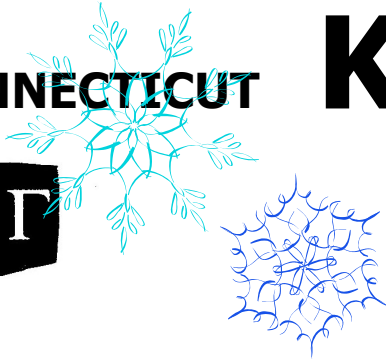


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**Cathy P. Daugherty,
2014-2016
International
First Vice President,
Presides at Initiation of
International Honorary
Member**

Cathy P. Daugherty, 2014-2016 International First Vice President, opened the AKS Fall Conference with greetings from International and then presented her own thoughts. This was her second visit as an International guest to Connecticut. During her term as Southeast Regional Director she visited Alpha Kappa State for the first time. Then **State Organization President Kraus** and the many members attending the 2010 Alpha Kappa State's 71st State Convention gave her a warm reception and educated her about the Nutmeg State's history, both DKG and revolutionary! Her report to the 2008-2010 Administrative Board had her gushing that Connecticut was "cutting edge" for the Society.

Now it's 2014, and AKS has nominated and successfully shepherded through the DKG Honorary Membership process a truly outstanding woman and human being. The Society applauds AKS for recognizing **Cora Weiss**, a woman worthy of honorary membership. DKG also applauds AKS for its support of UN-related activities that extend our Society's global nature. Connecticut's proximity to the United Nations gives many the opportunity to take advantage of programs, discourses and presentations that are the envy of many in our Society.

DKG colleagues who are members of the DKG-NGO have given Cathy a new network of friends that, but for the DKG connection, she would never have had. She told members to take advantage of these opportunities by traveling to the United Nations and expanding their horizons about global issues related to women, children and education.

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**Keynote Speaker, Dr. Louise Loomis
Your Brain...Don't Leave Home
Without It**

AKS welcomed Dr. Louise Loomis, Ed. D, as keynote speaker at the 75th AKS Fall Conference on November 1st. Members were given colorful striped activity bags to use during her discussion, including a doodling sheet for creativity and a card.



The focus of Dr. Loomis's talk was *Teaching to Abundance and Brainwise Learning With Our Natural Thinking*. First, Dr. Loomis presented a lively, informative talk and power point on the history of thinking skills in education and the brain. She explored two aspects of Brainwise Learning: the brain and its role in learning and the use of the brain and teaching to abundance. She discussed the latest research and information on the brain from the Dana Foundation (free copies of their newsletter, *Brain in the News*, were available to members). She voiced her concerns of how traumatized children learn and how imprinting occurs related to war games, TV, etc. Dr. Loomis further discussed how the two hemispheres of the brain work together all the time and make connections back and forth. She led the group through activities to decide if information was Surprising, Puzzling, Useful, New, Knew It Already or Interesting (SPUNKI).

The second half of her discussion centered on The Cognitive Six. These are the six activities the brain is constantly doing: Naming, Qualification, Analogy, Classification, Structural Analysis and Operation Analysis. Again, Dr. Loomis led the group through activities which enabled members to use the six activities of the brain. Dr. Loomis's concluding remarks were that, "We are powerful thinkers, except in transfer." She has a global concern for the children of the world and emphasized the importance of understanding the brain and how it deals with trauma.

Judy Salemme, Lambda Chapter

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A Message from Terry

Sharing our Vision—Strengthening our Chapters



Dear Sisters,

Welcome 2015 and best wishes to all members for a healthy and peaceful year! We begin the new year looking back with gratitude to the team who helped plan, organize and implement the November Fall Conference. Thanks go to members who attended the conference and encouraged others to come with them. We had nine first-timers there, and together we had a very successful day. Thanks go to our Keynote Speaker Dr. Louise Loomis who enlightened us about our thinking skills. We all renewed our proud initiation spirit watching **Cathy Daugherty, International First Vice President**, preside over the ceremony for **Cora Weiss**, new International Honorary member. Thanks also to those members who volunteered their time to

transport our guests. Both guests were highly grateful for their kindness. Delta Kappa Gamma sisters can always be counted on to give of their time when needed!

We send our deepest appreciation to retiring **Alpha Kappa State Webmaster Anita Pfluger** for her outstanding work over the past nine years. Anita has provided us with an easy-to-navigate website with important information for all members. **Judy Ludwig, Upsilon Chapter President**, will continue as our new webmaster. Be sure to view the newly recertified site at www.deltakapagamma.org/CT for chapter, state and International news. Check out the scholarship application for all members doing graduate work. Perhaps you will consider applying.

