



THE CHIPS OF GRANITE

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Bruce Campbell



Jeannine LeClerc



Martha Kruse & Phyllis Stibler



Kathy Brodsky

The New Hampshire Chapter of DKG's Spring Conference **Mindfulness for Teachers**

March 28-30, 2019 Inn at Mill Falls in Meredith, NH

March 29—Friday's Speakers:

9:30-10:30—Bruce Campbell, retired captain of the *Mt. Washington*

Mr. Campbell began working on the *Mount Washington* ship in 1969 and worked summers during his college career and while teaching music in Pittsburg, NH, for four years and in Alton, NH, for three years. In 1984 he began working for the *Mount* full time. He proceeded up the corporate ladder but still found time to be Assistant Director of Bands at the Immaculate Conception Apostolic School on a part-time basis during the winter months. His program will center on the history of the *Mount Washington*, statistics of the ship, and an overview of equipment in the wheelhouse. There will be a video presentation, a Q and A, and a discussion of resource materials that are available.

10:45-11:45—Jeannine Leclerc, Yoga in the Classroom

Some of the many benefits of a yoga practice are developing body awareness, self-management, increasing confidence and having a positive self-image. In a school setting, yoga improves classroom and school culture through using alternate ways for classroom management, in addition to the reduction of teacher, staff, and administrative stress. Come explore and enjoy some yoga practices and how Jeannine has incorporated yoga into all academic areas, levels, and themes.

1-2:00—Martha Kruse, Author & Phyllis Stibler, Illustrator of "Whispers on Winnepesaukee"

Ms. Kruse is a retired special educator living in Laconia. "This book came about because I've always journaled what happened when I babysat (Haley)." The book is about a day that Haley spends with her grandparents exploring Lake Winnepesaukee. Ideal for children age seven and older to read with an adult or a fourth grader independently. It stretches a child's vocabulary and curiosity. Ms. Stibler, a commercial interior designer and watercolor painter, agreed to help her friend illustrate the story. The success of the story has led to the team creating two more books.

2:15-3:15—Kathy Brodsky, Author

Ms. Brodsky is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who writes and promotes quality books that are timely, visually exciting, entertaining, educational and fun! As a psychotherapist for over 40 years, she is able to tap into universal emotions of people of all ages with themes that are evident in her books. Teachers have often used her messages to further social awareness in their students. Her published books include *Moments in Our Lives*, *My Bent Tree*, *The Inside Story*, *Just Sniffing Around*, *A Horse Named Special*, and *A CatFish Tale*.

PRESIDENT NUTE'S GREETINGS:

ANNE'S ANSWERS



Have you been missing your *DKG News*? You know, it used to come in the mail. Now it is on the DKG Website. I admit I am not accustomed to going online to get my DKG updates. With another snow storm threatening, I printed out the January / February 2019 issue and read it cover to cover. Here is some of what I learned:

To start with, Florida initiated the first DKG collegiate member this past October. Did you know we can induct college students going into education careers into NH State DKG? Are you mentoring some young educator-in-training? Page 1 of the *News* has all the details.

Second, our International President Cathy P. Daugherty's article enlightened me to the changes DKG is implementing. Instead of regional conferences we are moving to themed conferences with the goals of creating a "unified group spirit among members in all states." (A. Blanton, *Our Heritage*) Why do this? We will do this because we asked for changes at the 2017 conferences. Our nearest International conference is July 30 to August 1 at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT. The theme is Global Awareness. Be sure to check out all the offerings this summer. Maybe you want to travel to a distant conference. It is all on the DKG website.

Finally, a bit of NH State DKG news. Our wonderful *CHIPS* editor, Sheila Mable has submitted her resignation after TEN (10!) years of producing our newsletter. We can't thank her enough for all her hard work and innovations over these many years. Do you know that *CHIPS* is on our website for all to read? I do enjoy all the chapter news from around the state. We sure have some big shoes to fill. Anyone interested?

I hope to see you at the Spring Conference on March 28-30.

KEENE STATE COLLEGE HONORS NORMA WALKER

The Alumni Relations Office, Keene State College, honored Alpha's **Norma Walker** on her 90th birthday (February 11) at the KSC Alumni office. Many New Hampshire DKG members know Norma because of her Golden Circle luncheons, which she has organized for eight or nine NH areas annually.

A DKG member since 1974, Norma received her B. Ed and M. Ed from Keene Teachers College and did further study at Fitchburg Teachers College, UNH, and Boston University. She taught at Keene's Wheelock School, Peterborough and Greenfield Elementary schools in grades three, four and five, as well as Title I reading. She was Assistant Professor of Education at KSC, teaching graduate and undergraduate reading and early childhood courses and designing some classes.

