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Upcoming Events

- * Thursday, 9/27/2012 Welcome Back Meeting, Montwese School, North Haven, 4-7 p.m.
- * Wednesday, 10/17/12 Initiation Ceremony/Meeting, Pompeo's Restaurant, Branford, 4:30-8:30
- * Saturday 11/17/12 Annual Auction/Meeting, Whitney Center, Hamden, 9:30-2:30
- * Tuesday, 1/8/13 Service Activity/Social (snowdate 1/16/13) Time and Place TBA

President's Greeting

Dear Zeta Sisters,



For those of you who don't know me my name is Roz Gambardella. I am often referred or introduced as Alicia Clapp's daughter, Bill Gambardella's wife and Evan and Molly's mom. That's me, and Mrs. Gambardella to my students. I am the new president and I am both apprehensive and excited to take on this role.

I could NOT do it without the positive encouragement, dialogue, and support of our board: Toni Cartisano, 1st VP; Anne Murphy, 2nd VP; Claudia Grantham, Treasurer; Carole Franceschet, Corresponding Secretary; Rosina Hurley, Recording Secretary. May I remind you they are all new members and they took on this challenge. We knew as a team we could do it! DKG sisters who I have known for a long time, and sisters who I barely know have taken time to guide us along this journey. Carolyn Downs, creator of this incredible publication, has had never-ending patience with me! We are told we can do it. It makes me feel very proud to be part of an organization that models exactly what we are, outstanding women educators.

We guide, encourage, and empower our students. We want them to make a difference in the world. I feel as a group of knowledgeable women educators we can make a difference. Our goal this year is to support early educators. We can do that. Do you remember your first day of work? We have a wealth of creativity, talent, experience, and ideas. Come to our next meeting with ideas. A second goal is to invite back members who have strayed for some reason or another. That's okay. Let's make personal contacts with members who we haven't seen, or an elder sister who would love to know they are missed. What about the members at the other table that you barely know. Let's talk and share. I look forward to getting to know you better and working together!

Sincerely,
Roz Gambardella

Presenting Our New Officers



(l. to r.) Rosina Hurley, Anne Murphy, Roz Gambardella, Toni Cartisano, Carole Franschescet

...hard at work



Members Helping Members

Terry Azoti

Did you know that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International **Emergency Fund** is available to help you in case of a natural disaster? This fund established in 1948, grants awards up to \$500 to members who sustain major losses from floods, windstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. In 2005, the fund was close to depletion due to requests from member victims of Hurricane Katrina, the third strongest hurricane

ever recorded to make landfall in the United States.

During Regional Breakfasts at the International Convention in July, members generously donated a total of \$22,530 to add to this fund! If you have need for this fund at any time, you may contact our chapter president who will in turn contact the state president

with your information for International. Please consider adding a tax-deductible donation to the Emergency Fund on your dues form. Contributions demonstrate the Society's "genuine spiritual fellowship" and help members in need.

Birthday Social

Diane Wilson

The annual Zeta birthday social was held on March 10, 2012 at Grand Apizza in North Haven. Then president, Kim Carew, gave chapter members an update on standing rules revisions. The Financial Committee presented an update on Zeta's worthy project which sparked a lively discussion concerning how a project is chosen. The committee said that they would develop a rubric to help determine criteria for future worthy projects. Mary-Ellen Coloski informed members of the pending Education Reform Bill, which was being proposed by Governor Malloy. She encouraged everyone to learn more

about how the bill would impact educators and urged us to contact our legislators with our concerns. Guest speakers were Zato Kadambaya and his wife Leonille Kadambaya. Zato is the Executive Director of Africaphilantropies and Leonille is the 2nd Deputy Director. They spoke very eloquently about their non-profit organization which was created to help less fortunate children of Africa. Their mission is comprehensive and addresses basic needs such

as clean water, education, and general health and welfare. They were very grateful for Zeta Chapter's financial support which will help provide food, school supplies, and medicine for children in need.