With a new year come Delta Kappa Gamma challenges. Our continuous goal is to look for new members, especially early educators we are mentoring. We need to encourage reinstatement of former members. Members, who left for a myriad of reasons, may now be in a better position to return to membership. Why not call or email a past member to see how she is doing and invite her to an upcoming chapter meeting? When members are graciously welcomed back, they feel the camaraderie and spiritual fellowship of our Society. Remember additional members strengthen our chapters.

We have completed our 75th year celebrations and look forward to our 76th Spring Convention on April 25th at the Courtyard by Marriott. At the annual business meeting we will discuss and vote on the new amendments to our state bylaws and standing rules. These will appear in the next issue of the Keynote. Save the date and plan to attend with a friend or new member. Stay tuned for further news of convention events!

Sincerely,

Terry

Important issue

Copyright Infringement

Be aware that NON original materials being published by any chapter for chapter brochures, chapter websites, public newspapers and chapter newsletters must have the source cited. If the material contains copyrighted information, written permission of the author must be obtained. Author's permission should be saved for chapter records. It is important that **all members** need to be cognizant of copyright rules.

For further information, please refer to the online International Communications Committee document *What Every Discerning DKG Editor and Webmaster Needs to Know*.

REMINDER

Presidents' and Necrology Annual International Reports are due by February 1st.

Presidents' Reports go to AKS President Terry Azoti. Necrology Reports go to AKS Necrology Chair Nancy Janeczek.

Please submit by e-mail or regular mail, or bring to the January 10th AKS Executive Board Meeting.



Highlights from Cora Weiss's Address Following her Initiation as a DKG International Honorary Member

"It is an honor to be honored by DKG" were the opening remarks of a delighted and smiling **Cora Weiss** to the Alpha Kappa State members at the State Fall Conference on November 1, 2014, after she was initiated as an Honorary Member of Delta Kappa Gamma International. **Anita Satriano** and **Jeanne Morascini** of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, who nominated Cora for this esteemed honor for her lifetime of work in the world peace arena, were proud to participate in the ceremony with president **Cathy Daugherty**, **First Vice President of DKG International**, and **AKS officers, Terry Azoti, Joan Konareski, Deborah Soresino**, along with **State Membership Chair Joan Krantz**.

Cora's address, entitled *To Reach Peace Let's Teach Peace*, told the story of her peace advocacy beginning as a mom volunteering in a New York school where she introduced the children to the world and the United Nations by bringing in guest Ambassadors and creating international corners with the children to represent the countries from which they came. Later in life, she would preside over the 1999 Hague Appeal for Peace Conference that brought 10,000 people together to agree that war must be abolished and that peace is a human right. The same year, she participated in the creation of the *Global Campaign for Peace Education*, which led to her present commitment to teaching peace in every school. In 2000, she helped draft what became Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security which was unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council. She is presently the UN representative to the International Peace Bureau.

"I firmly believe that education for peace is the most sustainable activity we can engage in that has the greatest chance of creating a peaceful society, a peaceful world." Children learn about democracy, human rights, gender equality, non-violence, social and economic justice, environmental sustainability, disarmament, traditional peace practices and human security by participating, by being involved in critical inquiry and finally, reflection. "The objective will be the formation of responsible, committed and caring citizens (and non-citizens) who have integrated the values into everyday life." She also stated that peace education is not a separate subject and must be incorporated into existing curricula.

The campaign statement of the Global Campaign for Peace Education states that "A Culture of Peace will be achieved when citizens of the world understand global problems; have the skills to resolve conflict constructively; know and live by international standards of human rights, gender and racial equality; appreciate racial diversity and respect the integrity of the earth. Such learning cannot be achieved without intentional, sustained and systematic education for peace." Cora's suggestions for teachers on how to integrate peace education into curriculum can be viewed on line at www.ctaun.org/conferences/conferences2014-un/.

Cora quoted the seventeen-year old Nobel laureate, Malala Yousafzai, "If you want to end war, instead of sending guns, send books, instead of sending tanks, send pens, instead of sending soldiers, send teachers. I am only talking about women's rights, education and peace." The commitment to peace education must be worldwide.