Among Norma's service projects, she was on the Executive Board of the New England Reading Association and was its president in 1981. Awards received include the Sprague Drenan Award for her service to the KSC Alumni Association. *Yankee Magazine* recognized her with the 2001 Community Partner Barn Raiser award, and in the same year she received the Granite State Award for Outstanding Public Service from KSC. She is Past President of the Granite State Reading Association and Past President of the Cheshire County Retired Educators. Norma is still a volunteer in KSC's Alumni Office. She was Alpha Chapter's president and has served on the scholarship, research, membership and finance committees.

A belated happy birthday to our outstanding DKG sister!



Norma Walker greets her former student Dick Dunning at her birthday party, thrown by Keene State College Alumni Office.

MEET OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

ALPHA CHAPTER'S CO-PRESIDENTS



KAREN LEDUC on the Left:

Karen LeDuc's B. Ed is from Keene State College. Her graduate work was in the field of Reading Instruction. She taught in elementary schools in Fitzwilliam, North Walpole, Westmoreland and Chesterfield for 37 years before retiring in 2008. She then went on to become adjunct faculty in Early Childhood at Keene State College, retiring in 2016.

She has served as chairman of the finance committee for the Alpha Chapter before becoming co-president with Jeannette Gardner. She is very active with Maplewood Nursing Home and is the treasurer of their Auxiliary. She enjoys gardening, kayaking, cooking, traveling and spending time with her husband, two daughters and four grandchildren.

JEANNETTE GARDNER on the Right:

I grew up in Keene, always knowing I wanted to be an elementary teacher. I graduated from Keene State College in 1971 with B. Ed. degree. I got an M.A. from Norwich University in 1996. Along the way I had three children, and now I have seven grandchildren.

I taught for 30 years in several area towns, the last 18 being in Chesterfield, NH. Throughout those years I taught in every grade from first to sixth and Title 1. My co-president, Karen LeDuc, and I also team-taught a multi-age group of first through fourth graders for five years. (We've always worked well together!)

I retired from Chesterfield School in 2008 and was hired as an adjunct professor in the Education Department at KSC, mainly teaching Elementary Methods and supervising Methods students. I am now retired from KSC too, but I volunteer in my grandchildren's classrooms whenever I get the chance. I always loved being a teacher. I can't say every day was easy, but every day was rewarding.

BETA'S PRESIDENT, MIDGE JORGENSEN



Midge Jorgensen has been a member of the DKG Beta Chapter since 1999. She enjoys serving as Beta's President because of the tremendous support she receives from past presidents Terry Thompson and Kathy Tucker, plus all of her Beta Sisters.

Midge lives in Canaan with Bob, her husband of 44 years, and their 14 year old black lab. She has two grown daughters and two grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, flower gardening, playing cards, traveling with Bob, and crafting.

Midge graduated from then Plymouth State College with a BS in Elementary Education in 1973. She then remained in Plymouth teaching second grade for two years. After marrying and moving to Canaan, she taught for six years at the Mt. Lebanon Elementary School (her alma mater) in West Lebanon. Midge became a stay-at-home mom for the next seven years. During that time she was active in the PTA, a board member of The Indian River Nursery School, a Brownie leader, and a 4-H cooking instructor. From 1988 until her retirement in 2014, she taught at Canaan Elementary School, beginning in pre-first and second grade before landing in first grade, her favorite.

After retirement Midge has volunteered at Canaan Elementary in classrooms and with the Hands on Nature Program. She and Bob enjoy volunteering at their grandchildren's schools. This year she started volunteering at The Shaker Museum Seasonal Festivals in Enfield, NH. She looks forward to staying involved in Beta and other educational activities in her community.

GAMMA'S PRESIDENT, SHEILA KNIGHT



Once again for Gamma as long-term president, I have a joint effort of steering the chapter. Betty Gilman serves as treasurer and computer informer of DKG data. Jackie Hinton and Bobbi Lippemeier arrange programs while Lynn Young takes care of arranging meeting places. And let's not forget the members who come, share and are so loyal. My personal information is from the 2017 Founders' Day Award. DKG has been a huge part of my life since joining in May 1980.

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CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

Some Alpha members took trips this past year. **Cathy Harvey** and her husband vacationed on Lake Seneca in upstate New York. They visited 5 of the 100 wineries on the lake for wine tastings. "Sadly, we left before we could visit the remaining 95!" she reports.

Sue Miller and husband Ted celebrated their 50th anniversary in June by taking a Viking "City of Lights" river cruise. Many of their fellow passengers were educators from all over the USA. They had a wonderful time visiting castles and UNESCO sites.

Pam Sanders and her husband celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip on the cog railway to the top of Mt. Washington. It was an exceptionally clear day, and they were able to see the Atlantic Ocean from the summit.

Joanne Stroshine is the CASA/CAL for two children in the Cheshire County District. She strongly encourages her DKG sisters to explore this rewarding and challenging volunteer opportunity. She also served as chair of Swanzey's Old Home Day Committee, organizing a day of free and fun activities, a parade, demonstrations, and a craft fair for the community. Another project that helps fill her "retirement" is her work on a committee to preserve the Golden Rod Grange Hall in Swanzey as a community center/Town Hall annex in Swanzey Center. This busy member also continues to sub at the Monadnock Regional Middle/High School.

