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BAS TREASURER ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN DKG DUES DATES

by Maurine Henry, Alpha Chapter

At the DKG International Convention in Austin, attendees saw many changes to the bylaws. Of great importance to our members is the change in dues payments. Currently dues are paid by October 31 of each year and sent to International by Jan. 15. The fiscal year for the organization, however, runs from July 1 to June 30, leaving a six-month gap between when budgets are developed and income is reported.

Your dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year should be paid by October 31, 2018, as has happened in the past. The big change will happen for fiscal year 2019-2020 when payment will be due on June 30, 2019. This may seem as if you will be paying dues twice in one year. Please remember, though, that we are moving from paying dues in the middle of a fiscal year to paying at the beginning of the fiscal year and once you have paid your dues in June you will not be asked to pay again until June of 2020. Please feel free to contact me or your chapter treasurer if you have any questions.



NH IS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE DKG CONVENTION.

Six DKG members from New Hampshire attended the International Convention in Austin, TX, in July. In the front row from left to right are Barbara Mee, Ann Gaffney, Peggy Saunders, and Anne Nute. In the back row are Flora Sapsin and Maurine Henry.

PRESIDENT NUTE'S GREETINGS:

ANNE'S ANSWERS



What should I tell you about my adventures at the 2018 Internationals Convention?

Austin, TX, is a lovely city, which we visited during a very major heat wave. The temperature was over 100 every day! I'm not used to such heat. Peggy Saunders and I went for a walk at sunset to see the famous bats fly out from under a nearby bridge over the Colorado River. Hundreds of bats flying out make for a major tourist attraction with boaters, kayakers, and other observers on the bridge every night. It was so interesting... no white nose syndrome for the bats of Texas.

Our program book heralded our vision statement "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide." And what a group we were. Our numbers varied every day. Parliamentary procedures had a daily announcement to assure a quorum – and we were around 1,500 women from all the member countries and US states.

The first order of business was the constitutional amendments that filled the March-April *DKG News*. I'm sure you read every one of the suggested changes to the constitution and standing rules. Well, we worked our way through them slowly. The change of our organization's name did not pass, but it will come up again, I am sure. The voting process to elect our International officers, membership categories, committees, and regional conferences were all up for discussion. I am looking forward to the new documents that will be available on the DKG website shortly. I was a little confused on the outcome of some of the questions, so the new documents will set me on my way.

Not all of our time was filled with constitutional discussions. We had wonderful speakers address the whole

convention and a series of breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics. My favorite was "Suitcases, Dentists, and Hearing Aids" on all about the many benefits offered to DKG members. Check out the dkg.org website for more information.

I am already planning to go to the DKG Northeast Regional Conference at Mashantucket, CT, from July 30 to August 1, 2019. It is so close. I urge you to go and meet your DKG sisters. You will learn a lot and love it.

RIDING THE RAILS TO AUSTIN

by Maurine Henry, Alpha Chapter

Peg Saunders and I chose to ride Amtrak to and from the International Convention in Austin, TX. Having never ridden a long-distance train, I was looking forward to the adventure. I was not disappointed.

Starting in Springfield, MA, we traveled on the Lake Shore Limited across upstate NY, through northern Ohio and Indiana and stopped in Chicago, where we had a brief layover before boarding the Texas Eagle for our trip south through Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and on to Austin. Each leg of our trip involved an overnight stay in our sleepette. As the train made several stops along the way to discharge and load passengers, we were often allowed off the train to stretch our legs if so desired.

We passed the days enjoying the views out the windows, eating in the lounge or dining car, reading, taking occasional trips throughout the train, and talking. I even decided to try out the shower before arriving in Austin Monday evening. The train moved at about the speed of a car, a bit of a surprise for me.

We shared tables in the dining car on the Texas Eagle with other passengers, allowing us the opportunity to meet and chat with fellow travelers. A mom and her son traveling home from a vacation in Texas, a couple returning from Chicago after participating in a bike excursion, and a DKG member from Long Island were a few of the travelers we met.