In closing, she gave new meaning to **Immediate Past International President Beverly Helms'** biennium theme: *Sharing Our Vision: Strengthening Our Society*. "That is both the beauty and challenge of education. When you have the vision, you can strengthen society – with peace education." Cora will be a welcome asset to our organization! (Cora thanks Betty Reardon for the phrase *To Reach Peace Let's Teach Peace*)

**Dr. Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, Theta Chapter President
DKG NGO Representative**



Initiation of DKG International Honorary Member Cora Weiss
(l. to r.) **Cora Weiss, Joan Krantz, Joan Konareski, Deborah Soresino, Jeanne Morascini, Anita Satriano, Terry Azoti and Cathy Daugherty**



DKG International First Vice President Cathy Daugherty putting DKG pin on **Cora Weiss**



(Continued from page 1) *Cathy Daugherty*

The 2015 CTAUN Conference theme, *The UN at 70: Making a Difference*, will address Peace Education (a topic close to the heart of our newest DKG International Honorary Member), the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainability Development Goals set to replace the MDGs in 2015. The Administrative Board supports involvement in this venture and recognizes how CTAUN blends expertise in education with the global awareness goals of the Society.

In a few weeks the 2014-2016 Administrative Board will hold its third meeting of the new biennium in Austin, Texas. Board members, along with the new international committee, board and jury chairs were challenged during the biennium, planning meeting in September by **DKG International President Lyn Schmid**. She challenged members to advance into the next generation and evolution of the Society by setting high quality targets with every group addressing membership, marketing, shared vision, recruitment of members and the testing of new strategies. She also challenged members to enlist diverse opinions from each other, to look for innovative ideas to help shape the Society's culture for generations to come and to enlist leaders from every facet of the Society.

Furthermore, Dr. Schmid urged members to take multiple shots on goals, taking new ideas and translating them into solutions, becoming innovative project teams rather than committees, councils, groups within the Society and to seek organizational buy-in for new ideas. She envisions every member "learning to lead to make a change" in the Society.

Lastly, Schmid admonished members to learn from experience and experiments by looking at what has worked, what has not worked and to develop simple steps to evolve from that point. The message was powerful and empowering.

Implementation of her message will strengthen DKG and every member in it. Excitement is in the air. Cathy stated, "... I know from my observations that Alpha Kappa State Organization will be a leader in taking these challenges and extending the Society well beyond the next 85 years."

Cathy ended her presentation with, "My thanks, again, for this time well spent with you the members of Alpha Kappa State Organization."

**Joan Konareski, Lambda Chapter
AKS First Vice President**

CONFERENCE VIEWS FROM A FIRST-TIMER

Initiation of an International Honorary Member

Alpha Kappa State had the prestigious honor of Initiating an International Honorary Member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society at Connecticut's 2014 Fall Conference. **Cora Weiss** was nominated for an International Membership by **Jeanne Morascini** and **Anita Satriano**, Connecticut members of the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World Committee. **Cathy Daugherty, International First Vice President**, was present to preside over the initiation. Participating in the ceremony were several members of **Alpha Kappa State: Terry Azoti, State President; Joan Konareski, State First Vice President; Deborah Soresino, State Second Vice President; Jeanne Morascini, Curriculum of Hope Founder; Joan Krantz, State Membership Chair; and Anita Satriano, Curriculum of Hope Committee Chair**. Cora Weiss was recommended for membership because her chosen profession in life has focused on others, helping them to develop and reach their highest potential. She has devoted her life to the civil and human rights movements, the peace movement and the campaign for gender equality and women's participation in decision-making. Cora signified her willingness to contribute to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International by sharing her professional expertise as it aligns with the Society's Seven Purposes, especially to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. Cora's life works make her an excellent addition to our Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Emily Lozinak, Omicron Chapter



(l. to r.) **Terry Azoti, Joan Konareski,
Dr. Louise Loomis, Kathleen Lozinak,
Cora Weiss and Cathy Daugherty**



Fall Conference



Registration Table: Alpha Chapter President Lucy Galasso and Clare Harding



Pat O'Connell Buckley, Theta Chapter and chair AKS Non-Dues Revenue Ad Hoc Committee, selling handmade note cards for AKS Non-Dues Revenue Fund



AKS Communications Chair Judy Cody with archived *Keynote* display compiled by Editor Carol Beam



Gamma Chapter fundraising: President Janis Sawicki, Reggie Tate and Leonille Kadambaya