Three new members joined Alpha Chapter at the Oct. 23rd meeting. **Carol Hines** taught in New York State for 39 years as a teacher and then an administrator. She received a NYS PTA Distinguished Service Award. Volunteer work includes the Keene Community Kitchen and a Christian outreach program. She is also a past president of the Cheshire County Retired Educators. **Martha Silk**, currently a substitute teacher at Keene High School, is a Keene State College graduate. She taught Family and Consumer Science and Clothing Construction at KHS for 29 years and once taught in the Title Nine program at the Nelson School. The third initiate is **Elizabeth Sylvia**, who is currently a seventh grade reading teacher at the Keene Middle School. She has a BA in Literature, was a KHS teacher for a time, and is active in Iron Giraffe-Water for South Sudan. She believes "Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire," courtesy of W. B. Yeats.



Meet Alpha's new members. From left to right are Martha Silk, Elizabeth Sylvia, and Carol Hines.

Following the traditional lighting of the membership candles, **Mary Parker** led the ceremony explaining the symbols of Delta Kappa Gamma. The moving ritual reminded members of DKG's purposes. Felt boards and symbols were passed to the current co-presidents for future use.

In what has become an annual tradition, Alpha members gathered at Langdon Place, a retirement community, for Christmas caroling. **Angela Seaver** organized the evening. Fourteen sisters led singing of traditional songs to the delight of the residents. Following the event, members enjoyed fellowship and refreshments at **Elaine Landry's** home.

BETA CHAPTER NEWS

Beta Chapter has a new member, **Susan Seamans**. Sue taught mathematics at Lebanon High School for 43 years. She also coached the senior math team for her entire career. She retired in June of 2017 at the same time as her husband. Sue enjoys gardening, walking with her husband, playing cards, and traveling.

Joni Butler recently presented Large Scale Board Games at the State Physical Education Conference in Waterville Valley in November. Participants played Monopoly, Battleship, Shutes and Ladders, Dinosaur Escape, and Mouse Trap.

Susan Mellow will be spending the months of February and March visiting her daughter and family in Tahoe, CA. She will be skiing with her grandsons, Liam and Ryan.

Lyn Thompson, in her part-time retirement, walks small dogs, attends workshops with friends doing soul collage, and educating herself through reading.

Lisa Torres has a new job as a substitute library assistant at the Enfield Public Library.

Kathy Tucker and her sister, along with their husbands, visited South Dakota in early October. They went to Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Monument, Custer State Park, and the Badlands. Kathy's favorite was the Badlands.

Linda Walker and **Diane De Wolfe** were reinstated into Beta chapter this fall. They both teach at Indian River School in Canaan as part of the 5th grade team.

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

Gamma's Christmas project was collecting material for the Pease Greeters Group to give to incoming military.

Barbara Cowan has organized beautiful art exhibits.

Jackie Hinton and **Bobbie Lippemeier** continue to create wonderful art through the making of quilts and runners.

Sheila Knight went with **Sheila Mable** to the Essence of Giving at Elm Street Elementary School in Laconia. Theta members volunteer to set up refreshment, sales and wrapping tables to help the children do their free Christmas shopping for family members. "It was such fun because it was one of my schools when I first started teaching," Sheila K. said. "What happy memories of DKG members!"

Myrt Moore spent a lovely visit with relatives in Canada over Christmas.

Ann Smith moved for the winter to be with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson in Memphis, TN. She is enjoying her new baby grandson. He's a handsome boy!

Ruth Tuttle keeps doing well in CT. "She continues to enjoy the piano and board games," her niece reports.

DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

Susan Ackerman will begin giving private French lessons remotely and in-person to adult learners. This is an exciting new opening for a field she deeply loves.

Ann Gray and her husband Lindsey enjoyed lots of company over the past Christmas holiday week. Their daughter Melanie and her husband were in town from Manchester for a few days at Christmas. A few days later, their daughter Marilyn and her husband arrived from NJ as did their daughter Sarah with her husband and their daughter who came up from Somersworth. Their son Seth and his wife and children live in Pittsburg so they were around quite a bit during that week as well. Ann and Lindsey couldn't have been happier!

Mary Jolles has finally retired for good from her part-time position as grant writer and administrative assistant for the Colebrook School District. She has held this position for six years after her retirement as principal of the Colebrook

Elementary School. She is now spending time serving as president of the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook and enjoying her new granddaughter, Senna Clay Stoughton.

Karen LaRoche's son was home from Afghanistan in December and was there for the birth of her grandson Connor Lee LaRoche! As of May 30, Karen will be the State Advisor for NH Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She is mentioning this because she will need many volunteers and judges for the FCCLA state conference and competitions on March 28. Please look forward to hearing from her so you may lend your expertise at this event before enjoying the BAS Spring Conference on the March 29 and 30.