Sleeping was an interesting adventure. After the steward changed our seats into bunks for sleeping, there wasn't much room for moving around. Bunks made meant time for bed! Peggy and I were glad that I had put a power strip in my carry-on, as there was one outlet and phones and iPads that needed charging while still having room for my cpap machine so that I did not keep the whole train awake throughout the night. I took the lower bunk while Peggy was on the upper. I was able to sleep fairly well while Peggy, a light sleeper, didn't fare as well. The train whistle has to blow at every crossing day and night, and there are lots of crossings for the Texas Eagle.

On the trip home in Chicago, we had a longer layover, which gave us the opportunity to explore a bit. We had a bike taxi take us to Millennium Park, where we enjoyed the sculptures and flowers. We then decided to walk back to Union Station, rather than take a bus.

Would I do it again? Yes, it was relaxing and interesting and I had some great company!

MEE HAS A GREAT TIME IN AUSTIN!

by Barbara Mee, Epsilon Chapter

As usual, there were hugs, smiles and squeals of delight when we saw someone we knew... whether from our own home state or some other DKG connection. The venue was great; the JWMarriott, like others, was a perfect location for a large conference. After leaving MHT on a 5:55 a.m. flight, changing planes at BWI, and meeting up with my Management/Leadership Seminar roommate, Janet Cornick, we managed Super Shuttle and arrived to find our room ready and check-in was a breeze. I can't say enough about the staff at the hotel/conference center.

The temperatures in Austin were in the high 90's and low 100's. I have once again ascertained that I am NOT a warm weather person. Fortunately, the a/c worked just fine, and it truly was a "dry" heat outside!

From the opening ceremony, general sessions, workshops, brief take-aways, and the market place to the closing ceremony and banquet, it was busy, hectic, and crazy at times. Most important was a sharing of ideas and lots of discussions. We discussed MANY constitutional changes, and there will be changes to figure out. We are blessed in NH with great parliamentarians and constitution experts, whom we will need.

There were several convention highlights for me. The first of which was seeing Ann Gaffney's total joy at also completing Management/Leadership (*aka* Golden Gift) and sharing "moments," particularly since her group leader had been my GG sister from West Virginia. Seeing outgoing Society President Carolyn Pittman run the sessions and



President Pittman and Barbara Mee catch up on the news.

prepare to move on and chatting with her on several occasions also meant a lot. And in my free time I was able to connect with friends and a former student in Austin.

All in all, Beta Alpha State members, I challenge you to go beyond the chapter. Start with a state meeting in the fall or the spring and perhaps a regional conference...CT is 2019 and not that far away. Going to an International convention and having it in Austin, the birth place of DKG, was probably the ultimate, but do what you can do. Check out the website and check out the benefits we have. I recently learned a lot of things I wasn't aware of and realize I need to look at it more! Discounts, bargains, connections! Remember, www.dkg.org will get you places!

REFLECTING ON CHANGE , BATS AND TRAINS

by Peggy Saunders, Alpha Chapter

New Hampshire was represented at the DKG International Convention in Austin, TX, by State President Anne Nute, Flora Sapsin, Barbara Mee, Ann Gaffney, Maurine Henry, and Peggy Saunders. There were the usual motivational



Maurine takes Peggy Saunder's photo while riding the rails.

speakers and informative breakout sessions. Also, there were many constitutional matters for us to consider. We were issued a little gadget for voting electronically on each motion. Because there was so much to do, the business meeting had to be extended into what might have been tourist time.

It was very hot that whole week, but Anne Nute and I were able to walk to a nearby bridge at dusk to watch the bats that live under the bridge exit for their nightly feeding. We did not, however, get up at dawn to watch them return.

A highlight for Maurine and me was the transportation. We took a roomette in the sleeper car on the Amtrak Lakeshore Limited to travel from Springfield, MA, to Chicago, where we transferred to the Texas Eagle. In Austin I used my Uber app for the first time. Our trip home was four nights on the train, meals included. We were fortunate that the trains ran very close to on time.

I am looking forward to our "local" Northeast Regional Conference next year at Foxwoods in Mashantucket, CT, and the 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia. I hope more NH members will be able to attend.