Craft Exhibit: Rosina Hurley, Zeta Chapter, Knitting



Craft Exhibit: Janet Edwards, Lambda Chapter, knitted and crocheted items which are donated to the Birthing Center



Alpha Kappa State Awards Recruitment Grants and High School Grants

Since 1951, Recruitment Grants have been awarded by Alpha Kappa 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 2014 Fall Conference:

**\$500 Ida Seidel Grant to *Heather Oski, Early Childhood, Blended Psychology*
*Eastern Connecticut State University***

**\$500 Flora Lister Grant to *Kathryn Rowe, Elementary Education, Spanish*
*Western Connecticut State University***

**\$500 Vera Butler Grant to *Kelly Gruttadauria, Elementary Education, History*
*Central Connecticut State University***

**\$500 Helen Moroney Grant to *Christina Kowalski, Early Childhood Education*
*Southern Connecticut State University***

**\$500 Rheta A. Lange Grant to *Anita Yuan, Elementary Education*
*Southern Connecticut State University***

High School Grants

**\$750 Hannah C. Griswold Grant— *Alyssa Santiago, Bunnell High School, Stratford*
*Southern Connecticut State University***

**\$750 Elizabeth C. Sonier Grant— *Jacqueline Kevorkian, Maloney High School, Meriden*
*University of Connecticut***

**\$750 Adelina “Lee” P. Formica Grant — *Madison Florence, Tolland High School, Tolland*
*Simmons College***



**Heather Oski,
recipient of the
Ida Seidel Grant**



**AKS Professional Affairs
Chair Carol Kraus and
Heather Oski, Ida Seidel
Grant recipient**



Fall Conference Candid



**Anita Satriano, Terry Azoti
and Jeanne Morascini**



**(l. to r.) Anne Marie Carlson (NY) Chair CTAUN; Cathy Daugherty,
DKG International First Vice President; Terry Azoti, AKS
President; Lochie Musso (NY) Principal Representative and
CTAUN Secretary; and Ann Cavanaugh Grosjean, AKS and DKG
NGO Rep. United**



**AKS Conference First Timers
in Attendance
(in alphabetical order)**

- Ellen Festi, Rho**
- Kathleen Hyland, Iota**
- Shannon Karlowicz, Epsilon**
- Janis Sawicki, Gamma**
- Emily Lozinak, Omicron**
- Susan Nadeau, Rho**
- Barbara Olender, Upsilon**
- Mary Ann Porto, Zeta**
- Laurie Mihalcik Thayer, Omicron**



Founders' Ceremony



**Eta Chapter member Alice Neuman and
President Marlene Ziegler,
conduct Founders' Ceremony**

**The Keynote photos provided by
Carolyn Downs,
Alpha Kappa State Photographer**



AROUND THE

ALPHA

Alpha Chapter's first meeting was held at the home of **Janet MacKenzie** on September 22nd. **Anne Modugno** presented her Alpha portrait to the group. She is an accomplished educator and listening to her educational history was a delight. The annual Lord and Taylor Fundraiser for Alpha's Virginia Obrig Book Grant Award was a success. Much praise goes to **Elinor Carr** for chairing this event. On October 28th, Alpha presented Marc-Yves Regis I to the Greenwich community at the Byram Schubert Library. Regis discussed his books depicting the lives of Haitian and Dominican Republic children. **Program Chair Ginny Gesh** coordinated this event. Canned goods were collected for Neighbor to Neighbor, which is now the chapter's ongoing community service project chaired by **Lynn Montanari**. On December 2nd Alpha members attended a book review at Diane's Books in Greenwich. At this time books were considered for purchase and to be bought by members to be given to a needy child

BETA

Beta Chapter has planned its activities/projects for the 2014-15 school year.

Nancy Yarmosh, membership chair, presented the resumes of four prospective members to be voted on by Beta Chapter members at the March meeting. A new member, Margaret Fedell, was introduced and accepted for membership. She was unable to attend the ceremony last May and will be initiated with the other group of women.

Beta Chapter will continue to provide books to Beardsley School in Bridgeport and contribute household goods to Helping Hands, a charitable organization, also in Bridgeport. **Gail Karwoski** has offered her home as a collection point where members can bring donations. Members will also continue to support Early Career Educators and the Schools for Africa Project, two initiatives from International.