Heidi Mathieu is very happy to announce that after 28 ½ years of teaching she will be retiring this June. She has many outdoor hobbies, including hiking and skiing, that she is looking forward to enjoying to the fullest. Heidi also loves to cook healthy food and spend time with friends and family. The best to you, Heidi!

Wanda Merrill is very excited to be a grandmother again! She has a new granddaughter born on October 4, 2018. Her name is Emelia Evelyn Merrill. Wanda is now the proud grandmother of three wonderful grandchildren. She is also excited about planning her wedding, which will take place on August 10, 2019, in Pittsburg at The Glen on the shore of beautiful 1st Connecticut Lake. She will be marrying Christopher McGuire from Bloomfield, VT.

Christine Smith retired in June 2018 after many years of teaching in the White Mountains Regional School District. This past September found her back in school as a part-time para with first and second grade students. She is enjoying being back in school and appreciates not having to do lesson plans!

Pam Read is proud to announce that her grandson Kyle has joined the Army. He is currently beginning Basic Training in South Carolina with a goal of becoming an Airborne Ranger. Pam, her husband Ted and daughter Kristin will travel down to his graduation in April.

Pam Read, Judy Erickson, Diane Mumley and Kay Moran of the Literacy Committee have delivered more than 300 books, matching "stuffies" and bookbags to the North Country schools. The committee has applied for a grant through International to continue this project. It is named "The Forget-Me-Not Project" in honor and memory of our Delta sister, Marna Ingerson.



President Barbara Baker appreciates the craft of the quilt created by Delta members that will be raffled off. It is in honor of Marna Ingerson and will be displayed on March 30.

EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS

Connie Lanseigne-Case continues to enjoy Quilling, the art of cutting and curling narrow strips of paper. The designs include snowflakes, valentines and a favorite, flowers. The finished craft is shared with a relative or friend. *See Connie's creation below.*



Winnie Schmidt is enjoying auditing classes at the UNH campus in the Mill Buildings in Manchester. "This semester is a humanities course concerning the relationship between history and drama," she explains. "There are no tests, no papers. It's just reading and enjoying learning. It is a great deal for folks over 65."

Newly retired from teaching social studies at Londonderry High School, **Barbara Mee** is once again President of Epsilon chapter and is travelling more than ever these days. "As Marge Pagliuca in my chapter says that travel is and always has been important to me/us. And we are doing it now while we can! Austin, TX, for International last summer, catching up with a former student who lives there now with her family (and the last time we saw each other was graduation in 1994) Thank you, Facebook! Then a Rhine River cruise on a Viking longboat. Our son Robert and my cousin Mary Frances joined us. It was perfect! So much so that I've organized one of my small groups and have nine cabins booked for the Danube in summer 2019. Additionally, we are doing a land/cruise to Alaska in late May/early June. There's no time like the present to do these things.

"If you are ever interested in information about future small group trips I might be planning, please contact me at b22ladybug@comcast.net. You never know what's next!"
(*See more about Barbara on p.8.*)



ETA CHAPTER NEWS

In October **Caroline Butler** and **Betty Gilman** (Gamma) went on a ten day trip to Iceland joining three friends from Vermont and others from Los Angeles. "This amazing trip included visiting beaches and lakes, whale watching, waterfalls, volcanic craters, the turf houses, the Icelandic horses, geothermal plants, and, of course, the Blue Lagoon! It was a fabulous trip and one we would highly recommend others put on their bucket list," said Caroline and Betty.

"Winter, however, hasn't been treating me too well," **Caroline** added. "I slipped on the ice in my driveway in early January and broke my left ankle. I had surgery that included 8 screws and a metal plate. Two more weeks and the cast comes off. So ready to begin bearing weight again! I'm doing fine... just have to let the healing process work."

Sue Dexter went to Fairbanks, Alaska, this past summer with her daughter and son-in-law for a couple of weeks and stayed with her sister and her family. They saw many sites and went through Denali Park, seeing a mama grizzly bear with two cubs, sheep on a hillside, and moose. They camped out one night in the Park and had a perfect view of Denali. It was a beautiful spot and wonderful trip!

Dianne Mros, Sue Dexter, and Sue's daughter Shannon vacationed in Arcadia National Park at the end of August. Sue and Dianne rode Olio's Trolley up Cadillac Mountain to view the sunset. They also enjoyed Sand Beach and the famous popovers at Jordan Pond House.

Martha "Marnie" Verville turned 91 on February 22 and says, "Only nine more years to 100!" She still volunteers at Hospice House in Concord but has cut back on some of the activities. In April of 2018, she received her 20-year pin from CRVNA in recognition of her work at the House. "My volunteering also included Bereavement Groups, Lights of Life, and visits to others who had lost loved ones," Marnie explained. (*See Marnie's poem on p. 9.*)

THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Pam Clark spent two weeks in Florida this winter, including three days at Disney with her granddaughter Maddy.