CHAPTER CHATTER

ALPHA CHAPTER NEWS

For the 2017-2018 year, Alpha members participated in community service projects at each meeting. Some of the creations were bound books for a second grade classroom; miniature flower pots for a local nursing home; and hand-made cards with uplifting messages for “Girls Love Mail,” an organization for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

This civic minded chapter connects with local communities by making donations to local food pantries, supporting a local school’s music honor society with a donation, volunteering as caretakers of a garden at Ashuelot River Park, and caroling at local nursing homes. In addition, Alpha’s incoming president **Jeannette Gardner** was recently interviewed by the local *Keene Sentinel* for a project of the Cheshire County Retired Educators Association. (Jeannette has been serving as that organization’s president, as well.) She and several other Alpha members are among the CCREA members who take part in a “Day of Service” during which 45 Cheshire County second grade classrooms are visited for the presentation and reading of a carefully selected book. The book project is funded by Keene’s Elm City Rotary Club. This year’s selection was *Her Left Foot* by Dave Eggers. It is the story of the Statue of Liberty’s creation in France and its journey to New York City.

In a special recognition ceremony at the Alpha Chapter’s May meeting, **Mary Parker** was honored. An Alpha member for 40 years, Mary received the Beta Alpha State Founders’ Award in 2011. Mary is loved and respected



Alpha Chapter honors Mary Parker for generous service to DKG.

for her generous service. She has been Alpha’s president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and long-time treasurer. Always available as a knowledgeable advisor to her Alpha sisters, Mary received several vocal tributes and gifts. A lovely flowered quilt created by **Maurine Henry** with the DKG rose at its center was among them.

Member **Pam Sanders** recently visited with friends in Ashland who took her and her husband to see the amazing Madison Boulder.

Peggy Saunders and **Maurine Henry** attended the DKG International Convention in July. (See their articles on pages 2 and 3 of this issue.)

BETA CHAPTER NEWS

Beta Chapter has a new member. **Ann Cattabriga** was inducted on April 4th of this year. She graduated from Granite State College with a degree in Language, Learning and Behavior in 2001. She then received her Master of Special Education from Plymouth State University in 2005. Ann retired from Indian River School, after working with grades 5-8 from 2001-2016.

Also Ann and her husband returned at the end of March from a seven week camping road trip to the Great Smokey Mountains, Big Bend in Texas, the French Quarter in New Orleans, and many wonderful state parks in Texas and Florida.

Midge Jorgensen’s daughter, Laura, has returned to the Upper Valley after receiving her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Colorado. She is working for DHMC at the outpatient clinic.

Jan Kulig’s daughter, Rachel, received her Master’s Degree in Hospital Administration in May from Suffolk University in Boston. She was recognized for academic excellence.

Susan Mellow welcomed a new granddaughter, Ada James, in October, 2017. Susan also has two grandsons, Sam and Ryan, who live in Tahoe, CA.

Lisa Torres and her husband, Jose, are downsizing and have bought a new home in Enfield. Her daughter, Kate, is getting married in August. Lisa and Jose plan to travel to Costa Rica in September.

Kathy Tucker and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by having lobster rolls by the ocean in Maine.



Sheila Knight congratulates Ann Douglas (R) as Gamma's 2018 Woman of Distinction.

GAMMA CHAPTER NEWS

All members are busy this summer, traveling, volunteering at historic places and libraries, and working at church and town events from Portsmouth to Concord.

Gamma was happy to have a visitor at our May meeting from Gamma Chapter in the Bangor, ME, area. Ann Marie "Sunny" Mullen shared some of her chapter's activities.

Barbara Cowan's artwork is featured in the Arts Guide to South Coast Maine and the Seacoast NH. Such a talented lady!

Gamma is so pleased and proud of **Ann Douglas**, our 2018 Woman of Distinction. She has been a constant, creative force in our chapter.

Gamma is saddened at the death of **Betty Gailey**, who was a former member of Gamma until her stay at a nursing home. We will always remember her opening her home for Christmas parties on the river in Newcastle.