GAMMA

Before regular business was conducted at the December meeting, Gamma members and several guests were entertained by The Norwich Free Academy Gospel Singers Club. This newly-formed group on the NFA campus is under the direction of Gamma member **Elaine Porter**. The singers were accompanied on piano by D. Williams and presented a combination of gospel music and traditional Christmas carols. **Reggie Tate** reported on the events which transpired at the AKS Fall Conference and was especially proud to announce that Gamma raised \$160 to help support the chapter's treasury. Reggie will accompany **President Janis Sawicki** to the January State Executive Board meeting.

Preparations for the March dinner meeting are being handled by **Elaine Porter** and **Penny Walczyk**. **Faye Ringel** is booking the speaker for the dinner. Penny also volunteered to look into the possibility of another purveyor for the tray favors which we make for Backus

Hospital. **Barbara Dombrowski** will assist Penny.

Gamma Chapter is proud to recognize **Anne Mahalawich** for reaching the Life Membership status.

DELTA

Delta Chapter honored member **Mildred Reed** at the September meeting. Mildred recently turned 90 and is the oldest active chapter member. Congratulations to Mildred!

The chapter's holiday meeting was held on December 6th, and the theme was *Crafting Together*. Member **Debra Manning** led the group in making fun bracelets from using beads from 'recycled' necklaces. The chapter will be selling these at the 2015 AKS Fall Conference. The proceeds will be used to support the chapter's Book Grants.

The March 18th meeting is open to all, including non-members. It will be held at Nuchie's Restaurant in Forestville and will feature antiques appraiser Tim Chapulis. Attendees are encouraged to bring items for appraisal.

ZETA

Zeta is proud to welcome and introduce five new members initiated at Biagettis Restaurant on October, 15th. They are **Patricia D'Astous**, retired grades 3-4 teacher from Meriden school system; **Robin Lally**, grades 7-8 science teacher at Barnard Magnet School in New Haven; **Lorna Mangles**, grade four teacher at Clintonville School in North Haven; **Kathleen Szczepanski**, Speech Therapist, semi retired, working with birth-3 students in TheraCare Program and **Kimberly Wilson**, kindergarten teacher and team leader for K-2 at Barnard Magnet School, New Haven.



Zeta 'elf' **Joan Venditto** and auctioneer **Elayne Canter**

Zeta Chapter held the annual Fundraiser Auction on November 22nd at the Whitney Center in Hamden. Nearly 70 members and their guests of relatives, friends and prospective members attended the luncheon. Longtime member **Elayne Canter** once again served as auctioneer extraordinaire, as only she can! Approximately **\$2,400** was earned for designated funding, with Zeta's two grants, **The Marguerite McKay Grant** and **The Zeta Memorial Grant** each earning approximately \$600. Zeta's 2014 Community Service Project can now award nearly \$1,000 to the **STEP Forward I** and **STEP Forward II** program from Gateway Community College that provide a variety of services to students



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18- 21 years of age with mild cognitive disabilities. Classroom instruction is provided to assist with personal, social and work-related skills pertaining to their upcoming internships. Trips are provided on Fridays into the community to practice skills learned and are held at restaurants, exhibits, retail stores, museums, movies, to name a few. The donated funds will assist and allow *all* students to participate and to pay for the transportation, entry fees and meals associated with the on-site learning experiences these trips provide.



Zeta member **Jeri Giaimo** proudly displays her purchase of a children's art supply basket.

Zeta's two special raffles each earned around \$225 for DKG endeavors, **World Fellowship** and **Schools for Africa**, a UNICEF project supported by Delta Kappa Gamma. Members were also pleased to collect about \$100 for the **CT Food Bank**. The chapter continues to be proud of the contributions made each year to the chosen fundraisers and wish to thank all Zeta members and guests for both providing the wide variety of items brought to be sold at auction and for bidding enthusiastically so that all items were sold by day's end.

THETA

On Saturday, October 25th, over 20 members, along with **Margaret Festi** from Rho chapter and friend, gathered at the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury for a presentation by Senator Donald Williams on his recently published book, *Prudence Crandall's Legacy: The Fight for Equality in the 1830s, Dred Scott, and Brown v. Board of Education*. He elaborated on the remarkable role she played in equality of education, despite the prevailing views on women at the time. Her trial was essentially the first civil rights trial in the history of the United States. Additionally, arguments made on her behalf eventually helped shape equality and justice in America. During a tour of the museum, it was interesting to discover a certificate declaring Prudence an honorary member of Alpha Kappa State, posthumously!