73rd Alpha Kappa Gamma Spring Convention

Donna Chaney

Saturday, April 28th dawned early for eleven Zeta members; the 73rd Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention started promptly at 7:45. Welcomed by piping hot coffee and tea, members were able to greet old friends and make the acquaintance of new. This was also the time for everyone to get their first glimpse of the sixteen overstuffed, fundraising baskets, provided by each chapter. At the end of the day,

the baskets raised \$1,213.00 for the designated state grant and the Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World. Sadly, no one from Zeta won.

The first order of the day was to honor seven women, with a total of 251 years in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, members of Alpha Kappa State who passed away during the year. Those of us who knew them have special memories to treasure forever; all are richer

for having been associated with them.

A short business meeting followed: the approval of the upcoming year's budget, the announcement of the winners of the high school and university recruitment grants and an invitation from Marnee Straiton, AKState president, for all members to attend the state executive board meetings: "come join us, see how

73rd Alpha Kappa Gamma Spring Convention (continued)

Donna Chaney

we work." A motion that could have considerable importance for each long time member: the waiving of state and international dues and fees as a way to honor those reserve members, whose age and years of membership, total 135 passed unanimously.

Alice Carrier, International First Vice President of ΔΚΓ, delivered greetings from International, shared information about the Society and emphasized its goal of supporting early-career educators. A gracious Vermonter, Alice charmed her audience with her easy-going grace and good humor. Among those Alice recognized who were first-timers at a spring

convention, were Zeta members, **Janice Pellegrini** and **Diane Wilson**.

A delicious lunch, including a birthday celebration, was followed by an ensemble of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Glee Club, providing a much-needed break to the business of the convention. The young men and women of the Coast Guard performed a short program of traditional favorites and patriotic songs. There was more than one tear in the crowd!

Back to the business of the convention: awards and recognitions. Four individuals were honored for their volunteer activities with the biennial *Outstanding Service Award*. This award is

given to persons who devote their time, energy and caring to children in the state of Connecticut. On the chapter level, three members were recognized for long-time service: **Dorothy Martino**--50 years, **Louise DiRuccio** and **Barbara Torcellini**--25 years each. The final award went to the *Zeta Zone* for "the most newsworthy" chapter newsletter ...the second year in a row, **Carolyn Downs** has produced a winning newsletter. Congratulations!

Saturday was full of activity, busy and enjoyable for those who attended...perhaps next year, twice as many will be able to be there.

Alpha Kappa State 73rd Spring Convention Photo Gallery



Closing DKG Song



Communication Committee Awards



Alpha Kappa State Birthday Celebration

Alpha Kappa State 73rd Spring Convention Photo Gallery (continued)



Zeta's Sundae Social

This year's Zeta's Sundae Social was held June 6th at the Whitney Center in Hamden. After a brief business meeting, Kim Carew was acknowledged in appreciation for her completing her biennium as our chapter's President. An installation ceremony followed honoring the new officers for the years 2012-2014. Each new officer was given a rose by a retiring officer. Roz Gambardella will serve as our new President. Serving with her as 1st Vice-President is Toni



Cartisano and Anne Murphy will be 2nd Vice-President. Rosina Hurley is Zeta's Recording Secretary and our Corresponding Secretary is Carole Franceschet. Claudia Grantham will serve as our chapter's new Treasurer. As members we offer them our sincere congratulations!

Three chapter members were recognized for years of service. Barbara Torcelini and

Louise DiRuccio received a 25 year certificate and Dorothy Martino has been a member for 50 years. We were also proud to present the Zeta Memorial Grant to Aliyah Brogdan. Aliyah



is currently a senior at The Career High School in New Haven. She will be pursuing a degree in Education at Lincoln University this fall. We wish her every success and extend our best wishes.

The members also had the pleasure of listening to our guest speaker Mary Ann Dawson. Mary Ann is the author of a book entitled *Keys: Unlocking the Door of Who You Are*. She has a PhD in Metaphysical Theology. She counsels people in a "spiritual way" to help them become responsible for their thoughts and actions. She stated that by following the principles outlined in her book we can rid ourselves of

Jan Pellegrini



negative emotions and help us reach our positive potential. Mary Ann's upbeat presentation and her account of personal experiences showed us that with positive affirmations we can be the masters of our own lives. Our thanks go to Mary Ann for a most enjoyable presentation.