Joyce Griffin and her father and daughter Amy Catherine made a fun visit to Bronson, MO. They all had a good time.

Jackie Hinton will celebrate a special wedding anniversary this summer. Her husband always plans a surprise trip.

Myrt Moore found in her cellar a couple of boxes of DKG materials, including a Bridget Grafton doll created in honor of Bridget's giving land for the first high school in Portsmouth in the late 1700s. **Louise Garrieo** made handsome outfits for the doll, who attended many former Gamma meetings. "Now that Bridget has been released from the box, she will come to meetings once again!" said **Sheila Knight**, chapter president.

DELTA CHAPTER NEWS

In March many of the Delta sisters gathered in Whitefield for the annual Sunshine Day. After enjoying luncheon and catching up on each other's news, the ladies divided up the more than 300 books that had been donated in memory of our late friend and president, **Marna Ingerson**. The books have since been distributed to over 20 school and public libraries. Each book bears a beautiful bookplate saying that it was given in memory of Marna. Some of the Delta sisters accompanied the books to a few of the schools and read to the children as well.

In April several Delta sisters enjoyed attending the Beta Alpha state spring conference. We received many beautiful books at the conference to deliver to various libraries and schools in memory of Marna Ingerson. We appreciate **Pat McLean** and her husband, Jim, for distributing a great many of these books.

In May the Delta sisters gathered for a potluck luncheon in Errol. **Judy Erickson** drew a laugh when she entered the meeting sporting white gloves and a fancy hat in honor of the royal wedding taking place that day. After our business meeting, everyone enjoyed hearing NH state archeologist, Richard Boisvert, of the NH Division of Historical Resources as he discussed various digs with the general public researching the habits of the Paleo Indians and how they coped with climate change. After a potluck luncheon, the meeting concluded with an auction of wrapped birthday gifts, while the ladies made short work of a delicious pumpkin birthday cake created by **Joanne Hennessey**. During the auction, lots of friendly banter and laughter rang throughout the room while we raised over \$200 for our general fund.

The June meeting for the Delta sisters was held in Pittsburg with 25 members in attendance. The hostesses dressed as cowgirls and decorated the Pittsburg fire station in a country theme. Member **Susan Ackerman** showed the ladies some meditations and exercises and shared a beautiful slide show with messages from nature, which everyone enjoyed greatly. We also heard from **Dianne Mumley** about her ongoing literacy project of giving school students a book, a "stuffie," and a handmade book bag. These gifts always go over big with the youngsters.

We inducted two new officers, **Barbara Baker** as President and **Teri Cote** as Corresponding Secretary. Returning officers are **Judy Erickson** as First Vice -President, **Wanda Merrill** as Second Vice-President, **Susan Ackerman** as Recording Secretary, **Mary Jolles** as Treasurer, and **Anne Morgan** as Parliamentarian.

We thanked **Judy Erickson** for her leadership this past year as acting president. After a scrumptious potluck luncheon, the meeting ended with a lively silent auction which raised over \$150 for our general fund.

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DELTA NEWS *(continued from p. 5)*

Susan Ackerman has been teaching Adult Classes on Astrology in Littleton and a French class for the Pittsburg Recreation in July.

Nora Beaton has completed her first year at Lebanon Middle School as the new health teacher. "It was a wonderful year of learning and growing," she said. "I am looking forward to continuing the journey in the fall."

Kristin Brooks has spent her first year of retirement scrapbooking. She has created several books of wonderful memories.

Marsha Biron and her husband were "snowbirds" who spent the winter in The Villages, FL. Marsha is spending the summer coordinating Colebrook's Got Lunch Program.

Judy Erickson thanked her Delta sisters for all their support while she was Acting President after the loss of president **Marna Ingerson**. Judy will now resume her duties as First Vice-President.

In addition, Judy is very busy this summer as a vendor at many artisan fairs throughout NH and MA with her sea glass jewelry business, *Tidal Treasures by Jude*. She began ardently working at her business following her retirement in 2011. Also, Judy is looking forward to a trip to Scotland with her son Zak during the first two weeks of October. They will do an eight-day self-drive tour. She hopes to collect some beautiful, historic sea glass and pottery to use in her creations.