"Elm Street School, my school, is using all the suggestions presented in the book *The Curious Classroom*. This program allows students to have direct impact into the curriculum," **Donna-Marie Gamlin** announced.

Sheila Mable is retiring from being editor of *CHIPS*, NH-DKG'S state newsletter, after 10 years on the job. She will devote her time to caring for her husband who is now home after a 10-week stay at the hospital and rehab center in Concord. She is also dealing with her many health issues, including Parkinson's disease.

Rachel Young and her husband are still in NH, still recovering from a car accident in October. “We’ve been *laying low* and are seeing winter for the first time in about 15 years,” said Rachel. “Our final doctor’s appointments were the first week in March. We hope to head south soon for a little while.”



Reminiscing with the BelAirs in Sanbornton were **Brenda Walker** and **Pam Clark**. As you can see, the truth about Pam is out: she is a beauty school drop out...at least for the evening! Pam tried to catch Brenda posing, too, but she used Brenda’s camera! *Delete, delete, delete...*

WANTED

Applicants for the editor’s position of *CHIPS*, our state newsletter. Must have some knowledge of layout, grammar, and writing. Must be a member of NH-DKG. By March 26, 2019, send an email to President Anne Nute indicating your background and why you want this job that pays \$175/issue.

The present editor will help the new editor get started.

WHITE ROSE:

THETA MOURNS LOSS OF PAT WEBSTER

Patricia Ann (Hikel) Webster, 85, of Laconia, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, with her family nearby.

Patricia was born April 18, 1933, in Orange, New Jersey, the daughter of Colonel Theodore R. Hikel and Alyce R. (Connelly) Hikel. Pat was a child of a military family and lived all over the United States. She graduated from Fort Hood High School in Fort Hood, Texas, UNH in 1955, and received her master’s degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester in 1984.

Pat met the love of her life, Roger, at UNH in 1953; they were married on June 18, 1955, at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Together they raised their five children in Gilmanton Iron Works.

Pat began her career in education when she taught kindergarten in her home. In 1967 she began her full-time career at Belmont and Canterbury elementary schools as a Title I reading teacher. She retired in 1988 as the first reading specialist in the Shaker Regional School District. After her retirement, Pat became the Area Coordinator for the Foster Grandparents program, keeping her involved with the area schools.

Pat was a founding member and past president of the Ellis-Geddes-Levitt Unit 102, American Legion Auxiliary, in Gilmanton; a member and past president of the local women’s education group, Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, and New Hampshire Retired Teachers’ Association. Also she was a communicant of St. Andre Bessette Parish.

She was an avid bridge player and loved to crochet, making many afghans, baby clothes, and prayer shawls for family and friends. The past three years brought her great happiness looking at pictures of her great-grandson, who lives in Indiana.

Pat wintered for 12 years in Mesa, AZ, escaping the cold New Hampshire winters. She made many long-lasting friendships while there.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Roger B. Webster; her three daughters, Pamela Paquette and husband John of Gilford, Susan Morse of Alton, and Elizabeth “Betsy” Webster of Laconia; two sons, Mark Webster of New Bedford, MA, and Peter Webster of York, ME; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. She also leaves one brother, two sisters, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

There will be a celebration of Patricia’s life in the spring.



MEET THE PRESIDENTS (continued from p. 3)

DELTA'S PRESIDENT, BARBARA BAKER

Barbara Baker once again serves as Delta's president. She previously served as president from 2002-2004 and 2004-2006. She has held the office of First Vice President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Barbara has served on the following committees: Standing Rules, Finance, Communications, Historical Data, and Program.



At the state level Barbara has served as President, First Vice-President, Recording Secretary, chairman of the Bylaws Committee and is currently chairman of the Finance Committee. In 2013 Barbara received the Beta Alpha State Founders Award. In 2006 she participated in the Golden Gift Leadership Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin. Barbara received her M.Ed. from Plymouth State University. In 2009 she retired from teaching.

Over the years she has come to appreciate the animals who allow her to share their environment. Some are as rare as an ermine and a bobcat while others are common to the North Country as a bear with her twin cubs.

Barbara enjoys writing about her family and nature. She shares her home with her rescue cat, Lady Marmalade.

EPSILON'S PRESIDENT, BARBARA MEE

Barbara Mee is once again President of Epsilon chapter. One of her Management/Leadership "sisters (from TX no less) coined the term "recycled" for leadership roles as they are hard to fill... even in TX! Being newly retired from teaching social studies at Londonderry High School and dealing with its adjustments, Barbara is relying heavily on a team effort from her chapter members regarding this year.