Spotlight on the AKS Leadership Conference

Claudia Grantham

Three members of the new Zeta Executive Board spent a delightful morning at the Coast Guard Academy on June 29, 2012. Joining them were Zeta members of the Alpha Kappa State Executive Board.

It was a very well-organized and inspiring conference. The theme was to help new leaders understand the purposes of DKG and how we impact the lives of our colleagues and students, as well as move the organization through our chapters to new heights. As leaders in DKG there were five points about leadership. Leadership is a relationship, an ongoing process, an aspiration and a choice, and through leadership we should make a difference.

There was a brief overview by the Director of the Admissions of the Coast Guard Academy with some very in-



Director of Admissions

teresting facts about the new class of 2016. The incoming group will be the smallest class for the Academy (248) with 36% women and 35% minority, representing 39 states.

Past State Presidents presented the role of our chapters as Am-



Past State Presidents

bassadors to our members and the greater community.

Dr. Lauren Goulet, in the Keynote Address discussed leadership development. In her remarks, Dr. Goulet suggested that the better we know ourselves the better we are as leaders. Based on the Personal Best Leadership experience she outlined that: to be good leaders we need to be good listeners and communicators; it is always important not to do it alone; and as we learn more we can do more, and ultimately we can dream more. Power can have great im-

act on people and can be much more effective than when we use power over people but rather to work with people and build capacity in the organization.



Dr. Lauren Goulet

Workshops were held for the Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Educational Impact/Program Chairs and Communication Chairs. These were topic specific and very helpful as officers prepare for the upcoming year.

At the conclusion there was a luncheon and tours of the Academy were available for those who could stay.

It was a very informative and thought provoking workshop in a beautiful setting.



DKG International Convention—First-Timers' Views

Among the Roses: A Day at the International Convention

By Kimberly Albro, Zeta



It is just amazing, a fellow DKG sister said to me on the ride there, there are so many people, and you walk in and see the flags...they are just beautiful...and she was right.

On Wednesday, July 25th I attended my first Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention, held in New York City. The flags that my colleague referred to were the flags that adorned the stage that morning; an array of colors and designs each representing a country that is part of the Delta Kappa Gamma family. In front of these flags the International Board of DKG presided, facing a sea of women educators from all over the country and the world, many adorned in red rose scarves as a symbol of their DKG pride.

The speaker that morning, Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director for

Partnerships and Public Engagement in the United Nations' Outreach Division, spoke of the goals and visions of DKG and how they paralleled those of the UN. He alluded to the letters, D, K and G representing *Discovery, Knowledge and Giving*—using discovery and learning to achieve, sharing our knowledge with the world, and always giving more than we hope to receive. Mr. Damodaran, through his very inspiring and at times humorous words, encouraged us to continue to go forth with the theme of the convention: *Embracing Our Vision, Designing Our Future*, and to continue to lead women educators and have an impact on education worldwide.

The day continued with a visit to the marketplace, where one could find educational materials, authors and their books, artisans displaying all kinds of beautiful jewelry (including some made by women in South Africa with all the proceeds going directly back to them), and of course DKG sisters selling pins, scarves, and handmade note cards.

There was also a myriad of afternoon breakout sessions to choose from with several different themes, related to both personal and professional growth, promoting the mission of DKG. Rooms were filled, some standing room only, as fascinating speakers, authors, and DKG sisters shared their knowledge and passion for varied topics in education and leadership.

One of the best parts of the day was the camaraderie and fellowship that could be found among the sisters of

DKG. From small, casual discussions and meeting new friends at lunch, to more formal meetings and chapter get-togethers, it was a wonderful feeling to be part of such an amazing event filled with women educators from around the world. The time spent together discussing our vision and learning from one another was invaluable, and it certainly validated the tremendous work and outreach of this altruistic organization and its sisterhood. It was, without a doubt, an experience to be remembered!