Ann Gray spent a lovely week in York Beach in July along with all her daughters and their families.

Nicole and **Tammy Jeralds** are volunteering for Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country, kayaking each Wednesday for the summer.

Mary Jolles is a retired school principal. In June Mary left her part-time position as Administrative Assistant at Colebrook Elementary School. She'll be spending more time doing botanical research for her daughter and son-in-law, who is a botanist. His name is Dr. Thomas Stoughton and he will be speaking at our Delta meeting on October 13. She has also been elected as President of the Colebrook Kiwanis Club for the 2018-19 year and will begin her duties in September.

We welcomed **Josephine LaChance** to our May and June meetings. She has been a faithful Delta Chapter member for over 50 years, originally joining DKG in Alaska. She just celebrated her 94th birthday.



Josephine LaChance celebrates her 94th birthday with Delta.

Sharon Lane is nearing her first full year of retirement and is finding herself busier than ever! "I am loving this time of my life," she said.

Wanda Merrill became engaged to Chris McGuire on Valentine's Day! Her wedding is planned for August 10, 2019. Wanda is also looking forward to becoming a grandmother for the third time in October. She serves as the director of the Summer Rec. Program again this year in Pittsburg, NH.

Kaye Morin welcomes a new grandchild Alex William, born on June 6. He joins older sister Emma, age 2.

Dianne Mumley, an honorary member of Delta Chapter, has a passion for literacy and helping children to create adventures within their reading. She is using Kohl's Cares for Kids charitable organization to meet her literacy goals for children. She purchases children's books with a matching "stuffedie" and then creates a matching bag to make a wonderful reading incentive for each child to take home to his/her family. Dianne then delivers these to schools around our Delta North Country area. A Delta sister or two usually go with her into the schools. The children are read to and then each given the book bag and stuffed animal. She loves sharing these with the children and is grateful for the opportunity!

Karen Pariseau and her husband, Philip, were given a surprise 30th anniversary party by their two daughters and other family members. Everyone had to travel a distance to get to the destination, thus making the occasion even more special!

Christine Smith retired after 31 years of teaching in White Mountain Regional School District. She is planning to work on her house, visit with grandchildren, and travel.

Kathy Urso and her husband, Wayne, spent April vacation visiting their son Jim, his wife Heather and their daughter Mackenzie at their new home in Virginia. Kathy had many days of “MacSnuggles” with her granddaughter.

(See more Delta photos on p. 9)

EPSILON CHAPTER NEWS

Ann Gaffney, Flora Sapsin and Barbara Mee went to the DKG International Convention in Austin in July. **Ann** also attended the 2018 DKG’s Leadership Management Seminar (LMS, *aka* Golden Gift), which took place in the two weeks before the International Convention.

Barbara Mee retired from teaching in June and now has more time than ever to expand her globetrotting. She spent the week of July 4th in Washington, DC. Then while attending the International Convention in Austin, she had time to meet with friends and a former student. “I met with my best friend’s son one night and daughter another day for dinner and lunch respectively. Then on Saturday I met with a former student of mine. Kate managed a day away from her family to pick up Janet Cornick and me, take us for a driving tour of Austin (It was in the 100’s...far too hot to get out and walk anywhere!) and then a barbecue lunch and a drop-off at the airport. It was as if we had seen each other the week before,” Barbara exclaimed. And in August she, along with her husband, son and cousin, sailed down the Rhine on an eight-day Viking River Cruise.

In addition, Barbara is organizing a Viking River group trip on the Danube River for July 27, 2019. “Anyone wanting information can contact me at barbaramee@comcast.net or call me at 437-7210. There are a variety of choices (price wise) depending on cabin chosen, extra activities, etc. but Viking is selling their river cruises out quite fast, so getting in on this as soon as possible is a good idea,” she explained.