Several programs are planned for the new year. **Sharon Bartlett** coordinated the Holiday Stocking project for Journey House. There will be a book discussion at the Willington Library on January 19th on *The Virginia Plan: Thalheimer and the Rescue from Nazi Germany* by Robert Gillette. A late Theta Chapter Honorary Member **Eva Lowe** is included in the book. The event will include a book swap and the collection of board books to be donated to Books for Babies.

Chapter members will also prepare and serve a meal at the Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on January 31st and have a no-bake sale fundraiser in early spring. At the end of summer, two of Theta's very active members passed away. **Janet Haines** and **Dr. Catherine Wade**, a 45-year member. The chapter will explore ways to continue Catherine's tradition of collecting and sharing instruments with students in need. Janet and Catherine's vitality and dedication will be missed. Congratulations to Theta members **Sandra Ames**, who has fulfilled her lifelong dream of publishing a children's book, *Two Frogs on a Bike*, and **Judy Baxter**, who was named Volunteer of the Year for the CT Chapter of Life Choice.

IOTA

On October 4th, Iota members met at The Hopkins Inn at Lake Waramaug for a luncheon and business meeting. Despite the weather, a good time was had by all. It was decided to offer next year's High School Book Grant in honor of long-time member **Mary Roberts**. Members also shared stories of their summer journeys and experiences with families, both living close by and in distant countries. Two members, **Pat Kelly** and **Lois Weiss**, have earned their AKS membership pins: Pat for 40 years and Lois for 30. Congratulations to both of these members.

Eight Iota members attended the AKS Fall Conference on November 1st in Cromwell. Iota had the second highest attendance of all the chapters and the highest percentage of members attending!

Iota's annual holiday dinner will feature Dr. Kimberly Embro and Kimberly Ferris, R.N., discussing *Nutrition for a Healthy Mind and Body*. December is traditionally the chapter's fundraising month, so members are being asked to donate holiday items for the raffle that will contribute towards the book grant. Attendees will also bring books and money to contribute to the chapter service project, Danbury Children First.

RHO

Rho Chapter held a successful fundraiser tag sale at the Willington Green Flea Market on Sept. 6th. The dinner meeting on Sept. 30th at the R House in Vernon included 15 members and two guests. **Rho member Jackie Abbott** presented a slide show of her recent trip to Africa that included beautiful photos. She connected with a school in Africa and will share this school's information with one she volunteers at in Florida during the winter. On Oct. 25th, members were invited by Theta to visit the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury and hear retiring State Senator Donald Williams speak about his new book on Prudence Crandall. The presentation and tour were both very informative. On Nov. 3rd, 14 members met at the South Windsor Public Library for a light dinner meeting and presentation by member **Ellen Festi** on her summer workshop at the DKG International Convention (*Creative Assessment Alternatives: Cartoons & Comics*). Members left with a nice reference source of useful websites to incorporate cartoons and comics into their classrooms. Tolland won the food pantry lottery of three bags of non-perishable food items collected at this meeting.



IN MEMORIAM

White Roses

*"A moment to remember. . .
A lifetime to honor."*



**Leda Hirsch, Eta Chapter
Died July 11, 2014**

Leda was initiated into Eta Chapter on May 1, 1975, and she was a longstanding member. She received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Music History from Connecticut College. Her Doctorate of Philosophy degree was granted from The University of Connecticut. Leda taught in the New London School System for many years as an elementary school teacher and then worked for the State of Connecticut as an assessor for beginning teachers. She was also a docent at Lyman Allyn Art Museum and Norton Museum of Art in Florida. Leda also volunteered at various libraries in Florida. She will be remembered by Eta Chapter for her graciousness and positive outlook.

**Mona Duquette, Mu Chapter
Died August 4, 2014**

Mona was initiated into Mu Chapter in 1976. She graduated from Springfield College with bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Connecticut State University. Mona taught for 40 years as a Physical Education Teacher at Charter Oak Elementary School in West Hartford. She received the Outstanding Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 1985 by the Eastern District Association of the American Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She created the Charter Oak Folk Dance group and, as director of the Townwide Track and Field Day, established a field day for Special Education students. The West Hartford Townwide Field Day was named "The Duquette Invitational" to honor Mona on her retirement. Mona loved the Red Sox and UCONN Basketball Teams. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