ETA'S PPRESIDENT, SANDY TOMELLINI



My name is Sandra Tomellini. I am the current president of Eta Chapter. I attended the University of Rhode Island. I graduated in May of 1980 with a B.A. in Elementary Education with a concentration in Social Sciences and an area of interest in Portuguese Language. In my junior year of college, I was awarded a scholarship in order to summer study at the University of Lisbon, Portugal. In my senior

year at the University, I was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi. I previously was President of Eta Chapter from 1996-1998.

My teaching experiences have taken me from an inner city parochial school in New Brunswick, NJ, to public elementary schools in Farmington, Milton and Somersworth, NH. I also have experience teaching at a parochial school in Rochester, NH. In addition to my teaching certificate, I have a grooming certificate from the Thompson School at UNH.

My other interests include being involved with various activities at my church and different types of crafting. I enjoy arranging flowers (fresh, dried and silk), stitching, and making jewelry.

THETA'S PRESIDENT, KAREN GOSS

Professional/Teaching

Experience: After attending Keene State College for my Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Special Education, I taught for 34 years before my early retirement. I was at Spaulding Youth Center for three years as Resident Counselor and



Administrative Coordinator for the unit. Next was a year at Laconia State School as a teacher. My final destination was the Laconia School District, where I started as a Title I Teacher for three years in four different schools and then moved into the classroom. I taught First Grade and Multi-age for 22 years and then finished the last five years of my career as a Special Education Teacher at Elm Street School. I took many graduate classes to further my knowledge in Literacy, Math, and School Improvement. During my last two years of teaching, I worked as a part-time Tax Professional and after my retirement purchased the Liberty Tax franchise in Laconia where I started a new career. I have been able to continue to teach by holding classes for new tax preparers and educating my clients about their taxes.

Theta Chapter: I have been a member of Theta Chapter for 21 years. My participation has varied over the years of raising children and teaching full time. Now that I am retired, my schedule is more flexible and I can devote more time to the chapter. I am the new chapter president with great friends helping me along the way! I have taken part in many activities, such as The Essence of Giving at Elm Street School at Christmastime and the Annual Yard Sale. Theta has given me a network of friends with similar interests in education, as well as exposing me to other areas through the many speakers, visitors, and activities with the chapter and the state. Theta was also a source of support when my family had a flood in our house due to a broken pipe.

Family: I have been married for 28 years. Now that my husband and I are retired, we have enjoyed two cruises and are looking forward to planning more trips. We have 2 daughters, 26 and 22. Our oldest now has 2 boys of her own (3 and 11 months). They are a lot of fun and keep us all busy! I love spending time with them and love the way they light up when they see me! Our other daughter is a student at UNH studying Equine Science and Animal Behavior.

WRITERS' CORNER

COUNTRY LIVING

by Martha "Marnie" Verville, Eta Chapter

I open my eyes and look around;
You're still asleep with a snoring sound.
I touch the floor; it's mighty cold.
If I keep this up, I'll never grow old.
I get the kindling, I light the match,
I stoke the stove, I unfasten the latch.

I give you a yell, one-two-three;
You jump right up and you kiss me.
You shave yourself and shower, too.
Then breakfast is ready and I call you.
I get the kindling, I light the match,
I stoke the stove, I unfasten the latch.

I brush the hair, I wash the face,
I start the chow, I must say Grace.
Now breakfast is over and the day's begun.
I look real close—finally see the sun.
It's a lovely day, the weather is mild.
I think I might do something wild.

Just as I think of what I might say,
I hear your voice, "We'll cut wood today."
I get the kindling, I light the match,
I stoke the stove, I unfasten the latch.
I brush the hair, I wash the face,
I start the chow, I must say Grace.
I grab my coat, I get my hat,
I tie my boots, and that is that!

Out in the woods, I haul and stack.
"Oh," I say, "my poor aching back!"
We tractor it across the brook;
We sink a little, I cannot look.
We unload a load, one is down;
Ten more to go as we turn around.

Can we really finish? It's hard to say.
But it certainly makes for a helluva day.
I get the kindling, I light the match,
I stoke the stove, I unfasten the latch,
I brush the hair, I wash the face,
I start the chow, I must say Grace,

I grab my coat, I get my hat,
I tie my boots, and that is that!
I rub my knees...I heave a sigh.
I love you, dear William, but right now I could die!

HOW I WRITE A STORY

by Barbara Baker, Delta Chapter

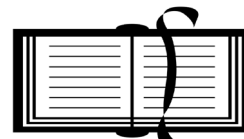
Writing, for me, is not deliberate. Rather it starts with a pop of clarity and then a direction. An idea, a title, or first lines. I have not devoured books on characters, plot and settings though I have taught these essentials to my fourth-grade students. I have, in fact, used them in my own samples shared with my class.

With the growing pains and joys of age and experience, writing has become, for me, a way of remembering. A way to set down who my parents and grandparents were in snippets of their lives. Who my siblings and friends were, have become, and continue becoming. Times past verses times present and future. I write my memories from my perspective. My siblings and friends might view events differently.

