady beat (i.e. “The Minister's cat is a \_\_\_\_\_ cat.”) For a Veterans' Day program, the students at the school also marched to the beat while singing Armed Forces songs.

During the last part of Peter's presentation, conference participants were given a chance to move and experience the different concepts. The activities included a chair dance and circle dance to “Rakes of Mallow” (Irish Folk Tune), a circle dance to “Zemer Atik” and a mixer to “Little Shoemaker.” Peter finished with a checklist that showed how the concepts aligned with the Common Core and State Standards

References:

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HighScope Educational Research Foundation, 600 North River Street, Ypsilanti Michigan

Website: <http://www.highscope.org>

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



## WORLD FELLOWSHIP

As the new chair of Alpha Kappa State World Fellowship Committee, I thought it might be of interest to share some facts related to World Fellowship, both past and present.

The World Fellowship Program began in 1946 as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. To date, more than 858 women from over 117 countries have received fellowships to enable them to pursue advanced study in the United States and Canada.

Many of the 33 recipients for 2014-2015 are studying in our neighboring states. The following names are examples of the countries that are represented long with the interest and the level of degrees that the women are pursuing.

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Home Country: Pakistan  
Field of Study: Computer Science  
Degree: Ph.D.  
Attending: Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Stony Brook, NY  
Pamela Carolina Carrillo  
Home Country: Ecuador  
Field of Study: Chemistry  
Degree: Masters  
Attending: State University of New York

Arlington, MA  
Damcelle Cortes  
Home Country: Philippines  
Field of Study: Public Administration  
Degree: Masters  
Attending: Harvard University

Amherst, NY  
May Lyn Cruz  
Home Country: Philippines  
Field of Study: Arts Management  
Degree: Masters  
Attending: SUNY University at Buffalo

New York, NY  
Maria Riofio Flores  
Home Country: Peru  
Field of Study: Arts Administration  
Degree: Masters  
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Columbia University

Colchester, VT  
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Field of Study: Curriculum and Instruction  
Degree: Masters  
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Amherst, MA  
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Degree: Masters  
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Syracuse, NY  
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Degree: Masters  
Attending: State University of New York

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Degree: Masters  
Attending: Teachers College  
Columbia University

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Field of Study: Curriculum &  
Instruction  
Degree: Masters  
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Field of Study: Special Education  
Degree: Masters  
Attending: The College of Saint Rose

New York, NY  
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Home Country: Argentina  
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Degree: Masters  
Attending: The New School-NYC

All contributions that are collected at chapter meetings go to help these women and those of the future pursuing their education in the United States and Canada. Contributions to the World Fellowship Fund may be made using Form 43 or with the on-line contributions form. Both can be accessed at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under Forms, Contribution Forms. Your contributions to the World Fellowship Fund are tax-deductible in the United States and other countries.

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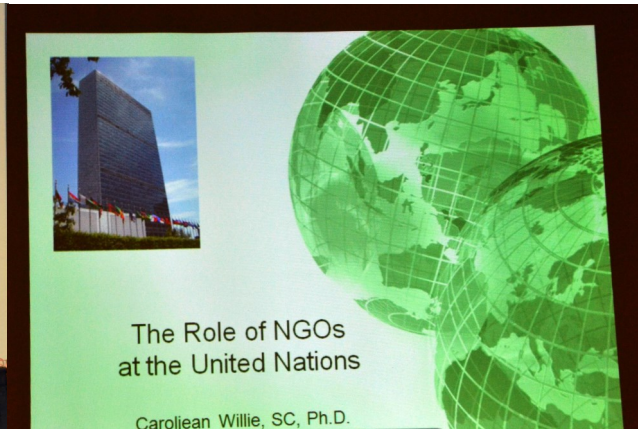
Some chapters may like to make a contribution to World Fellowship **in memory of Margaret Nielsen**, who passed away in December 2013. Margaret was a former Alpha Kappa State President, World Fellowship State Chair and a member of the World Fellowship Committee at International.

**Nancy M. Roy, Alpha Kappa State World Fellowship Chair**





# Fall Conference







**15<sup>th</sup> Annual CTAUN Conference**  
**January 31, 2014**  
**United Nations, New York City**  
**“Promoting Peace Through Education”**  
**Registration Deadline: January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
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 United Nations Headquarters (New York)

**March 8, 2014**  
**Snow Date: March 22, 2014**  
 Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting  
 Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

**April 26, 2014**  
 Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention  
 AKS 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
 Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

**June 27, 2014**  
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