Barbara Torcellini's View

I spent Friday and Saturday at the International Convention. Being with over 2000 DKG women who are dedicated educators was a remarkable experience. The guest speakers were all so vibrant and challenging. At the U.S. Forum session Siobhan Bennett, President/CEO of Women's Campaign Fund, strongly encouraged women to run for public office and to support other women who run for office. She provided insights into how women affect the political process and what we can do to influence legislation that affects women, children, and education. We must be active in changing The American Political Landscape.

DKG International Convention—First Timers' Views (continued)

Murray Fisher spoke at the fourth general session and told his story of taking failing high school students, and with vision, bringing them to successful high school graduates. He is the founder and director of the Harbor School on Governors Island, New York. Many of the convention attendees were able to tour the Harbor School.

Keeping Delta Kappa Gamma relevant for today and for the future was the theme of Dr. Beverly Helms acceptance speech at the President's Banquet. Her entire speech can be found on www.DKG.org.

It was an honor to attend the convention. Thank you Zeta for your help.

Carol Sbabo's and Louise Manfreda's View

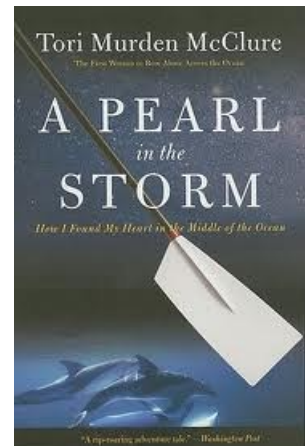
Tuesday, July 24, we took the train into NYC and had a wonderful ride conversing with Judy Cody, from Zeta, our long time friend. When we arrived at the hotel we spent time in the lobby conversing with past state president, Margaret Nielsen, and other new friends. It was then that we learned that the Northeast Conference in 2013 would be held in Portland, Maine, the last week in July.

We went to the first-timers meeting and found it fascinating to meet members from all over the world. There were lots of hints given to make the most of our time at this International

al Convention.

The opening meeting was attended by 2,000 members. There was an awesome parade of flags from all the countries attending and also some native costumes. The keynote speaker was Dr. Tori McClure who gave an interesting account of her life of adventure. This was followed by a variety show presented by the New York delegation.

Wednesday, we enjoyed the city sights and saw War Horse which was a spectacular show. It was a very memorable and rewarding experience.



New York Convention by a *Seasoned Attendee*

Terry Azoti

My fifth International Convention and ninth International summer event was just as exciting as my first!. I am always in awe of the pomp and circumstance of the whole event and I especially look forward to the opening night ceremony of flags from all seventeen countries. The New York setting, of course, was a plus for the many International members who had never been to the Big Apple. I was privileged to be able to be there for the entire five days, starting on Tuesday evening with the opening ceremony and New York Night. It was great to have thirty-nine members, including our new Zeta Chapter President, attend the Connecticut Night Dinner at Rosie O'Grady's. We had a fun evening!

As Alpha Kappa State 1st Vice-President, I was also able to be

a guest at the International Executive Board meetings. These meetings are conducted by the International President and Executive Board to hear committee reports and preview the business being conducted at the convention. All International State Presidents and International Committee Chairs are in attendance. The meetings were very interesting to this first-time observer.

Actions adopted at the general sessions of interest to our members were:

- to support early-career educators as an official second project of International (along with continuation of the Schools for Africa project)
- to expand into Japan (installation of the first chapter and initiation of new mem-

bers will take place in October, 2012!)

- to raise International Scholarship amounts for members from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for doctoral graduate studies and \$6,000 for other graduate studies (applications are online at www.dkg.org)

- to create an Arts and Humanities Jury to oversee online publication of members in different areas of art

Watch for the next issue of the DKG News where all the convention actions will be described. Consider attending the Northeast Regional Conference next July in Portland Maine, a nice drive from Connecticut. By then we will have three International events in succession in the Northeast. How fortunate can we get?