ETA CHAPTER NEWS

*Meet
Eta’s
newest
member,
Ruth
Ashley.*



Ruth Ashley was newly inducted into Eta Chapter. She has been a school-based occupational therapist assistant for 25 years and brings her knowledge of wellness and healing arts to Eta Chapter. She, along with co-presenter Dianne Mros, recently presented “Tai Chi and Mindful Movement,” at the April State Conference at the Omni Mount Washington Hotel. She works for Strafford Learning Center in Somersworth, NH, and has a student caseload ranging from 5 to 21 years old. She also teaches and presents mindfulness, Reiki, Tai Chi and other healing arts practices. In addition, Ruth and her husband John are RVers and enjoy the outdoors with friends and family.

Dianne Mros, our chapter president, won Eta’s Woman of Distinction Award at the Beta Alpha State’s Spring Conference for her achievements and dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma. She also presented a workshop there and won one of the beautifully filled raffle baskets! Well deserved!

After attending the DKG International Convention in Austin, TX, **Anne Nute** enjoyed her daughter’s whirlwind visit home from Ecuador at the end of July.

Martha Verville Sheehy and husband, John, traveled recently to the Tulip Festival in Ottawa, Canada. Besides tulips, they saw the Royal Mounted Police musical performance. Later they went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they saw the Royal Military Tattoo with several countries performing. All but one continent had representation! They had a wonderful time!



THETA CHAPTER NEWS

Pam Clark enjoyed having her granddaughter Maddison visit this summer for six weeks. They had lots of fun, including a trip to Maine and going to the parade and Party in the Park in celebration of Laconia’s 125^h anniversary.

Karen Goss has another “adorable grandson.” Kane was born in March. “Carter, his 2 1/2 year-old-brother, just loves his baby brother. So far Kane has been an easy baby. Both grandsons just melt my heart!” Karen exclaimed.

Marilyn Coffin knitted six sweaters and hats and quilted three quilts for three newly-born grandnephews this spring.

Ruth Conwell has enjoyed summer horse races at Saratoga. She has also ushered at Meadowbrook during school break.

Tiffany Dube and family went camping the week of July 4th at Acres of Wildlife in Steep Falls, ME.

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THETA NEWS (continued from p.7)



Theta Chapter honored Donna-Marie Gamlin as their Woman of Distinction at the Tri-Chapter meeting in late April.

Donna-Marie Gamlin was named Theta’s 2018 Woman of Distinction. In addition, she taught her granddaughter, Amelia, the letters in her name. “Always the teacher,” Donna-Marie said. “I am also the primary representative for ensuring that we are a trauma sensitive school.” .

Deb Moynihan had a busy winter “traveling to Florida a few times and having a great time at Disney World with our three grandchildren. We also went to Chicago to meet our new granddaughter,” Deb said. In September she will take a Scandinavian trip for two weeks.

Kathy van Engelen announced that she went to Holland (The Netherlands) on a 16-day trip. “I traveled with my husband and two childhood friends. We had a fabulous time seeing the sights (Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Brielle...) and visiting with family and friends who still live there.

Brenda Walker has had three falls since Christmas, injuring her ankle, her ribs and most recently her shoulder.

At May’s meeting Theta Chapter proudly recognized several long-time members. President **Ruth Conwell** handed out certificates for 2017 to **Pat Bolduc**-30 years; **Nancy Gibbons**-30 years; **Nancy McCall**-20 years; **Karen Sullivan**-35 years; and for 2018 to **Pam Clark**-20 years; **Karen Goss**-20 years; **Nanci Plimpton**-30 years; and **Betsy Webster**, 30 Years. BRAVO!



Karen Goss, above, will serve as our President for 2018-2020 while Pam Clark, below, will serve as our first vice president. Congratulations and thank you!



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L. photo shows delivering of book bags while R. photo shows Pres. Judy with DAR Rep. Marsha Stewart at Tri-Chapter meeting in April.



MEET CHAPTERS' 2018 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



Maurine Henry presented Elaine Landry (L) Alpha's 2018 Woman of Distinction Award at the BAS Spring Conference.