**Janet Haines, Theta Chapter
Died August 28, 2014**

Janet was initiated into Theta Chapter on November 1, 1986. She was an active member who regularly attended meetings. She received her bachelor's degree from Boston University and her graduate teaching certification through Eastern CT. State University. She taught for 26 years, 23 of those teaching first and second grade at Windham Center School in Windham, until retiring in June 1993. Janet enjoyed traveling, gardening, playing bridge, being involved with community agencies, such as: Books to Dreams, WAIM and Holy Family Shelter, as well as her Theta membership. She attended the Theta Back to School Picnic on August 18th and then passed away a week later due to injuries she received after a fall. Theta members will remember her as a great lady, a great teacher and a fun person

**Catherine Schaffer, Rho Chapter
Died September 13, 2014**

Catherine was initiated into Rho Chapter Nov. 18, 1979, and was a member for 34 years. As a chapter member she was president and served on many committees. She also served at the state level on the scholarship committee. In addition, she served as a 'reviewer' for the Alpha Kappa State *Keynote* for many years.

Catherine was a retired middle school teacher having taught in the Tolland Public Schools for 23 years while raising six sons with her husband. She was well known for her beautiful knit sweaters. In retirement, she lived in Ashford with her son Paul. She was very active in her church, St Philip The Apostle Church in Ashford, serving in the choir, as a substitute organist, church council member and a Eucharist Minister. Catherine was a delightful woman, cheerful and thoughtful. She will be missed by her family, friends and Rho sisters.

ΔΚΓ MISSION STATEMENT

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



IN MEMORIAM (continued)

Dr. Catherine Wade, Theta Chapter Died September 25, 2014

Catherine was initiated into Theta Chapter on April 5, 1969. She was one of the most active members in her forty-five years as a member of Theta Chapter. She received her BA and MA Degrees in Music from the New England Conservatory of Music Education and a PhD from UCONN.

Catherine started her career in one-room school houses in Hampton, Ashford, Sterling and Oneco in 1947. She served as instrumental music teacher and supervisor of music in Hampton, Scotland and Sprague. She also taught chorus and choir in the Coventry junior and senior high schools. Finally, she taught in the Windham School System from 1953 until her retirement in 1992. She oversaw the selection and dispersion of the Laurel State Music Camp and the Laurel Girl State Grants and had musical instruments repaired from the Ann D. Burns Fund. Students performed at Theta Chapter meetings who had attended the camp or who borrowed instruments. She also oversaw several events for Journey House, an alternative to prison for teenage girls.

In addition to her Theta membership, Catherine taught and mentored many music teachers at Eastern CT State University and Quinebaug Community College. She served on the EastConn Board of Directors, Hampton Board of Education, Soroptomists, the Windham Regional Arts Council, Connecticut Commission for the Arts, Opera New England; and she was past president of the CT Music Educators Association.

Teaching music was Catherine's passion, and she was teaching private lessons until two weeks before her death.

AKS extends its sympathies to the following Executive Board members who have lost loved ones in 2014:

Dr. Virginia James on the loss of her husband, Dr. William 'Bill' James, on August 19th

Jeanne and Tony Morascini on the loss of their daughter, Marianne, on October 10th

Eleanor Decker on the loss of her husband, Roland, on October 26th

Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you and your families.

Alpha Kappa State Announcement

Welcome and best wishes to **Judy Ludwig**, Upsilon Chapter President, who has taken on the position of AKS Webmaster! All changes to the website should be sent first to the state president before going to Judy.

We thank immensely **Anita Pfluger** who has been an outstanding AKS webmaster for many years! We wish her success in her present and future endeavors! Anita will be missed as a member of the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board and continues to be a valued member of AKS and Beta Chapter.



Welcome to our New and Reinstated AKS Members reported as of November 14, 2014



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

Delta

Rita Gerzanick, Bristol—Reinstated

Zeta

Patricia Ann D’Astous, Wallingford

Robin Lally, Northford

Lorna Mangles, North Haven

Kathleen Szczepanski, Cheshire

Kimberly Wilson, Hamden

ETA

Kimmerle Balentine, Stonington

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Donna D. Russo, West Redding—Reinstated

OMICRON

Patricia A. Block, Shelton—Reinstated

Daria Ploski, Naugatuck—Reinstated

Membership Suggestions:

“Guides” Are Great Reminders and “SAP” is not just for Spring
When was the last time your chapter took a few minutes of meeting time to revisit the two “Guides” provided by DKG International? By using Pride in the Big Picture to introduce new recruits to our society or using Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture to remind current members what the society is all about, you can relay many talking points and relevant information in a short amount of time. What is even better is that you can download the PowerPoint from dkg.org and personalize it with pictures and information from your chapter.