CT Night at Rosie O'Grady's, NY

Red Roses



Congratulations to the women of Zeta Chapter as we acknowledge their achievements and dedication.

- To **Mary Janeczek** and **Jeri Ripkin** on their June retirements.
- In the Spring **Evelyn Barese** was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure. She is in her 7th year at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York. She works in the Education Division teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in assessment and behavior management.
- **Raeanne Reynolds** has been appointed principal of Edgewood School in New Haven. Raeanne has served in various classroom positions in the New Haven Public Schools throughout her teaching career.

DKG Vision Statement
Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

White Roses



We would like to send our condolences to **Jeri Giaimo** who lost her son Paul on June 8, 2012 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." - Eskimo Proverb

Message from Membership

Kim Carew, Judy Cody

Membership Committee is pleased to announce that its responsibilities will be shared this biennium by Kim Carew and Judy Cody.

International's major emphasis on S.E.E. (Supporting Early-Career Educators) employs strategies that focus on providing support to early-career educators. Zeta Chapter would like to offer the challenge of obtaining TEN new early-career educators to become members of Zeta Chapter, this biennium.

This will take the cooperation and involvement of the full

Zeta membership, not just those still actively teaching. You will be hearing more about this challenge and how you can get involved as early as the September meeting. You will learn how you can help provide assistance through the S.E.E. initiative and combine these efforts with obtaining our TEN new members over the next two years. Be thinking NOW of early-career educators who may want to become members of Delta Kappa Gamma through your assistance, encouragement, and an eventual invitation to join the Society.

In the meantime, a reminder that at our June meeting Zeta voted to accept three new members into our chapter. They are **Carol Altieri, Rosalie Amato, and Karen Shinkman**. An orientation meeting will be held for these fine candidates in the coming weeks and they will be initiated at the October Initiation/Dinner meeting. Plan to attend this meeting to support their membership!

Looking forward to your support for our newest members and for those early-career educators yet to become members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Zeta Sisters Sharing

Kathy Imholt spent part of the summer in museums learning about American History. As part of the three year Teaching American History program sponsored by ACES and Yale she spent three days in New York City with twenty-five other TAH teachers from the Greater New Haven area. The group visited museums and participated in teacher workshops at each museum. The museums included the NY Historical Society, El Museo Del Barrio, The Museum of the City of NY, The Tenement Museum and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Museum. These museums all have excellent websites for teachers and students. The group also made a visit to the 911 Memorial and saw War Horse at Lincoln Center. The program is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education to increase knowledge of American History for elementary school teachers.

On another trip, Kathy attended the Society for the History of the Early American Republic Conference in Baltimore where

she also visited Ft. McHenry. After a tour of the fort, the cannons were fired in honor of the conference and the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. The Star Spangled Banner was written here in 1813.



At the Brooklyn Navy Yard Center, a docent-lead tour will show you the dry docks where ships such as the Monitor and the Maine were built in the 19th century, and tell you the story of women and immigrants who worked in the yard building ships during World War II. The yard now provides space for small business. All buildings are now LEED certified and many of the businesses use recycled materials and are interdependent on each other. One such building creates counter tops from recycled glass.



Historical re-enactors fire the cannon at Ft. McHenry, Baltimore



Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner when he saw the flag still flying over Ft. McHenry after the British bombardment of the fort during the War of 1812. Key was on a ship in Baltimore harbor waiting to negotiate a prisoner exchange.



Jessica Giampietro is proud to introduce her daughter, Allison Marie, who was born on March 19, 2012!



Carolyn Downs completed an 80"X84" afghan this July. Started around Christmas, it was a Christmas gift created for her son Andrew and his girlfriend, Becky.