ALPHA HONORS ELAINE LANDRY

When we sing the words “work for others” in our Delta Kappa Gamma song, Elaine Landry’s name comes to mind. On the local level, Elaine has served as Alpha Chapter president for two terms. She also organizes an annual community weeding service for Ashuelot River Park and chairs our Communications and Publicity Committee. In addition, we most appreciate Elaine’s skill at taking interesting and accurate minutes at our monthly meetings and assuring that our members’ happenings are always recognized in the *CHIPS* publication.

On the state level, Elaine served as state vice president and then state president from 2013 to 2015. Also, she often attends DKG International and Regional Conferences and reports information back to our members. We are proud to name Elaine Landry as our 2018 Woman of Distinction.

BETA HONORS NANCY YEATON

Nancy Yeaton received her BEd from Keene State College and her MEd from Boston University. She started teaching in 1959 and retired in 1996. Over the years Nancy has taught in New York, Okinawa, France, and New Hampshire. She taught first grade in Pembroke Elementary School and then became the Reading/English teacher at Pembroke Academy. She is well known by many because of her involvement with the Granite State and New England Reading Associations.

Nancy joined Beta Chapter in the fall of 1973, almost 45 years ago! In that time she has held many positions in the chapter as well as state levels—including chapter treasurer, chapter president, and state first vice president. She also

served as the chair of Beta Alpha State’s Professional Affairs Committee several years and gave detailed information regarding educational and legislative issues.

Nancy has been a great mentor to new members as they try to keep Beta a vibrant chapter. Her calm and positive manner is a true asset to the chapter. Beta Chapter is proud to honor Nancy at their 2018 Woman of Distinction.

GAMMA HONORS ANN DOUGLAS

Ann Douglas is one of Gamma Chapter’s most devoted DKG members. She joined in 1980. She has long served on the scholarship committee, taking care of students in the Exeter area and making special effort to present the scholarship awards in person.

Ann always shares new plant clippings with us and gave each Gamma sister a lovely paper rose last Christmas. She also offers us thoughtful and concise counsel in our discussions and meetings. At the state level, she created a wonderful basket of treats for one of the spring conferences in Portsmouth. Now she is working on the favors for the state’s 2018 fall meeting.

Ann received her first degree from Gordon College and a master’s degree from Immaculate College. She chaired the Foreign Language Department at the Exeter Middle School. Even in her retirement, she now tutors students after school. In addition, she is active in her church, volunteering in the library and the youth group. She also volunteers at the Hampton Town Library. She enjoys her family, especially at their lake camp in the summer.

Gamma recognizes Ann’s constant support throughout the years and is honored to present her with the 2018 Woman of Distinction Award.

DELTA HONORS JOANNE HENNESSEY

Delta Chapter has chosen Joanne Hennessey as our distinguished member and recipient of the Woman of Distinction Award for 2018. Joanne has been a member of Delta Chapter since October 27, 1990. She taught within SAU 36, the White Mountains Regional School District and the Lisbon School for 30 years, retiring in 2003. Joanne began her chapter leadership role in Delta as First Vice President from 1994-1998. She then served as Chapter President from 1998-2002. From 2006-2010 Joanne was a member of the Delta Bylaws Committee, the Finance Committee from 2006-2008 and again from 2012-present.

At the state level she served as Treasurer for Beta Alpha State from 2007-2013. Joanne attended Beta Alpha Spring Conferences and Fall Meetings, as well as Delta Kappa



President, Judy Erickson presented Joanne Hennessey Delta's 2018 Woman of Distinction Award at the BAS Spring Conference.

Gamma Regional and International Conventions. She is now a full-time caretaker for her father. Yet even with this focus, she demonstrates her continued commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma through her serving as head hostess for our meetings, volunteering to help with chapter projects and fundraisers, and creating beautiful cakes for our annual chapter birthday celebration. (This year Delta Chapter will be 59 years old.) We are honored to name our Delta sister Joanne Hennessey as this year's Woman of Distinction.

EPSILON HONORS ANN GAFFNEY

Epsilon Chapter honors Dr. Ann Gaffney with our 2018 Woman of Distinction Chapter Achievement Award. Ann is finishing her second biennium as our chapter president. Since her induction in 2006, she has served on numerous committees and at different levels within the chapter. She completed her Ed.D degree with a little help from a DKG International Scholarship and in 2017 received the Outstanding Educator Award from Rivier University's Alumni Association. She clearly embraces the Seven Purposes of DKG and has woven them into virtually every meeting she has run.