I have always been a people watcher. Observing, thinking about, and often spinning identities in my mind for those who nudge my interest. The middle-aged woman with her feathered scarf searching the kiosk. Why is she so agitated? For what is she searching? That man in his shirt sleeves whistling along with his hands stuffed in his pockets. What is he thinking? Or maybe not thinking at all? It is often easier to indulge in fantasies of strangers than face the truths of those I knew and know now.

I have never written about myself, for that would be a difficult and challenging truth. One, I am not ready to face. So, I indulge myself in memories of others who may never come across my attempts at writing. I see my grandmother, Amelia, her foot pumping the treadle of the Singer sewing machine used in her dress making. My grandpa, John, making daily trips to Boston where he succeeded as a cabinet maker. My father, William, and his love of summer family barbecues. My mother, Helen, teaching me as she carried on holiday traditions learned from her own mother.

As a teenager I stayed with my grandparents each summer helping my gram with her canning and preserving vegetables from the garden and fruit from the orchard on the opposite side of the house. In school I had learned the importance of being organized and precise. One summer I remember asking my gram how much sugar or salt she added to the batches of peaches or green beans. She stopped and shrugged, "Oh, a hand full of sugar. A dash of salt. I just know from my own mother." Now I would have to stop and mull over her answers in light of my education. Gram had given me something important to think about.



WINTER REFRESHER

by Marge Pagliuca, Epsilon

So what do retired teachers do when they retire? Some sub, some relax, some travel and most are busier than ever. I am in my second year of, albeit early, retirement. After teaching for 30+ years, I felt it was time. In August I decided to do a long-term sub at Pinkerton Academy teaching Health, and as the weeks went on, it got longer and longer. I kept telling everyone that I needed to be out by January 11 because my plane was leaving on the 12th. Thankfully that teacher was able to come back earlier than expected, and off my husband and I went to Australia and New Zealand.

I was a tennis fanatic, and so it is on my wish list to see all the Grand Slam tournaments. We went to Roland Garros in Paris this past May and it was phenomenal. The people were lovely and the tournament was awesome. We literally walked or took the Metro all over the city. It was an amazing experience. We have visited the US Open in Flushing Meadow, NY, and that was also a great experience. But we had wanted a warm destination in winter and what a great way to combine two in one. We went to the Australian Open in January, where it was one of the hottest summers on record for Melbourne. Our tickets were excellent and it was such a pleasure to see Novak Djokovic play up close and personal!

We did a tour of the Lightning Ridge Opal Mine facility in Melbourne and learned all about opal mining and got to watch the workers actually polishing the opals. Of course, I had to have some natural opals. We went on the Great Ocean Road tour, which was a 14-hour tour along the coast where you could smell eucalyptus leaves, see a koala in the wild, and have parrots and cockatoos just drop down on your shoulders. We saw the Twelve Apostles sandstone formations and learned how the soldiers returning from WWI were paid to build the road, given three meals a day and a home to live in. On this tour we also did a short hike in the eucalyptus rainforest. Venomous snakes, breathtaking views and making new friends with people from all over the world on our 15-person tour was a great break between matches at Melbourne Park. We also tried the many varied restaurants and pubs along the Yarra River. When the people of Australia say “No worries,” they mean it. In addition to these things, we also visited a few quilt shops as I am an avid sewist. My husband thought it was interesting that they always gave him a comfy armchair and a cup of tea while I shopped.

During our second week we traveled to New Zealand and that is, without a doubt, beyond belief. It’s like earth as it is supposed to be: natural and unspoiled. We’re already talking about going back and we haven’t even been home a month yet! We rented a car and on our first day there we went to a yarn and quilt shop and met two wonderful women with whom my husband had a wonderful conversation about places not to miss. This shop had such awesome New Zealand wool—merino and possum and lovely fabrics and specific designs by New Zealanders. Then we were off to put our toes into the Tasman Sea at Piha Black Sand Beach. The surf was really vicious and there was only a very small area in which swimmers were allowed. We spent a few days based in Auckland but driving out and about. Our next visit was to the Coromandel peninsula and Whitianga, where we took a boat and

explored caves and saw interesting homes, formations and fish and returned to Auckland for our last night.

Moving on, we went to a charming quilt shop that had not only American fabrics but New Zealand fabrics as well. (I have already finished a wall hanging that I made from these fabrics of New Zealand birds.) From there we stopped for coffee at a homestead and sat alongside a cricket oval. Such a relaxing start to the day. Then we were off again to the Hobbiton movie set. This was such a surprise. Truthfully I only watched one of the Hobbit movies, but I read all the books when we rented our house in England from Merton College where Tolkien was a professor. It was delightful, unspoiled and much more fun than I ever really believed. The hobbit holes were so well done, and for the second filming everything was made permanent and is being professionally maintained. The New Zealanders also used their armed forces to build the roads for the film company and now tourists to be able to access the area. Farming went on as usual. The whole place was discovered during a helicopter exploration of the area. After leaving Hobbiton, we went to our B&B, which was incredibly lovely. The hosts were charming and we had a wonderful stay.