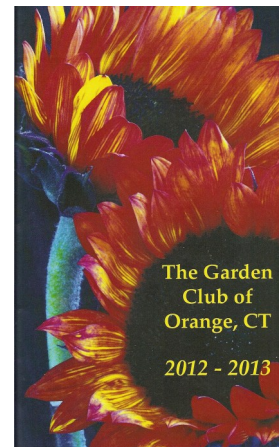
Zeta Sisters Sharing *(continued)*

Sue Rowan was a former member of Xi Chapter of DKG and transferred her membership to Zeta Chapter (along with Jay Palluzzi) when the chapter dissolved. Alice Batrow was a founding member of Xi Chapter. She recently turned 100 years old and is currently residing at the Branford Hills facility. The CEA-R Beacon Newsletter did a nice article about her this spring. When



Sue attended her 100th birthday celebration open house at Branford Hills in April, she presented her with a red rose in honor of her DKG membership.

Kim Albro was at UConn for three weeks this summer (two for classes and one for a conference) where she led some discussions with colleagues.



One of **Terry Azoti's** photos was used for The Garden Club of Orange yearbook, a cover credit first for her!

ZETA CHAPTER HISTORY 2011-2012

Dolores Butcher, Historian

Summer, 2011

- In July, an executive board meeting was held at the home of Lenore Martinelli. Plans were made for the 2011-2012 Zeta meetings.
- In July, five members, Chapter President, Kim Carew, Linda Amarante, Terry Azoti, Donna Chaney and Carolyn Downs, attended the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey, PA

September 20, 2011

- The Welcome Back meeting was held at Clintonville School, North Haven, with refreshments provided by members. President Kim Carew presided. She told of her experience at the Northeast Regional and thanked members for their support. As a result of the Regional Conference, Kim encouraged members to support early-career educators.
- Three additional nominees were presented by Judy Cody, Membership Chair, and voted on by the members. The vote was unanimous. Judy talked about the upcoming orientation to be held on October 4 at Ridge Road School with our 12 new initiates!
- Kathy Imholt, 1st Vice-President, presented facts about the upcoming Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference and urged members to attend.
- Lynn Pastore, 2nd Vice-President, read from "Pride in the Big Picture".

ZETA CHAPTER HISTORY 2011-2012 *(continued)*

October 19, 2011

- The initiation ceremony and business meeting was held at Pompeo's Restaurant in Branford, CT
- Certificates of recognition were given to members with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 50 years of service.
- Kim Carew encouraged members to attend the CT Fall State Conference at which Zeta would be selling pin wallets for a Zeta fundraiser to help with our initiation costs. Judy Cody and Joan Davies chaired this committee.
- The business meeting was adjourned and the initiation followed. The twelve initiates are: Rosemary Berton, Ashley Brandl, Cheryl Coppa, Judith Drenzek, Michelina Fazzino, Carole Franceschet, Jessica Giampietro, Rosina Hurley, Elizabeth Meoli, Anne Murphy, Carol Penny, and Diane Wilson. Ellen Maust, a former Lambda member, was reinstated.

November 5, 2011

- Alpha Kappa State Fall Conference was held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell. Conference theme was *Increasing Global Awareness*.
- Kim Carew, Zeta President, filled the responsibility of VIP Hostess. Kim Albro, Zeta member, exhibited about her trip to Malawi for Habitat for Humanity. Many Zeta members attended.
- Zeta sold the fabric keypin wallets, made by members the previous summer, at one of the two state-designated chapter sales tables.

November 19, 2011

- The much-awaited annual auction was held at the Cascade Restaurant in Hamden.
- Elayne Canter was again our auctioneer extraordinaire!
- Marnee Straiton, Alpha Kappa State President, joined us as a guest. Members voted on worthy projects for the auction proceeds. Two raffles were held for World Fellowship Project (\$96.00) and for Africaphilantropies (\$161.00). Toiletries were collected from members and were split between Leeway and Life Haven for Branford High School Young Women's Club.
- Total proceeds were \$1,915.00 to be distributed to the Zeta Memorial Grant, Marguerite McKay Grant, St Martin De Porres Academy and Family Reads. A separate collection was made totaling \$185.00 for the CT Food Bank.