Last summer she moved into an assistant principal position at Chester Academy and meanwhile manages to juggle family responsibilities. To cap it off, she was recently chosen for the two-week Management/Leadership Seminar in Austin, TX, offered to a select group of DKG members. She steps up, she challenges herself, and she leads in the best way possible—by example.

ETA HONORS DIANNE MROS

Eta Chapter proudly recognizes Dianne Mros as our 2018 Woman of Distinction. She has dedicated herself to the foundation and development of elementary education in New Hampshire schools. Dianne received her BS

in Elementary Education from Plymouth State and her M.Ed. in Reading from UNH. She began her career teaching second and third grade at Memorial Drive School in Farmington. Her path continued as a Reading and Writing Specialist and Special Education teacher for the Somersworth Schools, Maple Wood and Hilltop. She holds certification in Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, General Special Education, and Specific Learning and Language Disabilities. Dianne is currently a part-time Reading Specialist at John Powers School in Somersworth.

Dianne is certified as a Reiki Master/Teacher and Tai Chi for Health Instructor. She teaches Tai Chi classes through the Marshwood Adult Education program. She and her friend, Ruth Ashley, COTA, have a practice called Reiki Bliss. They have presented wellness workshops for many organizations and groups throughout the state.

As our current chapter president, Dianne continues to exemplify the essential qualities of a dedicated educator. We appreciate her commitment to Eta Chapter, and we proudly honor her today.

THETA HONORS DONNA-MARIE GAMLIN

Donna-Marie Gamlin joined Theta Chapter in 2011. Soon after, we approached her to become the treasurer of our chapter. The job could have been overwhelming for her, but she accepted it without hesitation. It was not an easy task considering she followed Gerna, one of Theta's cornerstones.

Donna-Marie brought a new community project to Theta. The ESSence of Giving has been held yearly at Laconia's Elm Street School with the support of Theta members. She also welcomes retired DKG educators into her classroom because, as she says, "The retirees may not miss the politics and demands, but they do miss the kids."

In addition, she is always the first to offer her home for a gathering place to plan next year's activities. Finally, she drags the tents to protect us from the sun at our annual spring yard sale and has donated many items for that sale, including the double glider swing built by her husband.

In placing the needs of others before her own privacy, Donna-Marie wrote her son's obituary, letting the community know that he died from drugs at a young age. She wanted families to know that this happens to good parents, too.

Theta wants to thank you, Donna-Marie, for all that you are to us and to the community. You are a true woman of distinction.



SCENES OF BETA ALPHA STATE'S SPRING CONFERENCE AT THE MOUNT WASHINGTON OMNI HOTEL



REGISTER FOR BAS FALL MEETING

DKG-Beta Alpha State's Fall Meeting takes place on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the Flag Hill Distillery & Winery Tour and Wine Tasting on 297 North River Road (Route 155) in Lee, NH. Lunch (off the menu, not included in the \$20.00 registration fee) and the business meeting take place at The Holy Grail on 64 Main St. in Epping, NH. *(If you have questions, please contact Flora at 603-566-4196.)*

10 a.m. - Winery

12:00 – The Holy Grail

Registration Fee: \$20.00

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Name: _____ Chapter: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please send a \$20 check payable to Beta Alpha State with the Fall Meeting Registration Form by September 15th to:

Flora Sapsin
15 Osprey Lane
Newmarket, NH 03857

SAVE THESE DATES!

BAS Fall Meeting Sept. 22, 2018
 Flag Hill Winery in Lee, NH
 The Holy Grail lunch in Epping
 Hostess Chapter: Gamma

BAS Executive Board Meeting Jan. 19, 2019
 Granite State College, Concord
 Snow Date: Jan. 21, 2019

CHIPS Deadline Feb. 10, 2019

BAS Spring Conference Mar. 28-30, 2019
 Mill Falls on the Lake
 Meredith, NH
 Hostess Chapter: Delta



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