The next day it was off to Waitomo, the glowworm caves. We explored some other caves as well. It was fun, but not the highlight of the trip. From here we ventured to the geothermal area of Rotorua. As you’re driving along, you see steam coming up from grazing fields, backyards, everywhere. We visited Te Puia, which gave us a wonderful insight into Maori culture. We also toured the Maori University where there are only five students accepted each year to study woodcarving, stone (jade) carving and bronze casting and weaving. When these students graduate, they move on to the different parts of New Zealand and perfect their craft, making sure the ancient traditions are carried on. A delegation will be visiting the UN to talk about their work and the importance of carrying on traditions of all indigenous people. In addition we saw geysers, sulphur deposits and mud pools... all testifying to the active earth beneath us.

Our last day we drove to Whakatane to catch a boat to White Island, an active volcano. The trip out was 90 minutes. Personally I thought the whole hard-hat and gas mask thing was a little dramatic until they put us in smaller boats and we had to scramble onto the rocks and make our way up the base of the island. No one lives here although some geologists camp here for several weeks at a time. They were working and they were wearing hard-hats and gas masks as well. We got to watch them monitoring activity beneath the island. We were briefed on what to do in case of an earthquake or eruption. Scary, but wonderful. I wouldn’t trade a day of this experience. I was really glad I got all the acid off my shoes and was looking forward to doing the laundry before packing up for the trip home. Otherwise all my clothes would have smelled like sulfur. From there it was time to make the four-hour drive back to Auckland so we could relax, do laundry in the morning, and catch our flight back to Australia and then back to the US.

It was a great trip that makes me glad I am doing what I said I would do—travel. For me, there are so many places to see and so many things to do. Now, if my entry for the International Ballot is accepted, I’ll be off to Wimbledon in late June early July! If not, I’ll enter again next year.

SCENES OF NH-DKG'S 2018 FALL MEETING



VENDORS AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE

For the first time we will have vendors at the spring conference. The vendors are members of Beta Alpha State and will offer you a variety of handmade items. Cash and personal checks will be accepted.

We have room for more vendors. If you are interested, please complete the enclosed form, enclose a check for \$20 written to Beta Alpha State, and send to Terry Thompson.

Vendors currently registered include:

Maurine Henry: quilted bags, table runners, wall hangings, scarfs, and other fabric crafts

Judy Erikson: seaglass, ocean themed jewelry and gemstones

Barbara Mee: my own photography cards

Beta Chapter: handmade cards, gift card holders, Christmas bags & tags, jellies and jams, and more

The New Hampshire Chapter of DKG Spring Conference Vendor Application and Agreement Mill Falls Inn, Meredith, NH March 28 – 30, 2019

Send to Terry Thompson/ 720 VT Route 12/ Hartland, VT 05048 / Postmarked by March 15, 2019

Please provide the following:

Vendor's name: _____

Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Items to be sold: _____

Check # _____ enclosed (for \$20 table fee), payable to Beta Alpha State

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Vendor restrictions and requirements:

- A vendor must be a DKG member from NH and must be registered for the 2019 NH-DKG Spring Conference.
- All items sold must be hand-made or written by original authors.
- Applications must be sent via US mail (not email).
- A check for \$20, payable to Beta Alpha State, must accompany the application. There will be no refunds for cancellations made 2 weeks or less prior to the conference. A confirmation will be sent via email.
- Vendors will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.
- Vendors will be provided with one 8' table and 2 chairs. No additional furniture may be brought in.
- No wall space or electricity will be available.
- Vendors will provide their own table coverings.
- Vendors may set up during registration in the morning or between the morning and afternoon sessions on Friday.
- Vendor tables will be open from 3:15 – 4:30 pm (after the last presenter) on Friday and from 8:00 – 9:30 am on Saturday.
- Vendors are responsible for their own security.

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NH-DKG Ex. Board Meeting July 20, 2019

CHIPS Deadline Aug. 10, 2019

NH-DKG Fall Meeting Sept. 28, 2019
Hood Museum, Hanover

DKG International Conferences:

Arts & Humanities--Asheville, NC June 27-29, 2019

Leadership--DesMoines, IA July 10-18, 2019

Technology--Costa Mesa, CA July 17-20, 2019

Professional Research--Iceland July 25-27, 2019

Global Awareness--CT July 30-Aug.1, 2019

Spring Conference--March 30, 2019 Saturday's Schedule and Speaker

7:30-8:45 Breakfast

8-9:30 Vendor Fair

8:00 - 8:45 Registration

9:00 - 9:45 Service of Remembrance

10:00 Business Meeting Training

12-1 p.m. March of Chapter Presidents, Lunch,
Installation of Officers,
Presentation of Founders Award

1-2 p.m. Guest Speaker— Janet Steinert,
story teller, writer,
& humorist



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