March 10, 2012

- The 63rd birthday celebration took place at Grand Apizza North Restaurant in North Haven.
 - Members brought items for a basket to be donated to the fundraiser at the state spring convention. Monetary donations were also accepted for a Barnes and Noble gift card to be included in the basket.
 - A motion was presented and approved to give Project Unity \$100.00 from our miscellaneous fund.
 - Zeta Standing Rules were revised. Motion to amend Standing Rules was approved. Chapter Presi-
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ZETA CHAPTER HISTORY 2011-2012 *(continued)*

dent will send Zeta Standing Rules to state by-laws committee chair for approval.

- Kathy Imholt presented the proposed 2012-2014 slate of officers. Members approved the slate unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.
- Zato and Leonille Kadambaya gave a presentation about their grass-roots organization Africaphilantropies. A check from the auction proceeds was presented to them.
- Birthday cupcakes were provided by a team of members.

April 28, 2012

- Alpha Kappa State Spring Convention took place at Courtyard by Marriott in Cromwell.
- Conference theme was *International Update: Supporting Early-Career Educators*.
- Zeta members honored for years of service were: Louise DiRuccio, 25; Barbara Torcellini, 25; and Dorothy Martino, 50.
- For the second year in a row, *Zeta Zone* Newsletter was awarded "Most Newsworthy" in the state chapter newsletter competition. Carolyn Downs, editor, accepted the certificate for the chapter.
- Eleven Zeta members were in attendance.

June 6, 2012

- The final meeting of the year, our Sundae Social, was held at Whitney Center, Hamden.
 - Business meeting began with a financial report.
 - Members were recognized for years of service. Please note April reference.
 - Membership chair, Judy Cody, presented names of three nominees:
Carole Altieri, Rosalie Ann Amato, Karen Shenkman.
 - Installation of officers took place.

Rosalind Gambardella - President	Toni Cartisano - 1 st Vice-President
Anne Murphy - 2 nd Vice-President	Rosina Hurley -Recording Secretary
Carole Franceschet - Corresponding Secretary	Claudia Grantham - Treasurer.
 - NYC International Convention stipends were discussed. A motion was made and approved with regards to the budgeted line item of \$800.00 to help defray the chapter President's International Convention costs. It was decided that the money would be distributed to the newly appointed president for her time in attendance with the remainder divided among other members attending.
 - Payment for registration fees was unanimously approved for Zeta newly elected officers who would be attending the Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference on June 29 at the Coast Guard Academy in New London.
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ZETA CHAPTER HISTORY 2011-2012 *(continued)*

- Anne Brandt, Grant Committee Co-Chair, presented the Zeta Memorial Grant to Aliyah Brogdan, a senior at Career High School in New Haven. Aliyah will pursue a degree in education from Lincoln University.
- Meeting was adjourned, after which Mary Ann Dawson gave a presentation on her book, *The Keys: Unlocking the Door to Who You Are*. She focused on releasing toxic emotions.
- Outgoing President, Kim Carew, received a thank you gift from the chapter in appreciation for her two years of fine service to Zeta Chapter.

June 29, 2012

- Alpha Kappa State Leadership Conference was held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. Zeta Chapter president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary attended along with Zeta Chapter members of the AKS Executive Board.
- Dr. Lauren Goulet gave the Keynote Address.
- Breakout workshops were held for chapter leaders.
- At the conclusion, a luncheon and tours were provided.



A Note from the Editor:

Thank you to all those who participated in the completion of this newsletter. It is because of you that this newsletter is so special and newsworthy. It was nice to see so many different people writing articles. Thank you to President Roz Gambardella, Kim Albro, Terry Azoti, Evelyn Barese, Ann Brandt, Dolores Butcher, Kim Carew, Donna Chaney, Judy Cody, Jessica Giampietro, Claudia Grantham, Kathy Imholt, Louise Manfreda, Jan Pellegrini, Sue Rowan, Carol Sbabo, Barbara Torcellini, and Diane Wilson for your contributions. And as always, a big thanks to Terry Azoti and Judy Cody for proofreading. I encourage the involvement of more members to contribute news and write articles about chapter events in future issues of the Zeta Zone. It is a pleasure working with all of you.

-Carolyn Downs, Editor, Zeta Zone