Strategic Action Plan
Spring is not the only time to consider SAP.... Your “Strategic Action Plan” for membership can help you plan for your future growth. Our state strength begins with our chapter strength and your chapter strength begins with your planning how to grow your own membership. Be sure to check out the Strategic Action Plan on the AKS website at www.deltakappagamma.org/CT. AND don’t be shy about stepping into those leadership positions at the chapter or state level because as we all know there is much support and guidance from those who have been there before. Good luck at strengthening your own chapters in ways you are and in whatever ways you can!

Joan Krantz, Delta Chapter
Alpha Kappa State Membership Chair

Reminder from Membership

Please send any changes of members’ information to Joan Krantz at fdkrantz@snet.net so that members receive mailings from International.





**ALPHA KAPPA STATE
ACHIEVERS**

Nancy Roy, Delta Chapter and AKS Chapter Ambassador, was recently recognized in both the fall and winter issues of *Extension* magazine. The fall issue was an account of her year in Texas as an Extension Lay Volunteer right after her graduation from college. Members were sent to missions within the United States as a sort of Catholic Peace Corps. The winter issue told an account of one of her special experiences while in Texas. Nancy and her co-volunteer, Judy Stockert-O'Rourke from Dayton, Ohio, have remained friends since their experience with Extension; and they will be attending the Catholic Extension Lay Volunteers 55th Reunion in July, 2015, in Deerfield, Illinois.

Congratulations to **Carol Kraus, Theta Chapter and AKS Chapter Ambassador**, who has applied for and been selected as a speaker for the International Speakers Fund until 2016. She is on the list of speakers from throughout the Society who are accessible to state organization presidents to present at their state conferences or conventions. Good luck, Carol! You bring honor to Connecticut.

FALL CONFERENCE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Zeta and Iota Chapters for bringing the most members per chapter to the Fall Conference!

Zeta Chapter had seventeen members for the most chapter members in attendance.

Iota Chapter had eight members, the second highest in attendance and the highest percentage of attendees.

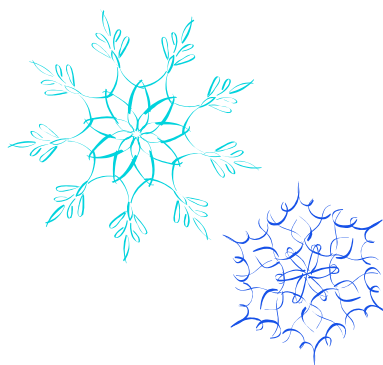
Spring Convention is coming in April. How about encouraging other chapter members to attend with you and helping your chapter gain a reserve table? There will also be a special surprise for first-time members attending a spring convention! Look for the check-off line on the bottom of the registration form.



Chapter members at Zeta's reserved table



(l. to r.) Alpha Upsilon MA Immediate Past President Marilyn Spedding, DKG International First Vice President Cathy Daugherty and AKS President Terry Azoti



2015
Northeast Regional Conference
Baltimore, Maryland
July 8—11

Proposals are being accepted for breakout sessions (formerly called workshops) for the Northeast Regional Conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, from Wednesday, July 8th to Saturday, July 11th. The 2015 Breakout Session Proposal Form is currently online on the homepage of the DKG International website at www.dkg.org and is due on **January 10th**. If you are planning to give a presentation at the conference, please email your application to **Regional Director, Dr. Kay Clawson** (information provided on application).

Also please note that hotel information will be posted on the website in January. Please look for it if you plan to attend. Early bookings are welcomed. The Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore, which is within walking distance to all major attractions including the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the Maryland Science Center and Oriole Park at Camden Yards. You can shop nearby at the Galleria, Harborplace or Arundel Mills Mall.

Looking forward to Connecticut being well-represented this summer!

Terry Azoti
 Alpha Kappa State President

Alpha Kappa State Dates to Remember
Sharing our Vision—
Strengthening our Chapters

January 10, 2015
Snow Date: January 24, 2015
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

January 30, 2015
CTAUN Conference
The UN at 70: Making a Difference
United Nations, New York City

March 14, 2015
Snow Date: March 21, 2015
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

April 25, 2015
Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention
Courtyard by Marriott (Cromwell)

June 13, 2015
Alpha Kappa State Executive Board Meeting
Griffin Room, Meriden Public Library

July 8—11, 2015
Northeast Regional Conference (Baltimore, MD)

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